

## A G E N D A

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Division I Legislative Council

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**(Note: Items in bold are anticipated action items.)**

1. Opening remarks.
2. Report of the October 28, 2010, NCAA Division I Board of Directors meeting. [Supplement No. 1]
3. Report of the October 28, 2010, NCAA Executive Committee meeting. [Supplement No. 2]
4. Report of the November 30, 2010, NCAA Division I Communications and Coordination Committee teleconference. [Supplement No. 3]
5. Legislative issues.
  - a. Status of override requests following October Board of Directors meeting.
  - b. **Initial review of legislative proposals in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.**
    - (1) 2011 NCAA Division I Official Notice. [Supplement No. 4]
    - (2) NCAA Division I 2010-11 Legislative Cycle Voting Chart. [Supplement No. 5]
    - (3) Points to consider related to 2010-11 proposals. [Supplement No. 6]
    - (4) Question and Answer Document related to 2010-11 proposals. [Supplement No. 7]

(5) Comments received from various constituent groups. [Supplement No. 8]

6. NCAA Division I committee/subcommittee reports.

**[Note: The Legislative Review/Interpretations Committee, Subcommittee on Legislative Relief, Committee on Athletics Certification and Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee report directly and only to the Legislative Council. Therefore, reports from those entities will be fully reviewed. For the other entities listed below, the Legislative Council will focus its review only on legislative action and legislative information items included in the reports.]**

a. **Report of the NCAA Division I Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee.**

**(1) Review of official interpretations. [Supplement No. 9-a]**

**(2) Appeal of LRIC decision. [Supplement No. 9-b]**

b. Report of the December 1-3, 2010, NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement meeting. [Supplement No. 10]

c. Report of the November 19-21, 2010, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) meeting. [Supplement No. 11]

d. Report of the January 12, 2010, NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Governance Committee meeting.

7. NCAA association-wide committee reports.

**[Note: The Legislative Council will focus its review only on legislative action and legislative information items included in this report.]**

- Report of the November 3-4, 2009, NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct meeting. [Supplement No. 12]

8. Litigation update.

9. Convention schedule. [Supplement No. 13]
10. Board of Directors Resolution relating to legislative process discussion. (Supplement No. 14)
11. Manual Review project update.
12. Collaboration Zone.
13. Election of chair and vice chair at April meeting.
14. Future meeting dates.
  - a. April 11-12, 2011, Indianapolis.
  - b. June Administrative Committee conference call (TBD).
  - c. October 17-18, 2011, Indianapolis.
15. Other business.
16. Key discussion points summary.
17. Adjournment.

**REPORT OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2010, MEETING OF THE  
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

- 1. Report of the August 12, 2010, Board of Directors meeting.** The Board approved the report of its August 12, 2010, meeting. (Unanimous Voice Vote.) [Reference Supplement No. 1.]
  
- 2. Report of the Division I Presidential Advisory Group.** The Board received a report from Ann Millner, chair of the Division I Presidential Advisory Group (PAG), regarding the group's October 27 meeting. The Board was informed of a PAG discussion regarding possible full representation of Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and Division I conferences on the Division I Board of Directors (including weighted voting) and that PAG supported continued discussion of the matter to assess possible consideration and support by non-PAG conferences. [Reference Supplement No. 2.]
  
- 3. Report from NCAA President.**
  - a. NCAA President Emmert reviewed with the group his focus for the future of the Association:
    - (1) Enhance the student-athlete experience.
    - (2) Demonstrate leadership with members to keep strengthening the platform that governs national intercollegiate athletics.
    - (3) Engage the world beyond higher education to further support and sustain the collegiate model.
  
  - b. In addition, Julie Roe Lach, the newly appointed vice president for enforcement services was introduced to the Board. She advised the group of her plans to meet with membership representatives during her first 60-90 days in an effort to gather information and impressions of the enforcement program from the membership, which will assist her in conducting a full review of the current practices and policies.
  
  - c. The national office organizational structural changes were reviewed, including the reasoning for establishing a more vertical reporting structure and reorganizing various departments within the office that resulted in an approximate six percent decrease in staff.

**4. Division I Committee on Academic Performance Report.** Walter Harrison, chair of the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP), reported: [Reference Supplement No. 3 and Addendum.]

- a. That the release of Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Federal Graduation Rate data for the 2000-03 cohort for all NCAA Division I institutions took place the previous day. This year's results indicate Division I student-athletes continue an upward trend in classroom performance.
- b. That the committee continued its comprehensive review of the Academic Performance Program (APP), including a review of the Academic Performance Rate (APR) metric, benchmarks and penalty structure. The Board noted its support for the committee's continued discussion regarding the components of the APR metric and setting a penalty benchmark that equates to a 50 percent GSR.
- c. That the committee supports Proposal No. 2010-58, as written, and encourages the Board not to modify the proposal, which would establish a summer academic preparation and acclimatization model in men's basketball.
- d. That the committee supports Proposal No. 2010-59-C, which is an alternative to the proposal sponsored by the Board on the recommendation of the Football Academic Working Group (FAWG). The alternative proposal would provide a one-time exception to the four-game penalty specified in Proposal No. 2010-59-A.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board encouraged CAP to continue its work, but expressed some concern about the potential confusion of considering changes to the APR formula at this time. (Unanimous voice vote.)

**5. Division I Academic Cabinet Report.** Carolyn Callahan, chair of the Academic Cabinet, informed the Board of the cabinet's discussions of initial-eligibility and two-four transfer requirements. [Reference Supplement Nos. 4A, 4B and 4C.]

- a. Initial Eligibility Requirements. The cabinet considered several potential modifications to the current initial-eligibility requirements and agreed not to recommend changes at this time. The cabinet noted that additional time will allow for full consideration of data not yet available. The Board supported the cabinet's continued review of initial-eligibility requirements and its consideration of potential changes to those standards.
- b. Two-Four Transfer Requirements. The cabinet reviewed extensive data and developed an initial package of concepts that strive to balance principles of increased

academic success, simplicity of administration, access to higher education and opportunity for prospective student-athletes who are academically underprepared. The package of draft concepts includes an increased transferable grade-point average for qualifiers and nonqualifiers, expanding the current men's basketball limitation of two physical education activity credits to all sports for qualifiers and nonqualifiers, expanding the current required core transferrable courses to include three science credits, eliminating the requirement of three semesters or four quarters of attendance for nonqualifiers, and the consideration of a year of academic readiness at the two-year college. The Board expressed its support for the cabinet's continued work on the package of recommended changes to the two-four college transfer requirements.

The Board expressed support to continue to develop these concepts, but took no formal action.

6. **Men's Basketball Summer Recruiting.** The Board reviewed a request from the Collegiate Commissioner's Association (CCA) to eliminate the summer evaluation period in men's basketball beginning in the summer of 2011. The Board did not support the immediate elimination of summer recruiting, rather it noted its intent to sponsor such legislation in the 2011-12 legislative cycle and, in the meantime, assigned the Leadership Council, along with appropriate stakeholders, the responsibility to evaluate and create a new comprehensive recruiting model for men's basketball. The Board also suggested that the Legislative Council not take action on proposals in the 2010-11 legislative cycle that impact the recruiting calendar in men's basketball. [Reference Supplement No. 5.]
  
7. **Membership Categories – Affiliated/Corresponding Membership.** The Board reviewed a recommendation that the Board sponsor legislation in the 2010-11 legislative cycle that would eliminate the "corresponding membership" category and that membership in the "affiliated" category be limited to:
  - a. Coaches and sport associations for sports sponsored by the NCAA (or that are on the NCAA emerging sport list), and
  - b. College/university administrator associations that have a direct connection to either the NCAA or its member institutions (e.g., NACDA, FARA).

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board agreed to sponsor legislation in the 2010-11 legislative cycle as recommended above. In addition, the Board supported the recommendation to increase the annual affiliated membership fee from \$225 to an amount that is more appropriate based on the benefits gained by being allowed to use the Association's registered marks. (Unanimous voice vote.) [Reference Proposal No. 2010-117.]

- 8. Task Force to Clarify Roles of the Committees on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committees Update.** Ed Stoner, consultant, reported to the Board that the Task Force identified 19 areas and issues for review, paying particular attention to the procedures for conducting hearings of both committees, as well as reviewing and clarifying the relationship between the Committees on Infractions and the Infractions Appeals Committees. Various preliminary recommendations were highlighted, noting that the Board would receive a final report in January 2011. [Reference Supplement No. 6.]
- 9. Division I Leadership Council report.** Michael Alden, director of athletics at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and chair of the Division I Leadership Council, reported on the October 5, 2010, meeting. [Reference Supplement No. 9.]
- a. Agents. The Council engaged in discussion regarding the manner by which agents enter the lives of prospective and enrolled student-athletes, and how they influence the decisions student-athletes ultimately make regarding professional career opportunities. The Council noted that this is a complex issue related to education, regulation and enforcement, and that it will continue to work toward recommendations that will lead to a better process to ensure individuals make an informed decision when considering a career in professional athletics.
  - b. Major League Baseball discussions. The Council was updated on preliminary discussions that have taken place between several representatives of the NCAA and Major League Baseball (MLB) and the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA). The Council reviewed discussions related to a College Baseball Initiative that would utilize funds provided by MLB and the MLBPA to enhance the game of baseball at both the collegiate and professional level.
  - c. Proposal No. 2010-100. The Council reviewed Proposal No. 2010-100 and recommended that the Board modify the proposal to clarify that before a Football Championship (FCS) institution may be reclassified to the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), the institution must receive a bona fide invitation for membership in a FBS conference or a conference that previously has been an FBS conference and invites the institution to continue classification as FBS.

**BOARD ACTION: The Board agreed to modify Proposal No. 2010-100 as recommended.** (Unanimous voice vote.)

- 10. Division I Legislative Council report.** Shane Lyons, associate commissioner at the Atlantic Coast Conference and chair of the Division I Legislative Council, updated the

Board regarding the Council's October 18-19, 2010, meeting. [Reference Supplement No. 10.]

- a. The Council recommended that the Board sponsor Proposal No. 2010-110 in the 2010-11 legislative cycle. This proposal would eliminate the opportunity for an individual to decline and sign a written release for the sickle cell solubility test as part of the required medical examination or evaluation for student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility, and students who are trying out for a team, must undergo prior to participation in voluntary summer conditioning or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception, practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities.

**BOARD ACTION: The Board agreed to sponsor Proposal No. 2010-110 in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.** (Unanimous voice vote.)

- b. The Council recommended that the Board sponsor a modified version of Proposal No. 2009-100, which would specify that in the sport of men's basketball, an institution shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice, contest or event in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs. The modifications to Proposal No. 2009-100 would:

- (1) Continue to permit institutions to host noninstitutional, instructional camps, subject to current NCAA rules.
- (2) Specify that the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps that include prospect-age participants shall be limited to the summer (June through August).
- (3) Provide an exception to permit institutions to continue to host basketball-related events that are part of state-sponsored multisport events.
- (4) Clarify that the legislation shall apply to basketball events conducted on campus and by any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural).

**BOARD ACTION: The Board agreed to sponsor a modified version of Proposal No. 2009-100 in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.** (Unanimous voice vote.)

- c. The Board's was informed of legislative proposals in several topical areas that may be of potential interest to the group: Governance Process (2010-12); Noncoaching staff member limitations (2010-16-A, B, and C, 2010-17, 2010-18-A, B and C, 2010-



19, 2010-20-A, B and C); Amateurism (2010-24, 2010-26); Recruiting (2010-34, 2010-42), Eligibility-Nontraditional Courses (2010-51, 2010-60); Men's Basketball Summer Academic Preparation (2010-58); Football Fall Academic Term Competition Requirement (2010-59-A, B and C), and Division I Membership Standards (2010-100).

- d. In response the Board's April Resolution related to the legislative process, the Council reviewed and discussed a number of concepts related to the legislative process. The Council members agreed to seek additional feedback from their conferences with the view toward further discussion and development of a policy statement and/or legislative proposals to effectuate the desired results. The Council will continue discussions related to this topic during its January and/or April 2011 meetings.

**11. Litigation Update.** Scott Bearby, interim NCAA General Counsel, provided this report to the Board.

**12. Division I Committee on Infractions.** The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Committee on Infractions to revise NCAA Bylaw 19.02.2.1 to clarify and specify what constitutes a secondary violation.

**BOARD ACTION: The Board approved the recommended revision to Bylaw 19.02.2.1.** (Unanimous voice vote.) [Reference Proposal No. 2010-118.]

**13. Future meeting Dates.**

- a. January 15, 2011, NCAA Convention, San Antonio, Texas.
- b. April 28, 2011, The Westin Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana
- c. August 11, 2011, The Westin Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana
- d. October 27, 2011, The Westin Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana

*Board of Directors chair: Judy Genshaft, University of South Florida, chair*

*Staff Liaisons: S. David Berst, Division I governance*

*Jacqueline Campbell, Division I governance*

**NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OCTOBER 28, 2010, MEETING ATTENDANCE**

**Board members in attendance:**

Stanley Albrecht, Utah State University, Western Athletic Conference  
Guy Bailey, Texas Tech University, Big 12 Conference  
Charles Bantz, Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis, Summit League  
William Beauchamp, University of Portland, West Coast Conference  
Greg Dell'Omo, Robert Morris University, Northeast Conference  
Judy Genshaft, University of South Florida, Big East Conference, chair  
William R. Harvey, Hampton University, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference  
Nathan Hatch, Wake Forest University, Atlantic Coast Conference  
Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University, Sun Belt Conference  
William Meehan, Jacksonville State University, Ohio Valley Conference  
Ann Millner, Weber State University, Big Sky Conference  
Kevin Mullen, Siena College, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference  
Edward Ray, Oregon State University, Pacific-10 Conference, acting chair  
Lou Anna Simon, Michigan State University, Big Ten Conference  
Lee Todd, University of Kentucky, Southeastern Conference  
Steadman Upham, University of Tulsa, Conference USA

**Board members not in attendance:**

John Peters, Northern Illinois University, Mid-American Conference  
David Schmidly, University of New Mexico, Mountain West Conference

**NCAA staff Liaisons in attendance:**

S. David Berst, NCAA  
Jacqueline Campbell, NCAA, recording secretary

**Guests from other Division I governance bodies:**

Michael Alden, University of Missouri, Big 12 Conference, Leadership Council chair  
Carolyn Callahan, University of Virginia, Atlantic Coast Conference, Division I Academic Cabinet chair  
Walter Harrison, University of Hartford, Division I Committee on Academic Performance chair  
Shane Lyons, Atlantic Coast Conference, Division I Legislative Council chair

**Other visitors:**

Edward N. Stoner II, consultant

**Other NCAA staff members in attendance:** Scott Bearby, Erik Christianson, Joni Comstock, Mark Emmert, Bernard Franklin, Lynn Holzman, Michelle Hosick, LuAnn Humphrey, Jim Isch, Kevin Lennon, Steve Mallonee, Keith Martin, Karen Morrison, Delise O'Meally, Tom Paskus, Todd Petr, David Price, Bill Regan, Wallace Renfro, Julie Roe Lach, Greg Shaheen, Robert Vowels, Wendy Walters, Bob Williams and Brandon Wright.

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT  
DECEMBER 1-3, 2010, MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Guidelines for Violations of Receipt of Benefits from Prospective Agents.** The NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reviewed case precedent in relation to benefits from prospective agents. Based on the committee's analysis that agent violations are considered more serious than general extra benefit violations of NCAA Division I Bylaw 16 and preferential treatment violations of Bylaw 12.1.2.1.6, the committee directed the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to adjust the monetary guidelines to be more stringent in cases involving benefits from prospective agents.
  
2. **Clarification of Application of Penalty for Bylaw 18.4.1.5 Violation (Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs).** The committee reviewed the recent NCAA academic and membership affairs staff confirmation published December 2, 2010, regarding seasons of competition and banned drugs. Given it is possible for a student-athlete to be charged with the use of two seasons of competition during one academic year, the committee confirmed the appropriate application of the legislation shall begin with drug tests occurring on or after August 1, 2011.
  
3. **Amateurism Philosophy Statement.** The committee reviewed, discussed and reaffirmed the amateurism philosophy statement developed by the committee in 2006.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Items.**
  - None.
  
2. **Nonlegislative Items.**
  - None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Proposals.** The committee reviewed the proposals for the 2010-11 legislative cycle. In particular, the committee discussed the merits of NCAA Division I Proposal

Nos. 2010-23, 2010-24, 2010-26, 2010-53, 2010-54 and 2010-68. The committee took no formal positions regarding the proposals.

2. **Guidelines for Violations of Receipt of Benefits from Prospective Agents.** The committee reviewed the current guidelines for violations of receipt of benefits from prospective agents and case precedent. The committee noted the shift in the nature and scope of violations being reported within the last academic year. Further, the committee noted the current application of guidelines does not appropriately address the significance of the benefits received from prospective agents. Based on the analysis that agent violations are considered more serious than general extra benefit violations of Bylaw 16 and preferential treatment violations of Bylaw 12.1.2.1.6, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to adjust the monetary guidelines to be more stringent for violations involving receipt of benefits from a prospective agent. The staff was directed to apply the following withholding conditions associated with the value of the benefits received:
  - a. \$100 or less = 10 percent;
  - b. Greater than \$100 to \$300 = 20 percent;
  - c. Greater than \$300 to \$500 = 30 percent;
  - d. Greater than \$500 to \$1,000= 50 percent; and
  - e. For violations in which the value of the benefit is greater than \$1,000, the committee indicated the minimum withholding condition applied should be sit-a-season, charge-a-season up to permanent ineligibility.

In addition, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to continue to use a reasonable person standard in its analysis of these cases.

The committee noted that these penalties should be assessed in addition to any other bylaw violations and attendant withholding conditions (e.g., Bylaw 12.1.2.1.6 or Bylaw 16).

3. **Amateurism Philosophy Statement.** The committee reviewed, discussed and reaffirmed the amateurism philosophy statement developed by the committee in 2006.

4. **NCAA Basketball Focus Group Initiative Issues.** The committee discussed several reinstatement issues arising from the work of the Basketball Focus Group (BFG) staff and provided guidance to the student-athlete reinstatement staff when determining the student-athlete's eligibility.
  
5. **Guidelines for Violations of the Initial-Eligibility Certification Process.** The committee reviewed the current guidelines for violations of initial-eligibility certification, specifically student-athletes competing and practicing impermissibly prior to final academic certification. The committee approved the reinstatement staff's recommendation to place a maximum cap of 10 percent of one season of competition based on Bylaw 17 maximums for withholding conditions that may be applied to a student-athlete who competes prior to receiving final academic certification as a qualifier from the NCAA Eligibility Center. Further, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to provide complete relief for practice withholding if a student-athlete is not recruited and is subsequently final certified as a qualifier; whereas a recruited student-athlete will be subject to a one-for-four withholding condition for practice violations. The number of practices for withholding consideration constitutes those practices beyond the 45-day temporary certification period.

The committee also directed the reinstatement staff to apply the same guidelines for pre-enrollment amateurism violations involving practice prior to final amateurism certification by the Eligibility Center in cases where the student-athlete is subsequently certified as an amateur without conditions.

6. **Initial-Eligibility Violations Involving Canceled Standardized Test Score.** The committee discussed appropriate reinstatement outcomes for initial-eligibility violations involving student-athletes who practice, compete and/or receive athletics related financial aid prior to cancellation of a standardized test score that renders the student-athlete a nonqualifier. The committee recommended that if a full initial-eligibility waiver (practice, competition and financial aid) subsequently has been granted and the institution has provided additional mitigation, the reinstatement staff should provide complete relief. The committee recommended that if a partial initial-eligibility waiver (practice, financial aid or both) subsequently was granted, the reinstatement staff should provide similar relief (e.g., if the initial-eligibility waiver was granted for practice but not financial aid, then relief should be provided from practice withholding but not repayment of financial aid). Finally, the committee noted that, if an initial-eligibility waiver is not granted and no additional mitigation is presented by the institution to warrant relief, then a withholding condition for practice and competition and repayment of financial aid should be imposed.

- 7. Extension Waivers Involving Legal Issues and Allegations.** The committee discussed extension requests involving legal issues or allegations against a student-athlete who is wrongly accused or acquitted of the same and the institution has taken action to suspend the student-athlete for such conduct based on the institution's code of conduct standards and requirements. The understanding is the student-athlete's eligibility period is active during these pending legal issues or allegations. The committee recommended that the reinstatement staff continue to review these cases using a case-by-case approach and consider any institutional action in its analysis. If the institution finds the student-athlete in violation of institutional rules (e.g., code of conduct) regardless of the outcome of the legal issues against the student-athlete, the committee determined the staff's decision should not supersede the institutional action since the institution's action was independent of the student-athlete's legal proceedings. In these instances, the committee determined the student-athlete has used a participation opportunity.
  
- 8. Clarification of Application of Penalty for Bylaw 18.4.1.5 Violation (Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs).** The committee reviewed the recent academic and membership affairs staff confirmation published December 2, 2010, regarding seasons of competition and banned drugs, which clarifies that a student-athlete who is found to have used a substance on the list of banned drug classes automatically loses one season of competition, regardless of whether the positive test occurs prior to or during the institution's playing season in the applicable sport. Further, if a student-athlete has participated in competition during an academic year prior to the positive drug test or during an academic year after the reinstatement of his or her eligibility, the student-athlete also uses a season of competition under the minimum amount of competition legislation. Consequently, it is possible for a student-athlete to be charged with the use of two seasons of competition during one academic year. The committee indicated that notice to the membership is necessary given the appropriate application of the legislation and confirmed an effective date involving drug tests occurring on or after August 1, 2011.

In addition, the committee examined cases in which a student-athlete is withheld from postseason competition as a part of a minimum of the equivalent of one season of competition. The committee felt comfortable that the requirement that a student-athlete also is withheld from a 365-day period is an adequate safeguard against any potential competitive advantage gained by a team with extended postseason competition. Finally, the committee affirmed participation in any competition between the testing date and notification would require additional withholding following expiration of the 365-day period of ineligibility.

- 9. Case Precedent Review for Shift in Rationale Language.** The committee reviewed three specific areas, each with a significant number of case precedent with similar fact patterns that were ripe for a possible rationale transition from “based on totality of circumstances” to “based on case precedent.”
- a. The committee agreed the reinstatement staff may indicate relief is provided based on case precedent for hardship waiver appeal requests involving documented medical misdiagnosis as confirmed by the original treating physician where the student-athlete has participated in no more than one contest or date of competition beyond legislative limits. Any further competition beyond one contest or one date of competition must include “totality of circumstances” as the rationale basis in cases where the reinstatement staff believes relief is appropriate.
  - b. In addition, the committee shifted rationale basis from totality of circumstances to based on case precedent involving violations of Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4 – athletics aid awarded prior to initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution – when the student-athlete was unaware of the requirement to be enrolled in six hours of course work and all other legislative requirements are satisfied.
  - c. Specific to Bylaw 16 extra benefit violations, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to review impermissible extra benefit cases on a case-by-case basis. Further, in situations when relief is provided from withholding or repayment, this decision should be reflected based on the totality of circumstances as opposed to based on case precedent rationale. Finally, the committee did provide reinstatement staff with flexibility on a case-by-case basis to provide relief from withholding based on case precedent in cases involving impermissible extra benefits under Bylaw 16 where the student-athlete had no culpability and did not receive any benefit, the benefit was received by the student-athlete’s parent(s) or relative(s) and the benefit was not excessive in nature.
- 10. Rounding Guidelines for Purposes of Withholding for Violations.** The committee discussed revisions to the rounding guidelines to make “percentage-based” and “one-for-X-based” withholding conditions consistent. The committee created a more uniform method of rounding for withholding conditions by directing staff that withholding conditions of .5 and above should be rounded up, whereas withholding conditions of .4 and below should be rounded down.
- 11. Use of Bylaw 10.1 (Unethical Conduct) Statement Prior to Teleconference Appeal.** The committee decided to incorporate pertinent language from Bylaw 10.1 within the opening remarks provided at the beginning of the appeal call by the committee

chair or lead committee member to serve as a reminder of the participants' continuing ethical obligations during the appeal process.

12. **Review of NCAA Division I Guidelines.** The committee reviewed and approved the revised Division I Guidelines document. The updates included making adjustments to the guidelines after the adoption of Proposal 2009-22 and removing Bylaw 30.6.1 citation as the NCAA Division I Manual has incorporated the relevant matter into Bylaw 14.2.1.
13. **Litigation Update.** Scott Bearby, interim NCAA general counsel, reported on the legal activity in which the Association is involved.
14. **Update from NCAA Agent, Amateurism and Gambling Activities.** Rachel Newman Baker, director of agent, gambling and amateurism activities, reported on recent agent activities and trends in Division I.
15. **Future Meetings.** The committee established the following future meeting dates and location:
  - a. May 3-4, 2011, Indianapolis.
  - b. November 30 - December 1, 2011, Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair: Ken White, Western Athletic Conference*  
*Staff Liaison(s): Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Matt Maher, Academic and Membership Affairs*



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) submits the following report from its November 19-21, 2010, meeting.

**KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Proposals.** The committee reviewed and discussed numerous proposals in the current legislative cycle related to student-athlete well-being, including proposals related to recruiting, eligibility and playing and practice seasons. The position of Division I SAAC on the proposals considered is included in this report (attachment). Please note additional discussions regarding selected proposals may occur in January 2011.
2. **Commercial Activity in Intercollegiate Athletics.** Representatives from EA Sports gave a presentation to the committee regarding the NCAA College Football video game and answered questions regarding the use of student-athletes' likeness in the game. Scott Bearby, NCAA associate general counsel, addressed the committee regarding commercial activities in intercollegiate athletics and provided an update on recent litigation related to commercialism.
3. **Capital One Cup.** The committee noted its appreciation and support for Capital One's recognition of student-athlete achievement but expressed strong disagreement with the award's categorization of sports into three tiers and the absence of other sports in the award's criteria. The committee believes that despite variations in popularity and funding among sports, the excellence and dedication necessary to achieve success in college athletics is of the highest tier and achievements by student-athletes in every sport are equally outstanding.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Items.**  
None.
2. **Nonlegislative Items.**  
None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **New Members.** The following student-athletes were introduced as new members of SAAC:
  - a. Horizon League: Cassandra Lloyd, Wright State University, Indoor Track and Field.
  - b. Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference: Kaitlyn Carew, Siena College, Women's Swimming.
  - c. Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference: Carvell Copeland, North Carolina A&T State University, Baseball.
  - d. Big Sky Conference: Natasha Law, University of Northern Colorado, Women's Volleyball.
  - e. Southwestern Athletic Conference: Taylour Smith, Grambling State University, Softball.
  - f. Southern Conference: Chris Everett, Western Carolina University, Football
  - g. Big West Conference: Amanda Sims, Long Beach State University, Women's Basketball
  
2. **Cabinet and Committee Reports.** The committee received updates regarding the work of Division I cabinets and committees and association wide committees on which SAAC members serve. Members received information related to several current issues including medical safeguards, bowl licensing, commercial activity in intercollegiate athletics, and academic and recruiting issues.
  
3. **Legislative Proposals.** The committee reviewed and discussed numerous proposals in the current legislative cycle as discussed above.
  
4. **Guest Speakers.** The committee welcomed a number of speakers from the NCAA staff to discuss issues involving student-athlete well-being, including:
  - a. Alex Smith, associate director of academic and membership affairs, and Jennifer Strawley, director of academic and membership affairs, addressed the committee regarding eligibility concepts for 2-4 transfer student-athletes, including a

proposed increase in transferrable grade point average and expanded course and credit requirements.

- b. Greg Shaheen, interim executive vice president of championships and alliances, addressed the committee regarding the Capital One Cup, an all-sports award that categorizes a limited number of sports into three tiers. Shaheen explained the purpose of the tiered structure and the selection of specific sports. The committee provided feedback and noted their disagreement with the tier structure and the absence of some sports from the award, as set forth in the Key Items above.
5. **Joint Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting.** The committee attended a joint meeting of the three divisional SAACs and received updates on association-wide committees, as well as divisional SAAC initiatives. Members were addressed regarding health and safety, emerging sports for women and transgender issues.
6. **NCAA Convention.** The committee reviewed the tentative schedule for the 2011 NCAA Convention and discussed meeting times and preparation. Members reviewed key areas they anticipate discussing with the Legislative and Leadership Councils and Board of Directors, including football and men's basketball academic issues, bowl licensing, nutrition, student-athlete voice and representation through SAAC voting, agents and issues regarding commercialism, particularly student-athlete consent requirements.
7. **Update from Faculty Athletics Representatives Association Meeting.** The committee was updated on the SAAC's participation at the November meeting of the Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA) in Baltimore, Maryland. Members were encouraged to establish and maintain relationships with faculty athletics representatives on their respective campuses. The committee looks forward to further discussions with FARA regarding emerging issues in intercollegiate athletics.
8. **2010 NCAA Division I Regional Leadership Conference.** The committee was updated regarding members' participation at the November Regional Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida. It was noted that five committee members attended the conference and met with other student-athletes to discuss student-athlete wellbeing issues.
9. **Media Team Update.** The committee received an update regarding the SAAC's media team project, including ideas to increase blog entries. The committee decided to write about "hot topics" on a regular basis to increase traffic to the site and keep visitors informed of issues affecting student-athletes.

10. **Green Team Update.** The committee was updated regarding the Green Team and was asked to provide feedback on waste reduction policies, particularly for NCAA committee meetings, as well as other initiatives designed to promote environmental sustainability. The committee also received information about Green Laces, an organization founded and supported by athletes to raise environmental awareness. The committee was encouraged to become involved with Green Laces and inform their campuses and conferences about the organization.
  
11. **Service Team Update.** The committee donated gently used shoes to the Samaritan's Feet organization and discussed other organizations to support in the future. Members decided to explore conference and campus interest for implementing a division wide community service initiative and to gauge interest for the types of service opportunities the SAAC constituents would like to support.
  
12. **2010 Fall Legislative Webinar.** The committee reviewed the 2010 fall legislative Webinar and the format used to present proposals to the SAAC's constituents. Members provided positive feedback and discussed additional methods for increased education and understanding of legislative proposals by campus and conference SAACs.
  
13. **National SAAC Award of Excellence.** The committee recognized Boston College University as the recipient of the National SAAC Award of Excellence for outstanding achievements by its campus SAAC
  
14. **Attendance.** Attendance for the November meeting is as follows:

Conference	School	Name	Sport	Present
America East Conference	Binghamton University	Robert Nolte	Men's Diving	Yes
Atlantic 10 Conference	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Darius Law	Men's Track and Field	Yes
Atlantic Coast Conference	North Carolina State University	CJ Williams	Men's Basketball	No
Atlantic Sun Conference	Stetson University	Carolyn Boyd	Softball	Yes
Big 12 Conference	Baylor University	Logan Roberts	Men's Track and Field	Yes

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Big East Conference	Georgetown University	Norah Swanson	Women's Soccer	Yes
Big South Conference	Winthrop University	Matthew Horn	Men's Soccer	Yes
Big Sky Conference	University of Northern Colorado	Natasha Law	Women's Volleyball	Yes
Big Ten Conference	University of Wisconsin, Madison	Nick Fulton	Men's Swimming	Yes
Big West Conference	Long Beach State University	Amanda Sims	Women's Basketball	No
Colonial Athletic Conference	James Madison University	Matthew Goff	Football	No
Conference USA	East Carolina University	Jarrett Newby	Men's Track and Field	Yes
Horizon League	Wright State University	Cassandra Lloyd	Indoor Track and Field	Yes
Ivy Group	Columbia University- Barnard College	Natalia Christenson	Women's Tennis	Yes
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	Siena College	Kaitlyn Carew	Women's Swimming	Yes
Mid-American Conference	Eastern Michigan University	Kaitlyn Vincek	Women's Volleyball	Yes
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	North Carolina A&T State University	Carvell Copeland	Baseball	Yes
Missouri Valley Conference	Illinois State University	Scott Krapf	Men's Track and Field	Yes
Mountain West Conference	Colorado State University	Eugene Daniels	Football	Yes
Northeast Conference	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan	Lauren Chapman	Women's Golf	Yes

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Ohio Valley Conference	Jacksonville University	Chelsea Pelletier	Women's Soccer	Yes
Pacific -10 Conference	University of Southern California	Jonathan Hackett	Men's Volleyball	Yes
Patriot League	American University	Zack Solomon	Men's Soccer	Yes
Southeastern Conference	Mississippi State University	DJ Looney	Football	No
Southern Conference	Western Carolina University	Chris Everett	Football	No
Southland Conference	Northwestern State University	Yaser Elqutub	Football	No
Southwestern Athletic Conference	Grambling State University	Taylor Smith	Softball	Yes
The Summit League	Western Illinois University	Eric Anerino	Men's Cross Country/Track	Yes
Sun Belt Conference	University of Arkansas, Little Rock	Rachael Maina	Women's Soccer	Yes
West Coast Conference	University of Portland	Natalie Hemphill	Women's Cross Country/Track	Yes
Western Athletic Conference	University of Hawaii	Jessica Stacy	Women's Swimming	No
<b>Others:</b>				
Legislative Council	Texas State University – San Marcos	Tracy Shoemake, Associate Athletic Director	Southland Conference	No
Leadership Council	Pepperdine University	John Watson, Director of Athletics	West Coast Conference	No
Leadership Council	University of Miami (Ohio)	Susan Lipnickey, Faculty Athletic Representative	Mid-American Conference	Yes

**15. Future Meeting Schedule.**

- a. January 11-15, 2011, in conjunction with the NCAA convention, San Antonio, Texas.
- b. April 2011, Teleconference.
- c. July 2011, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- d. September 2011, Legislative Webinar.

*Committee Chair: Nick Fulton, University of Wisconsin Madison, Big Ten Conference*

*Committee Vice-Chair: Scott Krapf, Illinois State University, Missouri Valley Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Student-Athlete Affairs and Leadership Development Programs*

*Kelly Groddy, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Tim Nevius, Enforcement*

*Abigail Renaker, Academic and Membership Affairs*

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<b>AMATEURISM</b>					
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2010-23 AMATEURISM -- AMATEUR STATUS -- EXCEPTION FOR PAYMENT BASED ON TEAM PERFORMANCE -- ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES -- SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S ICE HOCKEY AND SKIING	In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, to specify that before full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept payment based on his or her team's place finish or performance, or given on an incentive basis (e.g., bonus) from a team, provided the combination of such payments and expenses provided to the individual does not exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team.	<b>X</b>			
2010-25 AMATEURISM AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- USE OF AGENTS -- BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES -- CAREER COUNSELING AND INTERNSHIP/JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES	To permit a student-athlete to use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.	<b>X</b>			



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AMATEURISM					
2010-26	AMATEURISM -- PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES - - USE OF A STUDENT- ATHLETE'S NAME OR LIKENESS	To revise the regulations related to use of a student-athlete's name or likeness for promotions, advertisements and media activities, as specified.		<b>X</b>	The committee does not support this proposal as written and believes the language is unclear and seeks more specific student-athlete consent requirements to promote adequate, informed and voluntary consent and avoid unformed, misguided, obligatory or blanket consent.

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<b>Proposal No. and Title</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Split</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2010-30 RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- TIME PERIOD FOR TELEPHONE CALLS -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL	In sports other than football, to specify that an institution may make one telephone call per month to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school through July 31 after the individual's junior year in high school, two telephone calls per week beginning August 1 prior to the individual's senior year in high school, and one telephone call per week to a two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians); further, in sports other than football for which a defined recruiting calendar applies, to specify that during a contact period that occurs on or after August 1 before an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.			<b>X</b>	<p>Committee members in support of the proposal noted that it will create uniformity regarding recruiting calls, is consistent with current legislation regarding men's basketball, promotes earlier awareness and consideration of college opportunities and promotes earlier academic and athletic preparation.</p> <p>Members who oppose the measure objected to the early phone contact with prospects, noted that it may promote verbal scholarship offers, could add undue pressure and distract prospective student-athletes who should be focusing on high school athletics and academics and some committee members suggested that early interest from institutions could result in disappointment for prospective student-athletes who do not continue to develop physically and ultimately do not receive an offer from institutions that expressed early interest.</p>

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2010-31 PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS -- CONTACTS, TELEPHONE CALLS AND RECRUITING MATERIALS -- EXCEPTIONS -- COMMUNICATION AFTER COMMITMENT	To specify that the restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) shall no longer apply beginning the calendar day after: (1) the prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete not eligible to sign a NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or (2) the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.	<b>X</b>			
2010-34 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS -- CERTIFIED NONSCHOLASTIC EVENTS DURING APRIL CONTACT PERIOD	In men's basketball, to specify that a coaching staff member may evaluate prospective student-athletes at certified nonscholastic events on Saturdays and Sundays during the April contact period.	<b>X</b>			

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2010-40 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- LIMITATIONS ON OFFICIAL VISITS -- NO VISIT AFTER NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT OR OTHER WRITTEN COMMITMENT	To specify that after signing a National Letter of Intent, a prospective student-athlete shall not make an official visit to the institution with which he or she has signed; further, to specify that for an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), the prospective student-athlete shall not make an official visit to the institution after he or she has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.		<b>X</b>		The committee noted multiple circumstances in which official visits may occur after signing an NLI, including for international prospective student-athletes and prospect student-athletes who participate in fall sports and want to meet with academic counselors on campus after signing but prior to enrollment.
2010-42 RECRUITING -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- REQUIREMENTS FOR VERBAL OFFER OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID	To specify that an institution shall not make a verbal offer of athletically related financial aid to an individual, directly or indirectly, before July 1 following his or her junior year in high school; further, to specify that an institution must have a high school transcript (official or unofficial) on file that includes the results of the individual's first five semesters or seven quarters of high school enrollment before extending a verbal offer of financial aid.	<b>X</b>			The committee believes that there should be restrictions on early scholarship offers.

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2010-51A ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT - - REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION – NONTRADITIONAL COURSES	To specify that enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying the institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided specified conditions are met.	<b>X</b>			
2010-51B ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT - - REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION – NONTRADITIONAL COURSES -- UP TO 50 PERCENT OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENT	To specify that enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying the institution may be used to satisfy up to 50 percent of the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided specified conditions are met.		<b>X</b>		The committee believes that institutional policy should determine the limit on the number of nontraditional courses that can be used to meet full time enrollment requirements at each institution.

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2010-52 ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAURATE PARTICIPATION -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY -- NONRENEWAL OF ATHLETICS AID AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION -- BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL AND MEN'S ICE HOCKEY	In baseball, basketball, football and men's ice hockey, to permit a student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student-athlete meets the conditions of the one-time transfer exception (other than the sport restrictions), has one season of competition remaining and the student-athlete's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.	<b>X</b>			
2010-58A ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL	In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified.	<b>X</b>			The committee supports the summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model but believes that student-athletes under this model should be required to enroll in and pass six credit hours as required under 2010-58B. The committee also supports the military academy exception under 2010-58C.

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2010-58B ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- SIX HOURS REQUIREMENT FOR INCOMING STUDENT-ATHLETES	In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified.	<b>X</b>			The committee favors proposal 2010-58B over 2010-58A because it requires student-athletes to enroll in and pass six credit hours.
2010-58C ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- NATIONAL SERVICE ACADEMY EXCEPTION	In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified.	<b>X</b>			The committee supports the military academy exception along with the requirement that student-athletes enroll in and pass six credit hours under 2010-58B.

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2010-59A ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS -- FALL TERM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE COMPETITION -- FOOTBALL	In football, to specify that a student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season; further, to specify that the student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.	<b>X</b>			The committee favors 2010-59C over 2010-59A and B because it provides for at least a two game penalty as well as a one-time exception to recover from a poor academic term.
2010-59B ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS -- FALL TERM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE COMPETITION -- POTENTIAL TO REGAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR TWO CONTESTS --FOOTBALL	In football, to specify that a student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season; further, to specify that the student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.	<b>X</b>			The committee favors 2010-59C over 2010-59A and B because it provides for at least a two game penalty as well as a one-time exception to recover from a poor academic term.



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2010-59C ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS -- FALL TERM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE COMPETITION -- POTENTIAL TO REGAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR TWO CONTESTS --FOOTBALL	In football, to specify that a student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season; further, to specify that the student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term; finally, to specify that one time during a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, a student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.	<b>X</b>			The committee favors 2010-59C over 2010-59A and B because it provides for at least a two game penalty as well as a one-time exception to recover from a poor academic term.
2010-60 ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE -- NONTRADITIONAL COURSES	To specify that nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the certifying institution, may be used to meet credit-hour and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided specified conditions are met.	<b>X</b>			The committee noted that this proposal allows student-athletes to take classes away from campus that count towards meeting progress towards degree requirements, which promotes academic scheduling flexibility particularly for student-athletes who return home during the summer and when certain courses are not available during a particular term or take place during practice or competition.

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2010-62 FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- FEDERAL NEED- BASED FINANCIAL AID	To specify that federal government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need are considered exempted institutional financial aid and are not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient.	<b>X</b>			
2010-63 FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- STATE NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID	To specify that state government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient is not included in determining the institution's financial aid limitations, provided the aid is administered in accordance with the federal methodology for determining a student's financial need and has no relationship to athletics ability; however, such aid is not exempt in determining a student-athlete's counter status for purposes of applying the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation.	<b>X</b>			

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2010-64 FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- STATE MERIT-BASED FINANCIAL AID	To specify that state government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need are considered exempted institutional financial aid and are not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient, provided the aid is awarded consistent with the criteria of the legislative requirements of an academic honor award or institutional academic scholarship and has no relationship to athletics ability; however, such aid is not exempt in determining a student-athlete's counter status for purposes of applying the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation.	<b>X</b>			
2010-66 FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- TRAINING- TABLE MEALS -- ONE MEAL PER DAY -- STUDENT- ATHLETES NOT RECEIVING FULL BOARD	To permit an institution to provide one training-table meal per day to a student-athlete who does not receive athletically related institutional financial aid that covers the full cost of board; further, to specify that the provision of the one training-table meal per day to such a student-athlete shall not be considered financial aid.	<b>X</b>			

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2010-69 FINANCIAL AID -- FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES -- FINANCIAL AID FROM AN ESTABLISHED AND CONTINUING PROGRAM	To specify that a student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided: (a) the recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid; (b) there is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution; and (c) if the total value of the aid received by the student-athlete exceeds ten percent of the value of the institution's full grant-in-aid, documentation of the aid received by the student-athlete must be kept on file with the institution's conference office.	<b>X</b>			
2010-70 FINANCIAL AID -- SUMMER FINANCIAL AID -- ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES -- EXCEPTION FOR FIRST-TIME RECIPIENT IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR	To specify that a student-athlete who has not received athletically related aid from the certifying institution during a previous academic year may receive athletically related financial aid to attend the institution's summer term or summer school, provided the student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following academic year and the aid is awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid the student will receive for the following academic year.	<b>X</b>			

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2010-72 FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDING INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION PERMITTED -- RELEASE OF OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID	To specify that before becoming a counter for an academic year, if a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics that is of equal or greater value than his or her signed award of athletically related financial aid, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may, on his or her initiative, release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletically related financial aid.	<b>X</b>			
2010-73 FINANCIAL AID -- COUNTERS AND EQUIVALENCY COMPUTATIONS -- REQUIRED GRADE-POINT AVERAGE TO QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTIONS OF COUNTER STATUS AND COUNTABLE INSTITUTIONAL AID -- REDUCTION FROM 3.300 TO 3.000	In football and basketball, to reduce the necessary cumulative grade-point average at the certifying institution to meet the "institutional academic aid only" exception to counter status from 3.300 to 3.000; further, to reduce the necessary cumulative transferable grade-point to exempt institutional financial aid awarded to transfer student-athletes (and the grade-point average at the certifying institution for renewals) and institutional academic scholarships based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution from team limits from 3.300 to 3.000.	<b>X</b>			The committee noted that this proposal will allow student-athletes to receive more financial aid that will be counted against their individual limit but not their team limits which promotes student-athlete well-being and helps decrease the cost for student-athletes to attend Division I institutions.

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2010-76 FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	In women's basketball, to reduce the annual limit on the number of counters at each institution from 15 to 13.		<b>X</b>		The committee is opposed to reducing the number of scholarship opportunities for student-athletes.

AWARDS AND BENEFITS					
Proposal No. and Title	Intent	Support	Oppose	Split	Comments
2010-84 AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PARTICIPATION AWARDS -- MAXIMUM VALUE OF AWARD -- INCREASE TO MAXIMUM VALUES	To increase the limitation on the maximum value of the annual participation award for a senior by \$100 and to increase the limitation on the maximum value for all other participation awards by \$50, as specified.	<b>X</b>			

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<b>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS</b>					
<b>Proposal No. and Title</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Split</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2010-86 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- NO MISSED CLASS TIME IN CONJUNCTION WITH NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT COMPETITION -- BASEBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, LACROSSE, SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL	In baseball, men's and women's cross country (without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's volleyball, to specify that no class time shall be missed in conjunction with competition during the nonchampionship segment, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities).		<b>X</b>		The committee noted that this proposal could eliminate competition opportunities during the non-championship segment for some student-athletes whose class schedule interferes with travel time and in other circumstances could prevent proper warm-up time prior to competition.
2010-88 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, WOMEN'S LACROSSE, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL -- TWO DATES OF COMPETITION -- ONE AWAY-FROM HOME DATE	In men's and women's cross country, field hockey, women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, and men's and women's volleyball, to specify that an institution is limited to two dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, of which only one date may be an away-from-home date of competition.		<b>X</b>		The committee opposes reducing competition opportunities for student-athletes.

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<b>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS</b>					
<b>Proposal No. and Title</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Split</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2010-94 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S SOCCER -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- 12-WEEK SEASON	In men's soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the Friday prior to the 12th weekend prior to the start of the applicable Division I soccer championship, except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.	<b>X</b>			The committee noted this proposal will align the playing season legislation in men's soccer with the current playing season legislation in women's soccer.
2010-95 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- CROSS COUNTRY AND SOCCER -- 10-WEEK CROSS COUNTRY SEASON AND 11-WEEK SOCCER SEASON	In cross country, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday before the 10th weekend before the weekend of the NCAA Division I cross country regional competition; further, in soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the Friday before the 11th weekend before the start of the applicable NCAA Division I soccer championship.		<b>X</b>		The committee noted that cross country runners do not race every weekend and need the extra time for rest as well as to determine which runners will compete.



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<b>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS</b>					
<b>Proposal No. and Title</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Split</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2010-96 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- 21 UNITS	In women's volleyball, to reduce, from 29 to 21, the number of units used to determine the start of preseason practice.	<b>X</b>			The committee noted that this proposal would align women's volleyball preseason and practice schedule with other sports and eliminate excessive preseason practice opportunities.
2010-99 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- NO INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE FOREIGN TOURS	To specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour; further, to specify that competition in a U.S. territory shall be restricted to once every four years on one trip during the prescribed playing season.		<b>X</b>		The committee understands the current state of the economy and the necessity of budget cuts but objects to eliminating foreign tours and noted fiscal autonomy for institutions as well as the cultural opportunities for student-athletes. However, the committee prioritizes championship and nonchampionship competition opportunities more than the opportunity to participate in a foreign tour.

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<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>					
<b>Proposal No. and Title</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Split</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2010-12 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- MEMBERSHIP OVERRIDE OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES -- LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW -- OVERRIDE VOTING	To eliminate the requirement that the override voting process on actions taken by the Legislative Council or the Board of Directors must occur at the annual Convention of the Association.		<b>X</b>		The committee opposes this proposal because it would eliminate the Division I SAAC's opportunity to express its position on the convention floor regarding overrides.

REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICAL CONDUCT  
NOVEMBER 3-4, 2010, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Informational Items.

Association-wide.

- a. **The Impact of Violent Behavior Involving Student-Athletes.** Protecting and preserving student-athlete well-being is a fundamental principle of the NCAA and has been emphasized by NCAA President Emmert as continuing to be at the forefront of NCAA priorities. By exploring the extent and scope of student-athlete violence, this initiative would be extending that commitment to protect student-athlete well-being. The NCAA Executive Committee recently charged several committees including the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct to examine this issue in more detail and develop recommendations related to policies and best practices. When the message comes from the senior management level, it carries a higher priority. Based on recently reported acts of violence involving student-athletes and recent inquiries to the national office regarding the NCAA's role and responsibility regarding this subject, the results of this work will provide resources to the membership that can be positively affect the student-athlete experience. The CSEC continues their support of the work of the internal Violence Impact Team.
- b. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** The NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct advocates that the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee become more involved with the next steps of the RESPECT campaign. The CSEC would like to see SAAC take the lead on updating out-of-date national SAAC sportsmanship videos. The committee members representing SAAC will lead a discussion at the November SAAC joint meeting. The target audience for the current best practices is campus and/or conference administration. We have an opportunity to increase involvement and buy-in from student-athletes in order to get them more involved in sportsmanship on campus. Involving student-athletes in NCAA sportsmanship initiatives at a higher level would benefit the individual, the team, the institution, the conference, and possibly the fans and community.
- c. **Sportsmanship Awards Updates.** Four of five awards will have been presented on campus by the end of this semester; the final one will be presented in February. The inaugural Bob Frederick Administrator Sportsmanship Award nomination form has been available online since October 1; the nomination deadline is June 15, 2011. The Committee is seeking nominees who possess a demonstrated history of sportsmanship and are current NCAA coaches or administrators. The Committee suggested ways to make the selection process more streamlined, which will be implemented during the 2010-11 selection process.

- d. Sportsmanship RESPECT Initiative.** Banners with the RESPECT logo have been sent to all member institutions and conference offices to promote the RESPECT campaign and an environment of sportsmanship. The RESPECT logo will be well positioned at NCAA championships via banners, volunteer logo shirts and markings on the participant gifts. A new video message of sportsmanship will be recorded by President Emmert for use at NCAA championships.
- e. NCAA Manual Update.** Binh Nguyen from Academic and Membership Affairs presented a list of modifications related to NCAA Bylaw 10 (Ethical Conduct) that were requested by this Committee and will be made across the manuals. It was noted that the concerns brought forth from this Committee resulted in a review of processes by the AMA department and helped to streamline their protocol related to manual updates.
- f. Playing Rules Update.** The Committee provided recommendations to Ty Halpin regarding inclusionary language in the sportsmanship statement at the front of all NCAA rule books. Additionally, the Committee is interested in reviewing materials regarding sportsmanship that are part of the information provided to officials selected for championships, and possibly extending access to those materials to officials working regular-season games as well.
- g. Committee Elections.** The Committee will hold an electronic election of a chair-elect each November so that the elected individual will be able to shadow the chair before taking office. It was also decided that the chair would serve a one-year, renewable term. At the end of the first year, the chair may be elected to serve another year.

*Committee Chair: John Blanchard, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Atlantic Coast Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Becky Ahlgren-Bedics, student-athlete affairs and leadership development  
Chance Miller, agents, gambling and amateurism activities  
Teresa Smith, championships*

**Division I Meetings**  
**2011 Annual Convention Meeting Schedule**

	<b>Wednesday January 12</b>	<b>Thursday, January 13</b>			<b>Friday, January 14</b>	<b>Saturday, January 15</b>		
7:30		<b>Conference Meetings</b> <i>(7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.)</i>						
8			<b>Legislative Council (LGC)</b> <i>Salon F</i> <i>(8 – 11:30 a.m.)</i>	Assn-wide Programming	<b>Conference Meetings</b> <i>(8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)</i>	<b>Leadership Council</b> <i>Salon E</i> <i>(8:30 – 3 p.m.)</i>	Joint SAAC/BOD Breakfast <i>Salons CD</i> <i>(8 – 9:30 a.m.)</i>	
8:30				Assn-wide Programming <i>(9:30 – 11a.m.)</i>				Board of Directors Meeting <i>Salon F</i> <i>(9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.)</i>
9				Assn-wide Programming <i>(11:15 – 12:15)</i>				
9:30			<b>LGC/LDC/ SAAC Luncheon</b> <i>Salons AB</i> <i>(11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)</i>					BOD Luncheon <i>Conference Rooms 17-18</i> <i>(12 - 1 p.m.)</i>
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11			<b>Legislative Council Meeting Continues</b>	Assn-wide Programming <i>(1:45 – 3:15 p.m.)</i>				Board of Directors Meeting Continues <i>Salon F</i>
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12:30			<b>Legislative Council (LGC)</b> <i>Salon F</i> <i>(1-8:30 p.m.)</i>	<b>Opening Business Session</b> <i>Convention Center (Lila Cockrell Theater)</i> <i>(3:30 – 5:30 p.m.)</i>				
1		<b>Delegates Reception</b> <i>Convention Center (Grotto, Lonesome Dove, 007)</i> <i>(5:30 – 7 p.m.)</i>					Honors Celebration <i>Grand Hyatt</i> <i>(Lone Star Ballroom)</i> <i>(6-8 p.m.)</i>	
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  Meetings either DI LGC/LDC Councils should attend.
   Additional Association-wide events.
   Meetings DI Board would be interested in attending.

**All meetings will be held in the Marriott Rivercenter unless specified differently.**

## **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Resolution – Discussion Document**

At its April meeting, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors reviewed a resolution requesting that the NCAA Division I Legislative Council develop a draft of a policy statement that the Board of Directors and Legislative Council might adopt that would provide better guidance regarding consideration of proposed NCAA legislation by applying a metric to identify those legislative proposals to defeat or consider, and those proposals to call to the attention of the Board. The objective of this policy statement would be: (1) To limit the number of legislative proposals approved to those that identify and document a clear national problem that needs to be addressed; and (2) To identify those proposals that might appropriately be considered directly by the Board.

In an effort to facilitate the resolution's objectives, the staff has prepared an educational document to assist the Board in understanding the dynamics of the current legislative cycle (Attachment A) and has identified several concepts relating to the legislative process to be discussed with the Legislative Council at its October meeting (Attachment B).

**Dynamics of the Current Division I Legislative Cycle  
(Based on the 2009-10 Legislative Calendar)**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Legislation submission deadline for NCAA Division I conferences and cabinets.	July 15, 2009	NCAA staff prepares legislation for the 2009 NCAA Division I Publication of Proposed Legislation. The staff consults with sponsors and cabinet liaisons to clarify intent/rationale statements. The staff begins to identify and resolve interpretive issues related to the application of the proposals and develop a Q&A document to assist conferences in understanding the application of the proposals as well as reaching their voting positions.
Deadline by which NCAA Division I Publication of Proposed Legislation is available on the NCAA Web site.	August 15, 2009	The staff continues to review all proposals to identify and resolve interpretive issues and develop a Q&A document to assist conferences /cabinets in the review process.
Applicable proposals forwarded to Division I cabinets/committees for review and comment.	August 15, 2009	The staff develops a “proposal review document” as well as points to consider to assist cabinet/committee liaisons in tracking proposals and to facilitate discussion.
Cabinet/committee review and development of positions on applicable proposals.	September 2009	The cabinet/committee (including sport committees) positions and rationale are included in cabinet reports and with each proposal.
Sponsor modification/alternative proposal period.	July 15 through October 27, 2009	The staff coordinates modifications suggested by conferences and drafts alternative proposals in advance of the October NCAA Division I Legislative Council meeting; staff also drafts alternatives sponsored by the Legislative Council at its October meeting for inclusion in the 2010 NCAA Division I Official Notice. Alternative proposals must be germane to the original proposal but may increase or decrease the scope of the original proposal.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Comments</b>
NCAA Division I Legislative Council meeting.	October 19-20, 2009	The Legislative Council engages in a thorough review of the merits of all proposals in the current legislative cycle. The Legislative Council receives an overview of the intent of each proposal, points to consider as developed by the staff, access to the cabinet positions and the Q & A document related to the application of the proposals. The Legislative Council considers several factors during its initial review of legislation, including, but not limited to, the national significance of the proposal, cost implications, its impact on student-athlete time and well-being and whether there are more effective means to accomplish the proposal's intent. The Legislative Council develops preliminary positions on proposals that it plans to recommend for adoption, defeat or to be forwarded to the Division I membership for additional comment at its January voting meeting. This provides conferences over two months to consider the Council's positions and to offer additional information at the January meeting (through its conference representative) for consideration.
NCAA Division I Board of Directors meeting. Deadline for Board sponsored proposals.	October 29, 2009	The staff drafts any proposals sponsored or placed into the legislative cycle by the Board of Directors for inclusion in the Official Notice. The staff also further develops the Q&A document.
Deadline by which the 2010 NCAA Division I Official Notice is available on the NCAA Web site.	November 15, 2009	Conferences have approximately two months to review all proposals, positions and comments that will be considered by the Legislative Council at its January voting meeting.



<b>Event</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Legislative Council initial consideration of legislation.	January 14, 2010	<p>Legislative proposals may be adopted (if supported by at least a two-thirds majority), may be defeated (less than 50 percent support) or forwarded to the membership for additional comment (majority support but less than two-thirds majority).</p> <p>The Legislative Council again receives points to consider as developed by the staff, access to the cabinet/committee positions and the Q &amp; A document related to the application of the proposals.</p>
Board of Directors meeting.	January 16, 2010	<p>The staff works with chair and Division I governance staff to identify proposals to bring to the attention of the Board (e.g., proposals of national significance, proposals impacting the Association’s core values, proposals related to Board initiatives).</p> <p>Legislative Council action is considered final at the conclusion of the next Board meeting, provided the Legislative Council’s action is not amended or rescinded by the Board.</p> <p>The Board may accept, ratify, amend or defeat legislative actions taken by the Legislative Council. The Board also may restore a proposal defeated by the Legislative Council and forward it to the membership for additional comment or adopt it (or amend and forward to the membership or adopt it).</p>

<b>Event</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Comments</b>
60-day override and comment/amendment periods.	January 17 through March 17, 2010	<p>Proposals that were adopted by the Legislative Council, or adopted or defeated by the Board are subject to override requests. Proposals that receive the necessary override votes (30 votes/15 votes for NCAA Football Championship Subdivision only proposals) are reviewed by the Legislative Council and the Board of Directors at its next meeting. Proposals that receive 100 overrides are suspended immediately. If the legislative decision is not changed, the proposal is placed on the agenda for the next annual NCAA Convention.</p> <p>The membership may sponsor amendments to the proposals forwarded to the membership for comment, provided the scope of the original proposal is not increased.</p>
Legislative Council final consideration of legislation.	April 19-20, 2010	<p>Legislative proposals that receive a simple majority vote are adopted. Proposals not receiving a majority vote are defeated.</p> <p>The Legislative Council again receives points to consider as developed by the staff, access to the cabinet/committee positions and the Q&amp;A document related to the application of the proposals. The Legislative Council also receives comments that were provided by the membership during the 60-day comment period.</p>

Event	Timeline	Comments
Board of Directors meeting.	April 29, 2010	<p>The staff works with chair and Division I governance staff to identify proposals to bring to the attention of the Board of Directors (e.g., proposals of national significance, proposals impacting the Association’s core values, proposals related to Board initiatives). Legislative Council action is considered final at the conclusion of the next Board meeting, provided the Legislative Council’s action is not amended or rescinded by the Board.</p> <p>The Board of Directors may accept, ratify, amend or defeat legislative actions taken by the Legislative Council. The Board also may resurrect a proposal defeated by the Legislative Council and adopt it [or amend and adopt it].</p>
60-day override period.	April 30 through June 28, 2010	<p>Proposals that were adopted by the Legislative Council, or adopted or defeated by the Board are subject to override requests. Proposals that receive the necessary override votes (30 votes/15 votes for Football Championship Subdivision only proposals) are reviewed by the Legislative Council and the Board of Directors at its next meeting. Proposals that receive 100 overrides are suspended immediately. If the legislative decision is not changed, the proposal is placed on the agenda for the next annual Convention.</p>

The NCAA Division I Leadership Council will meet during the legislative cycle to comment on select proposals. Dates are subject to change. Any changes will be communicated through LSDBi and the NCAA Web site at [naaa.org](http://naaa.org).

## **Possible Changes to the Current Division I Legislative Process**

- 1. Require Division I conferences to submit legislative proposals/concepts to the appropriate cabinet /committee for consideration of sponsorship into the legislative cycle.**

Currently, Division I conferences are permitted to sponsor legislation directly into the legislative cycle. Such authority actually was not contemplated when the Association approved a more federated governance structure through the adoption of a series of proposals voted on at 1996 and 1997 NCAA Conventions. Division I conferences were permitted to submit proposals for the 1997-98 legislative cycle simply because the newly formed cabinets needed a period of time to organize themselves prior to addressing issues germane to their respective duties/responsibilities. Conference proposals tend to reflect the desires of a smaller constituency group and are often not reflective of a national problem. Such proposals though can successfully make their way through the legislative process either through strong lobbying efforts by the conference representatives or minimal concern expressed by other conference representatives not directly impacted by the proposal, or a combination of both.

The requirement that conferences work through the cabinets/committees to effectuate changes in the legislation is not designed to discourage conference discussion and/or the development of good legislative ideas. However, the cabinet/committees may be better suited to make the decision as to whether a conference recommendation should become a legislative proposal as they are composed of a more representative group of individuals and provide a more broad and diverse lens to assess the national significance of the issue and the merits of the proposed solution. The desired outcome of such a change is to create a process that results in a decrease in the volume of proposals, with an increase in those proposals that are more national in significance.

- 2. Establish submission requirements that require multiple conferences to sponsor legislation, or in the alternative, establish restrictions on the number of proposals that any single conference may submit into the legislative process in a given year.**

Currently, each Division I conference is permitted to annually submit legislative proposals by the July 15<sup>th</sup> submission deadline. Further, there are no limitations on the number of proposals that may be submitted by any one conference. This results in approximately 50-60 proposals submitted each year from Division I conferences. Several conferences submit over 10 proposals each year and on one occasion, a conference submitted 25 proposals. Many of these proposals relate to issues [often perceived competitive equity concerns] impacting only members of the specific conference and do not reflect concerns that are necessarily national in significance. Although cabinets/committees do provide positions on conference proposals related to their respective areas of focus, the proposals are allowed to continue through the process. A requirement that multiple conferences are needed to

sponsor a proposal will better ensure that the scope of the issue being addressed is not specific to one conference and impacts a broader range of institutions. The establishment of limitations on the number of proposals that may be submitted by any one conference may require conferences to prioritize proposals so as to avoid the submission of proposals based on isolated circumstances or perceptions that may not be supported by appropriate data. The desired outcome of such a change is to create a process that results in a decrease in the volume of proposals, with an increase in those proposals that are more national in significance.

**3. Establish principles/guidelines for the development and review of legislative proposals to share with conferences, cabinets/committees and the Legislative Council.**

Currently, there are no uniform set of principles/guidelines used by conferences when determining whether to sponsor a legislative proposal. Some conferences likely have developed threshold requirements [e.g., majority support] that must be satisfied before a proposal is submitted into the legislative cycle; however, it is unknown whether conferences have developed criteria to be used in analyzing whether submission of a proposal is both prudent and necessary.

Cabinets/committees that review proposals for the purpose of taking a position regarding the merits do have access to a proposal's intent and rationale, budget impact and the time demands a proposal places on student-athletes. The cabinets/committees however have not necessarily used other criteria (e.g., national significance/core value of the Association, necessity of the legislation, impact on Board-related initiative) in their discussions when determining whether to support or oppose the proposal on its merits.

The Legislative Council in its preliminary review of proposals at its October meeting has access to the same information provided the cabinets/committees as well as the cabinet's/committee's position and also has information developed by the staff that outlines points to consider and interpretations related to the application of some of the proposals. The Council engages in a thorough discussion related to the merits of each proposal as it develops preliminary positions. However, it may be helpful if additional criteria (e.g., national significance/core value of the Association, necessity of the legislation, impact on a Board-related initiative) were identified and codified to ensure that the legislation is indeed necessary to address a national problem.

**4. Increased use by the Legislative Council of its authority to identify and adopt noncontroversial (e.g., housekeeping) proposals at its October meeting.**

Currently, the Legislative Council uses its authority to adopt noncontroversial legislation only when requested to take such action by a cabinet/committee, but does not use such

authority to act on proposals that have been sponsored by conferences or cabinet/committees into the normal legislative cycle. During its October meeting, the Council develops preliminary positions on the proposals in the legislative cycle to be voted on at its January meeting. Many of those proposals are not of national significance and often are “common sense” recommendations of a housekeeping nature. Disposing of those proposals at its October meeting could improve the efficiency of the process, reduce the volume of proposals to be voted on by the Legislative Council at its January meeting and allow the membership to focus more on proposals of national significance. The current threshold for adoption of noncontroversial legislation (three fourths of those present and voting) would be retained to eliminate concerns that conferences may attempt to “fast track” proposals to avoid the normal review process.

**5. Increase the requisite number of requests necessary to override action taken by the Legislative Council and/or Board of Directors.**

Current legislation requires only 30 institutions to submit an override request of action taken by the Legislative Council or Board of Directors to adopt legislation or action taken by the Board of Directors to defeat a legislative proposal in order for the legislative decision to be further reviewed. There are now approximately 345 Division I members, a significant increase in membership since the override legislation was adopted as part the change in the governance structure in 1997. It only makes sense that the threshold requirements also should be increased. Regardless of the increase in membership, the current requirement of 30 arguably is too low of a threshold as it only represents less than 10 percent of the membership. If a proposal has survived the scrutiny of the cabinet/committees, the Legislative Council and the Board of Directors, the requisite number of institutions necessary to achieve a successful override should be somewhat significant, perhaps as many as 100 (which is still less than 33 percent of the membership). Such an increase should provide incentives for institutions to pay closer attention to proposal during the legislative process and also provide for a more efficient process by eliminating the need for institutions to attend a Convention business session to vote on one or two proposals that often are not national in significance.

**6. Provide the Board of Directors details on proposals identified as national in significance and proposals related to Board of Directors’ initiatives earlier in the process; further, provide a written summary of such proposals to the Board for consideration at its January and April meetings.**

Currently, the Legislative Council has the authority to adopt legislation, subject to review by the Board of Directors at its next meeting. This was a significant change in the governance process as previously the Board was required to take final action on all proposals. As part of the new process, the chair of the Legislative Council, in conjunction

with the Legislative Council staff liaisons and the Division I governance staff, has identified proposals deemed to be of interest to the Board. The Legislative Council chair has provided a verbal report at both the January and April meetings of actions, emphasizing the identified proposals, and the Board has accepted the report on each occasion (or in some instances ratified a proposal). In an effort to better educate the Board on proposals that are national in significance or related to a Board initiative, it may be helpful to identify and bring those proposals to the Board's attention earlier in the process shortly after the Legislative Council's October meeting, or in the alternative, after publication of the Official Notice. This will provide additional time for Board members to "get up to speed" on the proposals and related issues. Further, written summary of such proposals and the actions taken by the Legislative Council can be prepared to provide to the Board at its January and April meetings. The Board would not necessarily have to take action (as is the current process) but would have the information more readily available should it wish to do so.

MINUTES OF THE  
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Westin Indianapolis  
Indianapolis, Indiana

October 28, 2010

Participants:

Michael Alden, University of Missouri, Columbia  
Charles Bantz, Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ. at Indianapolis  
Drew Bogner, Molloy College  
Kathleen Brasfield, Angelo State University  
James Bultman, Hope College  
Judy Genshaft, University of South Florida  
James Harris, Widener University  
William Harvey, Hampton University  
Nathan Hatch, Wake Forest University  
Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University  
Ann Millner, Weber State University  
Kevin Mullen, Siena College  
Beverley Pitts, University of Indianapolis  
Edward Ray, Oregon State University, chair  
Lou Anna Simon, Michigan State University  
Lee Todd, University of Kentucky  
Mark Emmert, NCAA  
Bernard Franklin, NCAA  
Delise O'Meally, NCAA, recording secretary

Lynn Oberbillig, Smith College; John Peters, Northern Illinois University; and David Schmidly, University of New Mexico, were not able to participate.

Also in attendance were: Scott Bearby, interim vice president of legal affairs/general counsel; Gary Brown, associate director of digital communications; Joni Comstock, senior vice president of championships; Kevin Lennon, vice president of academic and membership affairs; Keith Martin, interim vice president of administration/chief financial officer; Karen Morrison, director of gender inclusion initiatives; Wallace Renfro, vice president and senior advisor to the NCAA president; Greg Shaheen, interim executive vice president of championships and alliances; Robert Vowels, vice president of student-athlete affairs and leadership development programs; Wendy Walters, director of membership and student-athlete affairs/Infractions Appeals; Bob Williams, interim vice president of communications; Wendy Walters, director of membership and student athlete affairs/infractions appeals; David Berst, Daniel Dutcher and Mike Racy, NCAA governance vice presidents; and Jackie Campbell, Leah Kareti and Terri Steeb, NCAA governance directors.



[Note: These minutes contain only actions taken (formal votes or stated "sense of the meeting") in accordance with NCAA policy regarding minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the Committee's agenda were acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference.]

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by the chair, President Ray. All members were present as noted above.

1. Welcome and announcements. Ray welcomed Patrick O'Brien, president of West Texas A&M University, who is the new vice chair of the Division II Presidents Council, and Michael Alden, director of athletics at the University of Missouri, Columbia, who is the new chair of the Division I Leadership Council.

Ray thanked Kathleen Brasfield, Division II Management Council chair, for her service as she is attending her last Executive Committee meeting.

2. Approval of August 12, 2010, meeting minutes.

It was VOTED

"To approve the Executive Committee minutes of the August 12, 2010, meeting as distributed."

3. NCAA President's report. President Emmert provided an update on the Association's strategic plan and noted that the goals and objectives identified during the previous strategic planning process continue to be relevant and that the Association will continue to build on these ideals. Emmert called on Kevin Lennon to provide an overview of the performance management metrics being developed within the national office. Lennon noted that the purpose of the performance management program was to enhance accountability, improve results and demonstrate value to the membership. Finally, Emmert called on Bernard Franklin to inform the Committee of the development of an inclusion initiative within the national office that combines efforts that support gender inclusion and minority inclusion within the office of the chief inclusion officer. Franklin noted an increased focus on policy development, greater presidential involvement, and greater affiliation and increased collaboration with other national organizations that either have diversity and inclusion as a primary mission or some aspect of diversity and inclusion within their core principles.

4. Report from Executive Committee working group on membership issues. The Committee received a report from the working group on membership growth chaired by Charles Bantz. Bantz reported that the group began its meeting with a discussion on legal issues surrounding membership growth and will continue to engage legal counsel as recommendations are formulated. The working group also engaged in an expanded discussion on trends in intercollegiate athletics and higher education, focusing specifically on sports sponsorship and participation trends, including an examination of schools at the extremes of the distribution. The data generally showed modest growth in sports sponsorship and participation over the past five years, with some outliers representing significant increases and decreases in sports sponsorship and participation. Additional data (e.g., athletics finance, institutional finance and institutional enrollment trends) will be added to this analysis to provide valuable context. The group discussed growth opportunities for the NCAA, essentially, where possible growth could originate given average number of sports sponsored by four-year degree granting institutions affiliated with athletics associations other than the NCAA, as well as non-affiliated institutions.

The group concluded the meeting with a broad discussion on possible recommendations, including a general sense that the current membership processes within each division were effective and should be continued. However, there was support for increased education around membership standards and the differences among the divisions. The group also supported scenario planning to manage membership growth in the event of significant changes to the current landscape of athletics associations. The timeline for the conclusion of these discussions is April 2011, with a report and recommendations to the Executive Committee in April or August 2011.

5. Report from NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. Vowels reported on the progress of the acts of violence internal working group created to discuss issues around the impact of violence involving student-athletes. The objectives of the group are to:
  - a. Determine the extent and scope of the problem through research.
  - b. Determine the NCAA's role in addressing the issue.
  - c. Make recommendations regarding how to effect behavioral change.

Vowels noted that the internal working group is on schedule for its final report to the Executive Committee in April 2011.

6. NCAA Division I Board of Directors and Divisions II and III Presidents Councils reports.

a. Division I Board of Directors. The Committee received an update on the actions of the Division I Board of Directors that included the following:

(1) Membership categories. Agreed to sponsor legislation in the 2010-11 legislative cycle to eliminate the corresponding membership category and further define the requirements for the affiliated membership category to limit membership to:

(a) Coaches and sports associations for sports sponsored by the NCAA; and

(b) Associations comprised of college/university administrators.

The Board also agreed to recommend that the annual fee for the affiliated membership category be increased from \$225 to an amount that is more appropriate based on the benefits gained by being allowed to use the Association's registered marks.

(2) Sickle Cell written release. Agreed to sponsor Proposal No. 2010-100, which would eliminate the opportunity for an individual to decline and sign a written release for the sickle cell solubility test as part of the required medical examination or evaluation for student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team.

(3) Men's basketball summer recruiting. Discussed a recommendation from the Collegiate Commissioner's Association to eliminate the summer evaluation period in men's basketball beginning in the summer of 2011. The Board did not support the immediate elimination of summer recruiting; rather, it indicated its support for delaying sponsorship of such legislation until the 2011-12 legislative cycle and, in the meantime, assigning the Division I Leadership Council, along with appropriate stakeholders, the responsibility to evaluate and create a new recruiting model for men's basketball.

b. Division II Presidents Council. The Committee received an update on the actions of the Division II Presidents Council that included the following:

(1) GoDaddy.com. Received a report from the liaison to the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA). At its recent meetings, CWA noted its

objection to the decision to permit the previously licensed GMAC Bowl to change its title sponsor to GoDaddy.com. The CWA noted that the NCAA Application for License to Conduct Postseason Football Contest includes the requirement that the licensee promote and administer a postseason football game consistent with the image, integrity and values of the NCAA. The CWA also noted that the majority of GoDaddy.com advertisements contain sexually suggestive material, many of which are more suggestive than allowed on television. It requested that focused efforts be made to ensure that GoDaddy.com advertisements and activities surrounding the postseason bowl game maintain the integrity and image of the NCAA and its student-athletes. The Division II Presidents Council unanimously voted to support the CWA's position regarding GoDaddy.com as a bowl title sponsor and went on record expressing disappointment that a license was approved for the bowl game. Additionally, the Council requested that the Association respond in a manner that it feels most appropriate to ensure that the advertisements and activities surrounding the postseason football bowl game will maintain the integrity and image of the NCAA and its student-athletes. Further, the Association should ensure that future bowl sponsors are aligned with the image, values and integrity of the Association.

- (2) Division II membership strategic growth. Spent time at its meeting discussing the division's membership growth. The purpose of these discussions is to (a) seek to achieve greater understanding of current conference discussions regarding membership and possible expansion; (b) consider the ramifications of what happens when expansion does occur; and (c) identify strategic solutions to address these issues. Ultimately, Division II needs to study and understand the potential for membership growth and proactively develop strategies to manage membership growth in the future, with any potential legislation being voted on during the 2012 Division II Business Session.
- (3) 2011 Division II priorities. Endorsed the 2011 priorities, which correspond with the five strategic goals and funding initiatives of the 2009-12 Division II strategic plan and emphasize three overarching strategies for Division II: (a) continuing to emphasize the Division II "Life in the Balance" strategic positioning platform in all student-athlete well-being, regulatory, financial and membership decisions; (b) promoting the institutional benefit and value of Division II membership; and (c) planning for the future as a division, as it grows strategically and allocates its limited resources.

- (4) Division II Championships Festival. Division II will host the 2010 Division II National Championships Festival November 30-December 4 in Louisville, Kentucky. The festival will be co-hosted by Bellarmine University and the Louisville Sports Commission. This will be the fifth Championships Festival that Division II has staged, and the second time for fall sports. Championships will be crowned in the sports of men's and women's cross country; women's volleyball; field hockey; and men's and women's soccer.
- c. Division III Presidents Council. The Committee received an update on the actions of the Division III Presidents Council that included the following:
  - (1) Revenues and expense report. Acknowledged the value of institutions having fact-based financial data with which to compare institutions and understand relative expenses. It directed the staff to continue to develop this information, with the ultimate establishment of dashboard indicators or a similar mechanism. The Council will encourage Division III members to fully participate in the data collection efforts to best support any tools developed.
  - (2) Transgendered student-athletes. In an effort to educate itself, heard from an academic expert, Betsy Crane, professor of human sexuality from Widener University, and from NCAA staff from the inclusion and health and safety offices to learn about the sociological and practical implications of serving transgendered college students, particularly student-athletes. The Council recommended that colleagues in Divisions I and II consider a similar educational session. The Council remains committed that student-athlete well-being should be the primary consideration in addressing this complex issue. It also awaits updated educational materials and recommendations from the relevant committees, which are expected this April. The Executive Committee should expect to receive a recommendation regarding possible Association-wide action on this topic in the coming spring or summer.
  - (3) 2011 Convention. In preparation for the 2011 Convention, reviewed the 14 proposals up for membership vote, approved voting order and proposal groupings, and took positions on membership sponsored proposals. Significant items include a proposal to eliminate corresponding membership (consistent with actions taken by the other two divisions); to expand the Division III Management Council from 19 to 21 seats by adding two individuals to whom athletics reports (bringing to the Council the voice that oversees athletics on 80 percent of Division III campuses); and to delegate

to the Management Council the authority to sponsor Convention legislation when issues are deemed operational in nature. It also voted to sponsor a resolution, as well as an amendment-to-amendment, to two proposals. It was noted that Division III will be voting to add a Division III Men's Volleyball championship, effective for the 2011-12 year.

- (4) Drug education and testing pilot. Continued to discuss the results of its drug education and testing pilot, conducted during 2007-09, to assess whether the division should establish academic year-round drug testing. The Council is focused on four options to present for full membership discussion at the January 2011 Convention. The preferred Presidents Council options are to retain the existing championships drug-testing program and provide the division with additional resources to conduct enhanced drug education and optional, campus-based drug testing. Such programs would target alcohol, emphasize collaboration with the student affairs community and identify for the membership those deterrence programs with proven records of success. Funding for optional participation in drug-testing programs remains as an option under consideration.
- (5) Academic reporting pilot. Received a preliminary update on the division's academic reporting pilot. This is a first attempt at gathering national data to compare the academic performance of Division III students and student-athletes. Early results show comparable to slightly superior performance by student-athletes using the federal graduation rate (67 versus 65 percent). The study also calculated a graduation success rate (using methodology similar to Division II, accounting for transfers and students who leave the institution in good academic standing) and found an academic success rate of 87 percent. Future analysis will look at trends across sport, gender and other demographic categories. If the two-year pilot yields useful data and manages burden to institutions, the division may seek to implement required reporting in the future, but there are no plans to establish national initial- or continuing-eligibility standards in Division III. The purpose of the reporting is to help institutions assess adherence with the expectation that student-athletes perform at least as well as their student body peers and to provide additional data to back up the Division III identity platform.
- (6) GoDaddy.com. Formally endorsed the position of the CWA opposing the selection of GoDaddy.com as a bowl title sponsor, and requested that the Executive Committee review the concerns expressed by the CWA to determine how best to ensure that future bowl sponsors are aligned with the image, values and integrity of the Association. Further, the Council

requested the Executive Committee review the Association's advertising policies to potentially expand the list of expressly prohibited advertisements to exclude those not in line with the values of higher education, including, but not limited to, sexually explicit or suggestive materials, discriminatory content or content that condones violence. Such policies should cover all NCAA media outlets, including the new NCAA digital platform.

7. NCAA Executive Committee Subcommittee on Gender and Diversity Issues. The Committee received a report from the Executive Committee Subcommittee on Gender and Diversity Issues. The subcommittee noted concerns regarding the approval of GoDaddy.com as a football bowl sponsor as it does not correlate with espoused NCAA values and the respectful representation of women, particularly women in sport. It recommended that the Executive Committee support the following changes to the Association's advertising policies:
  - a. The policies should be included not only as part of advertisers and advertising copy of game programs, broadcasts and telecasts, and other controlled aspects of NCAA championships but, in Division I, as part of the postseason bowl licensing criteria and process.
  - b. The policies should expressly prohibit advertisers and/or advertisements not in line with the values of higher education, including, but not limited to, sexually explicit or suggestive materials, discriminatory content or content that condones violence.

The subcommittee noted that explicitly stating such advertisements are not appropriately associated with NCAA championships or a postseason opportunity is in the best interest of the student-athletes and the Association, and in keeping with the Association's status as an institution of higher education. The Executive Committee supported the subcommittee's position but, prior to taking action, the Committee requested additional feedback from the Division I Board of Directors during its January 2011 meeting.

8. Future meetings. The Committee reviewed its future meetings schedule.
9. Adjournment. Ray adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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**REPORT OF  
THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
DIVISION I COMMUNICATIONS AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE (CCC)  
CONFERENCE CALL**

Participants:

November 30, 2010

Sarah Bobert, Marquette University – Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

Carolyn Callahan, University of Virginia – Academic Cabinet

Nick Fulton, Big Ten Conference – Division I Student-Advisory Committee

Petrina Long, University of California, Los Angeles – Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

Shane Lyons, Atlantic Coast Conference –Legislative Council

Mike Rogers, Baylor University – Amateurism Cabinet

Judy Rose, University of North Carolina, Charlotte – Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

Jacqueline Campbell, NCAA – recording secretary

Rob Halvaks, Big West Conference – Administration Cabinet, was unable to participate on the call.

NCAA staff: David Berst, Amanda Conklin, Angie Cretors, Jennifer Daniels, Diane Dickman, Lynn Holzman, Michelle Hosick, Charnelle Kemper, Binh Nguyen, Carol Reep, Alex Smith and Leeland Zeller also participated on the call.

The conference call was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Jacqueline Campbell. All were present as noted above.

- 1. Report of the Committee’s August 26, 2010, Conference Call.** The committee approved the report of the August 26, 2010, conference call.
  
- 2. Key Items from the September/October Division I Governance Meetings.** The cabinet received a report of the key items from the September/October cabinet, council and Board of Directors meetings.
  
- 3. Key Items on the Division I Agenda.** The committee received the following information regarding key items on the Division I agenda:
  - a. Men’s Basketball Recruiting. During its October 28 meeting, the Board of Directors received a request from the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) to sponsor legislation that would eliminate the summer evaluation period in men’s basketball beginning with the summer of 2011. The Board did not support the immediate



- elimination of summer recruiting, rather it noted its intent to sponsor such legislation in the 2011-12 legislative cycle and, in the meantime, assigned the Leadership Council, along with appropriate stakeholders, the responsibility to evaluate and create a new comprehensive recruiting model for men's basketball. It was noted that while the Leadership Council is charged with creating a new recruiting model, input would be sought from various stakeholders, including the Recruiting Cabinet.
- b. Agents. The Leadership Council and the Amateurism Cabinet are engaged in discussions regarding agents and the manner by which they enter the lives of prospective and enrolled student-athletes, and how they influence the decisions student-athletes ultimately make regarding professional career opportunities. It is anticipated that the Leadership Council will be expected to submit recommendations to the Board of Directors that will lead to a better process to ensure that individuals make an informed decision when considering a career in professional athletics.
  - c. Academics. The Academic Cabinet continues its discussion of possible changes to the initial-eligibility and 2-4 transfer requirements. The cabinet recommends no changes to the initial-eligibility standards at this time, but it has developed concepts for changes to the 2-4 transfer requirements that it is circulating for membership and two-year college input. The committee was informed that although the cabinet recommends no changes to the initial-eligibility standards at this time, there are a number of presidents in the membership that support enhancing initial-eligibility requirements.
  - d. Individual Financial Aid Limit. The staff noted that there has been some discussion amongst several Division I conferences regarding the possibility of changing the individual financial aid limit from a full grant-in-aid to the cost of attendance. Some have suggested that individual financial aid limits need not be the same for all student-athletes. The Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet will discuss the individual financial aid limit in the upcoming year.
  - e. Division I Distribution and Academic Component. The committee was informed that there is a task force comprised of presidents and commissioners discussing the revenue distribution plan and whether there should be changes based on the new Turner/CBS media contract, specifically whether an academic component should be added.
- 4. Discussion of Ways to Enhance the Committee's Function.** The committee discussed ways to enhance communication between Division I governance bodies and how this committee could assist in the coordination and management of the Division I agenda.

5. **Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Update.** Nick Fulton, chair of the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), reported on the committee's November meeting and noted that the Division I SAAC spent considerable time taking positions on a number of proposals in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.
  
6. **Proposed Future Call Dates.** The staff noted that the next call of the committee would follow the February cabinet meetings and precede the April Leadership Council meeting. Calendars will be sent to committee members to determine availability.
  
7. **Adjournment.** The call was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

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After the January Legislative Council meeting, the national office staff will notify the Division I membership of all proposals forwarded to the membership for review and comment. The Division I membership will then have 60 days to provide comments, feedback and amendments that do not increase the scope of the original proposal. The Legislative Council will consider the feedback and comments during its April 2011 meeting.

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## NCAA Membership

### No. 2010-7 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- APPLICATION OF RULES TO ALL RECOGNIZED VARSITY SPORTS -- ELIMINATION OF EMERGING SPORTS TIMETABLE

**Intent:** To eliminate the timetable for application of legislation to emerging sports for women.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4.5, as follows:

3.2.4.5 Application of Rules to All Recognized Varsity Sports. The constitution, bylaws and other legislation of this Association, unless otherwise specified therein, shall apply to all teams in sports recognized by the member institution as varsity intercollegiate sports and that involve all-male teams, mixed teams of males and females, and all-female teams. To be recognized as a varsity sport, the following conditions must be met:

(a) The sport shall be one in which the Association conducts championships, except as provided in Bylaw 20.9.4.1.1 or an emerging sport for women per Bylaw 20.02.5 ~~(see timetable in Constitution 3.2.4.5.2 for application of legislation to emerging sports for women);~~

[3.2.4.5-(b) through 3.2.4.5-(e) unchanged.]

[3.2.4.5.1 unchanged.]

~~3.2.4.5.2 Emerging Sports Timetable. The following timetable shall govern the application of legislation to emerging sports for women. The timetable applies beginning with the year the Association identifies a sport as an emerging sport (see Bylaw 20.02.5):~~

~~(a) Year One — Recruiting legislation (see Bylaw 13), financial aid (see Bylaw 15.5.3.1) and minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship (see Bylaw 20.9.4.3) applicable to emerging sports programs.~~

~~(b) Year Two — Amateurism legislation (see Bylaw 12.01.5) seasons of competition legislation (see Bylaw 14.01.4.1) and awards and benefits legislation (see Bylaw 16) applicable to emerging sports programs.~~

~~(c) Year Three and thereafter — Institutions must be in full compliance with all remaining NCAA legislation.~~

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 12.01, as follows:

12.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

[12.01.1 through 12.01.4 unchanged.]

~~12.01.5 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports. Beginning with the second year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.5), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable amateurism legislation set forth in Bylaw 12.~~

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 13.01, as follows:

13.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

[13.01.1 through 13.01.4 unchanged.]

~~13.01.5 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports. Beginning with the first year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.5), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable recruiting legislation set forth in Bylaw 13.~~

[13.01.6 renumbered as 13.01.5, unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 14.01, as follows:

14.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

[14.01.1 through 14.01.3 unchanged.]

~~14.01.4 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports.~~

~~14.01.4.1 Seasons of Competition. Beginning with the second year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.5), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable seasons of competition legislation set forth in Bylaw 14.2.~~

~~14.01.4.2 Initial, Continuing and General Eligibility Requirements. Beginning with the third year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.5), the institution shall fully comply in that program with all applicable initial, continuing and general eligibility legislation set forth in Bylaw 14.~~

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 15.01, as follows:

15.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

[15.01.1 through 15.01.8 unchanged.]

~~15.01.9 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports. Beginning with the first year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.5), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable recruiting legislation set forth in Bylaw 15.~~

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

16.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

[16.01.1 unchanged.]

~~16.01.2 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports. Beginning with the second year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.5), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable amateurism legislation set forth in Bylaw 16.~~

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council (Administrative Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011; applicable to sports added to the list of emerging sports for women on or after August 1, 2011.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** NCAA Membership

**Rationale:** Currently, the emerging sport timetable provides a three-year "phase-in" period for the application of specified legislation from the date a sport is added to the list of emerging sports for women. In recent years, the delay in application of legislation has resulted in confusion in areas such as amateurism, recruiting and financial aid among institutions contemplating adding the sport once it is established on the list. Eliminating the phase-in period supports competitive equity among institutions that sponsor an emerging sport. Eliminating the "phase-in" period will also require legislation (e.g., coaching limitations, financial aid) to be in place by the effective date of the sport's addition to the emerging sports list. This approach will provide greater transparency and information with regard to budgets and allocation of resources. As sports are recommended to be added to the list of emerging sports for women, the Committee on Women's Athletics will take into account (with input from those making the recommendation) how much time may be necessary to develop the applicable legislation and will give careful consideration to the appropriate effective date.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

### **Position Statement(s)**

*Administration Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and the sponsor's rationale.

### **History:**

May 24, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

May 25, 2010 Committee on Women's Athletics, Recommends Approval

Jun 09, 2010 Legislative Council Administrative Committee, Sponsored

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-8 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- DRUG TESTING PROGRAM -- DESIGNATION OF ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT RESOURCE AND EDUCATION RELATED TO BANNED DRUGS AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

**Intent:** To specify that an institution shall designate an individual (or individuals) as the athletics department resource for questions related to NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements; further, to specify that an institution shall educate athletics department staff members who have regular interaction with student-athletes that: (1) the NCAA maintains a list of banned drug classes and provides examples of banned substances in each drug class on the NCAA website; (2) any nutritional supplement use may present risks to a student-athlete's health and eligibility; and (3) questions regarding NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution's designated department resource individual (or individuals).

**Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4.7, as follows:



3.2.4.7 Drug-Testing Program and Consent Form. An active member shall administer annually, a drug-testing consent form for each student-athlete (per Bylaw 12.02.5) pursuant to Bylaw 14.1.4 and shall ensure compliance with the following elements of the NCAA Drug Testing Program:

[3.2.4.7-(a) through 3.2.4.7-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Notify student-athletes who have been randomly selected for drug testing according to the timeline specified by The National Center for Drug Free Sport;~~and~~

(f) Respond to additional requests for assistance in administering the NCAA drug-testing program as specified by The National Center for Drug Free Sport;

**(g) Designate an individual (or individuals) as the athletics department resource for questions related to NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements; and**

**(h) Educate athletics department staff members who have regular interaction with student-athletes that:**

**(1) The NCAA maintains a list of banned drug classes and provides examples of banned substances in each drug class on the NCAA website;**

**(2) Any nutritional supplement use may present risks to a student-athlete's health and eligibility; and**

**(3) Questions regarding NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution's designated athletics department resource individual (or individuals).**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** NCAA Membership

**Rationale:** In some drug-test appeal cases heard by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, student-athletes have provided mitigation for a positive test by noting that an athletics department staff member approved their use of a supplement or medication that contained NCAA banned substances. Current NCAA rules require that institutions educate student-athletes about NCAA banned drugs and the products that may contain them. The rules also hold student-athletes responsible for anything they ingest that may contain a banned drug. Further, NCAA policy advises student-athletes to check with appropriate athletics staff prior to ingesting any supplement or medication. To facilitate this policy, institutions should be required to identify an educated resource and should ensure that staff members who regularly interact with student-athletes are educated on this topic. Failure to follow these steps would result in an institutional violation. This proposal creates a framework for a process that would minimize or eliminate improper advice to student-athletes regarding nutritional supplements and banned substances. Student-athlete health, safety and eligibility will be better protected if athletics department staff members are educated regarding NCAA drug policies and provide proper advice to student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 05, 2009 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 07, 2009 Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Recommends Approval

Sep 16, 2009 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

No. 2010-9 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE OR CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- USE OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S NAME OR LIKENESS -- CONTRACTS AND COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS -- WRITTEN POLICIES

**Intent:** To specify that institutions and conferences shall include language in all licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that outlines a commercial entity's obligation to comply with NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness; further, that each institution and conference shall maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements, which shall be made available for examination upon request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

[3.2.1 through 3.2.3 unchanged.]

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.16 unchanged.]

**3.2.4.17 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name and Likeness.**

**3.2.4.17.1 Contracts and Commercial Agreements.** For agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness, an institution shall include language in all licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that outlines the commercial entity's obligation to comply with relevant NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness.

**3.2.4.17.2 Written Policies.** An institution shall maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. Such policies shall be made available for examination on request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA.

**B. Constitution:** Amend 3.3, as follows:

3.3 MEMBER CONFERENCE

[3.3.1 through 3.3.3 unchanged.]

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.5 unchanged.]

**3.3.4.6 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness.**

**3.3.4.6.1 Contracts and Commercial Agreements.** For agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness, a conference shall include language in all licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that outline the commercial entity's obligation to comply with relevant NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness.

**3.3.4.6.2 Written Policies.** A conference shall maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. Such policies shall be made available for examination on request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA.

[Remainder of 3.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** NCAA Membership

**Rationale:** This proposal is a result of the work of the NCAA Task Force on Commercial Activity in Division I Intercollegiate Athletics. This legislation, in concert with the other concepts put forth by the task force, will help to achieve the balance in intercollegiate athletics that is needed with regard to commercial activities and the use of student-athletes' names and likenesses. The requirements that institutions and conferences maintain contractual language in all commercial agreements and that written policies be established that outline the institution's, the conference's and the corporate entity's obligation to comply with NCAA legislation, interpretations, and policies will help to minimize the potential negative exploitation of student-athletes and their names and likenesses. Further, the availability of an institution's and conference's written policies will allow various groups, including the Amateurism Cabinet, to evaluate trends and to ensure consistency with NCAA legislation, policies, interpretations and best practices among all Division I institutions.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Minimal.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Feb 25, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 25, 2010 Amateurism Cabinet, Sponsored

No. 2010-117 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- AFFILIATED AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP -- REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP AND ELIMINATION OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

**Intent:** To eliminate corresponding membership; further to modify the requirements for affiliated membership, as specified.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3, as follows:

3 NCAA Membership

3.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

3.01.1 Classes of Membership. The NCAA offers ~~five~~ **four** classes of membership: active, conference affiliated, ~~corresponding~~ and provisional. Eligibility for and method of election to membership, obligations and conditions for continuing membership, voting rights, and other membership privileges for each class are defined in this article.

[3.01.2 through 3.01.4 unchanged.]

3.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

[3.02.1 through 3.02.2 unchanged.]

3.02.3 Membership Categories.

[3.02.3.1 through 3.02.3.3 unchanged.]

3.02.3.4 Affiliated Member. An affiliated member is a ~~nonprofit group or association~~ **coaches or sports association** whose function and purpose are directly related to one or more sports in which the NCAA conducts championships **or an emerging sport for women, or an association that consists of college/university administrators and has a direct connection to either the NCAA or its member institutions**, duly elected to affiliated membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.4.3). An affiliated member is entitled to be represented by one nonvoting delegate at any NCAA Convention and enjoys other privileges as designated in the bylaws of the Association (see Constitution 3.4.2).

~~3.02.3.5 Corresponding Member. A corresponding member is an institution, a nonprofit organization or a conference that is not eligible for active, provisional, conference or affiliated membership and desires to receive membership publications and mailings. A corresponding member duly elected under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.5.3) receives all publications and mailings received by the general NCAA membership and is not otherwise entitled to any membership privileges (see Constitution 3.5.2).~~

[3.1 unchanged.]

3.2 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

[3.2.1 through 3.2.4 unchanged.]

### 3.2.5 Loss of Active Membership

[3.2.5.1 unchanged.]

3.2.5.2 Removal of Accreditation. If an active member's accreditation is removed by its regional accrediting agency, it shall ~~be reclassified immediately as a corresponding member~~ **immediately forfeit its membership in the Association.**

[3.2.5.3 unchanged.]

3.2.5.4 Failure to Satisfy the Academic Perform Program. A member institution may be placed in a restricted ~~or corresponding~~ membership category if the institution or its sports team(s) has failed to comply with the established requirements of the academic performance program. (See Bylaw 23.2.1.2.4.)

3.2.5.5 Failure to Address Athletics Certification Problems. The Committee on Athletics Certification may place a member institution in a restricted ~~or corresponding~~ membership category if it concludes that the institution has not addressed properly the problem identified pursuant to the athletics certification program of the Association.

[3.2.5.6 through 3.2.5.7 unchanged.]

[3.2.6 unchanged.]

[3.3 unchanged.]

### 3.4 AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP

3.4.1 Eligibility. Affiliated membership is available to a duly elected ~~nonprofit group or association~~ **coaches or sports association** Whose function and purpose are directly related to one or more sports in which the NCAA conducts championships **or an emerging sport for women.** **Affiliated membership is also available to an association that consists of college/university administrators and has a direct connection to either the NCAA or its member institutions.**

[3.4.2 unchanged.]

#### 3.4.3 Election Procedures.

[3.4.3.1 unchanged.]

3.4.3.2 Election. Groups or associations may be granted affiliated membership **by the NCAA staff in accordance with guidelines established** by the NCAA president.

#### 3.4.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.4.4.1 unchanged]

3.4.4.2 Function and Purpose. The function and purpose of the affiliated member must be directly related to one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships **or an emerging sport for women, or must be directly related to either the NCAA or its member institutions.**

[3.4.5 through 3.4.6 unchanged.]

### 3.5 CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

~~3.5.1 Eligibility. Corresponding membership is available to duly elected institutions, conferences and nonprofit organizations that are not eligible for active, provisional, conference or affiliated membership but wish to receive the Association's membership publications and mailings.~~

~~3.5.2 Privileges. Corresponding members shall receive all publications and mailings received by the general membership of the Association but shall not be entitled to any other membership privileges, including the right to use the Association's name, logo or other insignia. A copy of NCAA Champion magazine shall be sent to each member of the NCAA.~~

#### ~~3.5.3 Election Procedures.~~

~~3.5.3.1 Application. An entity desiring to become a corresponding member shall make application on a form available from the national office. A check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see Constitution 3.7.2) shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded.~~

~~3.5.3.2 Election. Eligible institutions, organizations and conferences may be granted corresponding membership by the NCAA president.~~

~~3.5.3.3 Resignation and Re-election to Membership. If a corresponding member resigns its membership and subsequently applies to re-establish its membership, the application first shall be approved by the Executive Committee before becoming eligible for re-election as a corresponding member.~~

~~3.5.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership. A corresponding member is responsible for observing the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. The member shall not use the Association's name, logo or other insignia.~~

#### ~~3.5.5 Loss of Membership.~~

~~3.5.5.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any corresponding member failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership or failing to support and adhere to the purposes and policies of the Association (see Constitution 1) may be suspended or terminated or the corresponding member otherwise disciplined through the following procedure:~~

~~(a) The Executive Committee by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may take such action on its own initiative; or~~

~~(b) The Committee on Infractions, by majority vote, may recommend such action to the Executive Committee, which may adopt the recommendation by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting; and~~

~~(c) The corresponding member shall be advised of the proposed action at least 30 days prior to any Committee on Infractions or Executive Committee meeting in which such action is considered and shall be provided the opportunity to appear at any such meeting.~~

~~3.5.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the corresponding member shall cease upon any termination or suspension of corresponding membership.~~



~~3.5.5.2 Failure to Pay Dues. If a corresponding member fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated.~~

~~3.5.5.3 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any corresponding member whose membership has been terminated may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.~~

~~3.5.5.4 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any corresponding member whose membership has been suspended may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by vote of a majority of the Executive Committee or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.~~

~~3.5.6 Discipline of Corresponding Members. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be effected during the period between annual Convention for violation of NCAA rules. (See Bylaws 19 and 32 for enforcement regulations, policies and procedures.)~~

~~3.5.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing in accordance with the terms of disciplinary action taken, or may be restored to good standing at any time by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee present and voting or, at the annual Convention, by vote of a majority of the membership present and voting.~~

### 3.65 PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

[3.6.1 through 3.6.4 renumbered as 3.5.1 through 3.5.4, unchanged.]

#### 3.65.5 Loss of Provisional Membership.

[3.6.5.1 through 3.6.5.2 renumbered as 3.5.5.1 through 3.5.5.2 unchanged.]

3.65.5.3 Noncompliance. If a provisional member, during its compliance period, no longer meets the requirements of the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of this Association, it shall ~~be reclassified immediately as a corresponding member~~ **immediately forfeit its membership in the Association.**

### 3.76 DUES OF MEMBERS

[3.7.1 renumbered as 3.6.1 unchanged.]

3.76.2 Current and Annual Dues. The annual dues for various classes of membership shall be:

Active Members*	\$ 1,800.00
Member Conferences	\$900.00
Affiliated Members	<del>\$ 225.00</del> <b><u>As determined by the Executive Committee</u></b>
<del>Corresponding Members</del>	<del>\$ 225.00</del>

\*See Constitution 3.6~~5~~.3.1 for provisional membership

[3.7.3 renumbered as 3.6.3 unchanged.]

**B. Constitution:** Amend 5.1.3, as follows:

5.1.3 Annual or Special Convention Delegates.

[5.1.3.1 unchanged.]

5.1.3.2 ~~Corresponding~~, Affiliated and Provisional Delegates. Each ~~corresponding~~, affiliated and provisional member shall be entitled to one accredited delegate without voting privilege.

[5.1.3.3 through 5.1.3.4 unchanged.]

5.1.3.5 Delegate Participation in Conventions and Meetings.

5.1.3.5.1 Active Delegate. Privileges of the floor and the right to active participation in the business proceedings of any annual or special Convention of the Association is accorded to the following:

[5.1.3.5.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The single accredited delegate authorized in Constitution 5.1.3.1.2 to represent a member conference without voting privileges or in Constitution 5.1.3.2 to represent an affiliated, ~~corresponding~~ or provisional member;

[5.1.3.5.1-(c) through 5.1.3.5.1-(d) unchanged.]

[5.1.3.5.2 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 19.5.3, as follows:

19.5.3 Discipline of Affiliated ~~or Corresponding~~ Member.

19.5.3.1 Termination of Suspension. The membership of any affiliated ~~or corresponding~~ member failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership or failing to support and adhere to the purposes and policies set forth in Constitution 1 may be terminated or suspended or the member otherwise may be disciplined through the following procedure:

(a) The Executive Committee by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may take such action on its own initiative; or



[19.5.3.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The affiliated ~~or corresponding~~ member shall be advised of the proposed action at least 30 days prior to any Committee on Infractions or Executive Committee meeting in which such action is considered and shall be provided the opportunity to appear at any such meeting.

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 20.02, as follows:

20.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

[20.02.1 through 20.02.3 unchanged.]

20.02.4 Restricted Membership. Restricted membership is a membership classification status assigned to an institution that fails to comply with the minimum requirements of its division (e.g., sports sponsorship, scheduling). The institution placed in such status loses eligibility for a number of membership privileges and has from one year to three years to comply with the requirement involved. Failure to comply ~~reclassifies the institution to corresponding membership (see Bylaw 20.2.5)~~ **shall result in the termination of the institution's membership in the Association.**

[20.02.5 unchanged.]

[20.1 unchanged.]

20.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH DIVISION CRITERIA

[20.2.1 through 20.2.4 unchanged.]

20.2.5 Noncompliance and Waivers of Division Criteria.

20.2.5.1 Restricted Membership.

20.2.5.1.1 Minimum One-Year Compliance Period. If an institution (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4) does not qualify for membership in any division, the institution (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4) may be placed in a restricted membership category for a minimum of one year. At the conclusion of the minimum one-year period, the institution automatically shall be granted membership in its preferred division, provided the institution complies with the division's criteria. If the ~~member~~ **institution** does not meet the criteria of any division at the end of the restricted membership period, the ~~member~~ **institution** shall ~~be reclassified as a corresponding member~~ **forfeit its membership in the Association.**

20.2.5.1.2 Failure to Meet Minimum Sports-Sponsorship Criteria.

[20.2.5.1.2.1 unchanged.]

20.2.5.1.2.2 Application of Restricted Membership Status. If an institution fails to meet the sports-sponsorship criteria at the end of the probationary year or is ineligible for the once-in-10-year probationary period, it shall be placed in restricted membership and shall not be eligible for NCAA championship competition in all sports (both men's and women's) in the first academic year after the probationary year (or the first academic year after failure to meet the requirements if the institution is ineligible for the once-in-10-year probationary period). If the institution still cannot certify compliance with the division criteria at the end of that year, it shall ~~be reclassified as a corresponding member~~ **forfeit its membership in the**

**Association.**

[20.2.5.1.3 through 20.2.5.1.8 unchanged.]

20.2.5.2 ~~Corresponding Membership~~ **Loss of Membership.**

20.2.5.2.1 Failure to Meet Three-Season Requirement. If an active member no longer meets the three-season requirement for either men or women, it shall ~~be reclassified immediately as a corresponding member (see Constitution 3.2.5.2)~~ **immediately forfeit its membership in the Association.**

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 22.3.3, as follows:

22.3.3 Corrective Action. When problems are identified pursuant to the athletics certification process, a member institution shall take corrective action. Requirements for taking corrective action, and a record of such action, shall be a routine aspect of the certification process and shall be available for review during later certifications.

[22.3.3.1 unchanged.]

22.3.3.2 Failure to Take Corrective Actions. An institution that fails to conduct an appropriate self-study or to make an effective effort to correct problems in its athletics program may be denied certification following the expiration of a reasonable, specified period of time during which the institution may rectify its deficiencies.

[22.3.3.2.1 unchanged.]

22.3.3.2.2 Not Certified -- ~~Corresponding Membership~~ **Loss of Membership.** If, at the end of the restricted-membership year specified in Bylaw 22.3.3.2.1, the Committee on Athletics Certification concludes that the concerns cited previously related to the institution's athletics department still are not being addressed properly, the institution shall ~~be reclassified as a corresponding member, consistent with the provisions of Constitution 3.5 and Bylaw 20.2.5.1.1~~ **forfeit its membership in the Association.**

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 23.2.1.2.4, as follows:

23.2.1.2.4 Membership Status. After the fourth occasion that a team fails to satisfy the academic performance program, the institution's entire program shall be reclassified to restricted membership status for a period of one year. If, at the end of the one-year restricted membership period, the penalized team does not improve enough to meet the benchmarks of the historical-penalty structure, the institution shall ~~be reclassified as a corresponding member, consistent with the provisions of Constitution 3.5~~ **forfeit its membership in the Association.**

[23.2.1.2.4.1 unchanged.]

23.2.1.2.4.2 Appeal of Committee on Academic Performance Decision. An institution may appeal a decision by the Committee on Academic Performance under which the institution has been placed in a restricted ~~or corresponding~~ category **or has forfeited its membership in the Association** to the designated subcommittee of the Board of Directors. The determination of the subcommittee of the Board of Directors shall be final, binding and conclusive and not subject to further review by any other authority.

**G. Bylaws:** Amend 23.3, as follows:

23.3 APPEAL PROCEDURES. An institution or team subject to penalty (or penalties) due to its failure to satisfy the appropriate standards of the academic performance program may appeal the application of such penalty (or penalties) to the Committee on Academic Performance.

[23.3.1 unchanged.]

23.3.2 Appeal of Committee on Academic Performance Decision. An institution may appeal a decision issued by the Committee on Academic Performance to the designated subcommittee of the Board of Directors under the following conditions:

(a) The penalty (or penalties) at issue in the appeal involves loss of access to postseason competition, ~~and/or~~ reclassification of membership status to restricted ~~or corresponding~~ **and/or the forfeiture of its membership in the Association**. No other issues or penalties (e.g., loss of scholarships, recruiting restrictions, academic or graduation rate issues, preseason competition restrictions) shall be appealed; and

[23.3.2-(b) unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Board of Directors

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** NCAA Membership

**Rationale:** This proposal reinforces the concept that affiliated membership is intended for organizations whose function and purpose directly relate to one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships or identifies as an emerging sport for women. The changes to the affiliated membership category will reduce potential abuse of the NCAA brand by groups or organizations (e.g., nonscholastic teams, recruiting services) that are not active members of the Association and whose primary interest for using the NCAA brand may not be in the best interest of the Association. These changes will also result in the reduced need to monitor this potentially inappropriate activity. This proposal also would eliminate the corresponding membership category. The only benefit corresponding members receive is the Association's general membership publications and mailings. Corresponding members do not have the privilege of using the Association's marks. Finally, the NCAA Executive Committee will have the responsibility of determining the appropriate fee for affiliated membership.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Minimal.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jul 09, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 12, 2010 Executive Committee, Recommends Approval

Oct 28, 2010 Board of Directors, Sponsored

## Legislative Authority and Process

### No. 2010-11 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS -- FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION DOMINANT PROVISIONS

**Intent:** To establish a "Football Championship Subdivision Dominant" legislative provision category, which shall be defined as a regulation that applies only to the Football Championship Subdivision and requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption or to be amended pursuant to the established legislative process.

**Constitution:** Amend 5.02, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

#### 5.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

##### 5.02.1 Legislative (Constitution and Bylaw) Provisions.

[5.02.1.1 through 5.02.1.4 unchanged.]

**5.02.1.5 Football Championship Subdivision Dominant. A Football Championship Subdivision dominant provision is a regulation that applies only to the Football Championship Subdivision and is of sufficient importance to the subdivision that it requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption or to be amended pursuant to the legislative process set forth in Constitution 5.3. Football Championship Subdivision dominant provisions are identified by the initialization FCSD.**

[To establish the voting line of Constitution 5.02.1.5 as Football Championship Subdivision dominant (FCSD).]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Division I Presidential Advisory Group) (Leadership Council)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Legislative Authority and Process

**Rationale:** Football Championship Subdivision commissioners support taking steps to ensure that the subdivision is preserved by preventing initiatives that would either diminish or escalate the level of commitment required to participate in the subdivision and its playoffs and agree a super-majority voting provision would build some protection of the current model into the legislative process.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Aug 03, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 12, 2010 Board of Directors, Sponsored

No. 2010-12 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- MEMBERSHIP OVERRIDE OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES -- LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW -- OVERRIDE VOTING

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that the override voting process on actions taken by the Legislative Council or the Board of Directors must occur at the annual Convention of the Association.

**Constitution:** Amend 5.3.2.3, as follows:

5.3.2.3 Membership Override of Legislative Changes. The membership may override the adoption of legislation by the Legislative Council or the Board of Directors or the defeat of legislation by the Board of Directors. Notification of the adoption of legislation by the Legislative Council or the Board of Directors or the defeat of legislation by the Board of Directors shall be provided to the membership within 15 days of the date of the Board of Directors meeting on which the adoption or defeat became final.

[5.3.2.3.1 through 5.3.2.3.2.1 unchanged.]

5.3.2.3.3 Legislative Council or Board of Directors Review. Once the required number of override requests has been received, the Legislative Council or the Board of Directors will review its legislative decision. If the decision is not changed, a vote by the active members shall take place ~~at the next annual Convention of the Association~~ **in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Administration Cabinet.**

5.3.2.3.4 Five-Eighths Majority Vote. At least a five-eighths majority vote of the active members ~~present and~~ voting shall be required to override the legislative action taken by the Legislative Council or the Board of Directors. The vote shall be based on the principle of one institution, one vote and all override votes shall be taken with recorded roll calls.

[5.3.2.4 through 5.3.8.2 unchanged.]

5.3.9 Special Voting Requirements.

[5.3.9.1 through 5.3.9.3 unchanged.]

5.3.9.4 Override. The membership may override (rescind) the adoption of legislation by the Legislative Council or the Board of Directors or the defeat of legislation by the Board of Directors. At least a five-eighths majority of the active members ~~present and~~ voting shall be required to override the legislative action taken.

[5.3.9.5 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Administration Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Legislative Authority and Process

**Rationale:** This proposal will result in reduced costs for institutions by not requiring the override vote to occur at the annual Convention of the Association. Further, this change will provide the opportunity for a more accurate representation of the "one institution/one vote" principle.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Elimination of costs related to attending the Convention for an override vote.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. The cabinet notes the potential institutional cost savings, as well as the potential opportunity for a more representative process. The cabinet encourages the Administration Cabinet and Legislative Council to consider using technology to allow for continued discussion and comments regarding override proposals (e.g., webcasting or video conferencing).

**History:**

Jun 09, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 30, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Approval

**Personnel**

No. 2009-19-A PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

**Intent:** To specify that an institution that sponsors only women's sand volleyball shall have a limit of two coaches who may be employed and a limit of two coaches who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus at any one time; further, to specify that an institution that sponsors women's sand volleyball and women's volleyball shall have a limit of four coaches who may be employed and a limit of two coaches who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus at any one time.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.4, as follows:

11.7.4 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus at any one time in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit on Number of Coaches	Limit on Off-Campus Recruiters
Sand Volleyball, Women's (Without Women's Volleyball)	2	2
Sand Volleyball, Women's (With Women's Volleyball)	4	2



Sport	Limit on Number of Coaches	Limit on Off-Campus Recruiters
Volleyball, Women's <b>(Without Women's Sand Volleyball)</b>	3	2
<b>Volleyball, Women's (With Women's Sand Volleyball)</b>	4	2

[All other sports unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** This proposal reflects an increase of one to the current women's volleyball countable coach maximum limitations if an institution sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball. Due to an overlap in the women's volleyball championship segment and women's sand volleyball nonchampionship segment, and vice versa, this increase is necessary to allow coaches to have an appropriate work/life balance and to provide an opportunity for women's sand volleyball student-athletes who do not participate in women's volleyball to work with their coaches during the fall nonchampionship segment. Further, a maximum limit of two coaches for institutions sponsoring only women's sand volleyball is appropriate to coach and manage the anticipated squad size of 10 to 14 student-athletes. Finally, these concepts include the input and examination of this issue by the American Volleyball Coaches Association in developing and recommending this proposal.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs associated with hiring additional countable coaches and costs related to off-campus recruiting if an institution does not sponsor women's volleyball, but will sponsor women's sand volleyball.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 08, 2009 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 09, 2009 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored

Oct 19, 2009 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2009-19-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2009-19-B.

Jan 13, 2010 Leg Council Init Review;, Forwarded for Membership Comment

Jan 17, 2010 Comment Period; Start of Comment Period

Mar 17, 2010 Comment Period; End of Comment Period; (Official Comment Totals: Support = 0, Oppose = 2, Abstain = 0)

Apr 13, 2010 Leg Council Final Review;, Tabled With the delay to the effective date for the addition of women's sand volleyball to the list of emerging sports for women, current proposals and any new concepts related to the sport will be considered in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.

**No. 2009-19-B PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL**

**Intent:** In women's sand volleyball, to specify that the limit on the number of coaches who may be employed is two and the limit on the number of coaches who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus at any one time is two.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.4, as follows:

11.7.4 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus at any one time in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit on Number of Coaches	Limit on Off-Campus Recruiters
<b>Sand Volleyball, Women's</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

[All other sports unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** NCAA Proposal No. 2009-19-A would permit an institution that sponsors women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball to hire one additional coach who could work with both sports. Concern has been expressed that such a model would provide an advantage for institutions that sponsor both sports over those that only sponsor women's volleyball. Pursuant to this alternative proposal (Proposal No. 2009-19-B), if a coach were to coach both sports or serve as an off-campus recruiter for both sports, he or she would count toward the limit on the number of coaches in each sport.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs associated with hiring additional countable coaches and costs related to off-campus recruiting.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and prefers it over Proposal No. 2009-19-A.

**History:**



Oct 19, 2009 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 19, 2009 Legislative Council, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2009-19-A.

Jan 13, 2010 Leg Council Init Review;, Forwarded for Membership Comment

Jan 17, 2010 Comment Period; Start of Comment Period

Mar 17, 2010 Comment Period; End of Comment Period; (Official Comment Totals: Support = 0, Oppose = 1, Abstain = 0)

Apr 13, 2010 Leg Council Final Review;, Tabled With the delay to the effective date for the addition of women's sand volleyball to the list of emerging sports for women, current proposals and any new concepts related to the sport will be considered in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-14 PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL AND WOMEN'S ROWING -- INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND LICENSED BOWL GAMES

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, to permit a graduate assistant coach to receive cash to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or licensed postseason bowl contests in accordance with the parameters by which student-athletes may receive such expenses.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.01.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and Division I, divided vote]

11.01.3 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Bowl Subdivision Football and Women's Rowing.

[11.01.3-(a) through 11.01.3-(f) unchanged.]

**(g) The individual may receive cash to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or licensed postseason bowl contests in accordance with the parameters by which student-athletes may receive such expenses pursuant to Bylaw 16.8.1.6.**

[11.01.3-(g) through 11.01.3-(h) relettered as 11.01.3-(h) through 11.01.3-(i), unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** Graduate assistant coaches in football and women's rowing are specifically limited by legislation regarding compensation and benefits they may receive from an institution. These individuals are students, but the legislation relating to student-athletes does not always apply to them. Similarly, although they are coaches, the legislation that applies to full-time coaches does not always apply to them either. Under current legislation, all squad members may receive \$20 per day to use for unitemized incidental expenses during NCAA championship events or postseason bowl contests. Other institutional staff members may receive additional stipends from the institution for incidental expenses during such events. Graduate assistant coaches may be the only members of a travel party who are not provided additional funds to cover incidental expenses. Due to the fact that the legislation limits the number of graduate assistant coaches, the additional cost of providing these individuals with the incidental expense money is minimal.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** \$20 per day per coach for applicable events.

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

### **Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee agrees with the sponsor that the ability to receive such funds is appropriate given the financial support opportunities for student-athletes and coaches participating in postseason bowl games.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Women's Rowing Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee believes this change would be appropriate since, currently, the graduate assistant coach is the only person typically in the travel party not able to receive such funds.

### **History:**

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 07, 2010 Women's Rowing Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-15-A PERSONNEL -- COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION -- INCOME IN ADDITION TO INSTITUTIONAL SALARY -- CONSULTANT FOR OR ENDORSEMENT OF NONINSTITUTIONAL ATHLETICS EVENTS INVOLVING PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

**Intent:** To specify that an athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes and may not endorse or promote such an event in any way, including permitting the use of his or her name, picture or quotations.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.3.2, as follows:

### 11.3.2 Income in Addition to Institutional Salary.

[11.3.2.1 through 11.3.2.6 unchanged.]

#### **11.3.2.7 Consultant for or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes and may not endorse or promote such an event.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championship/Sports Management Cabinet (Men's Basketball Issues Committee) (Women's Basketball Issues Committee)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** Current legislation precludes athletics department staff members from endorsing, serving as consultants for or participating on advisory panels for any recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes and prohibits institutional coaching staff members from promoting a noninstitutional camp or clinic. Current legislation, however, does not preclude athletics department staff members from endorsing, serving as a consultant for or promoting a noninstitutional athletics event primarily involving prospective student-athletes. Often, these athletics events are conducted by recruiting or scouting services and are designed to provide evaluation opportunities of prospective student-athletes. In order to minimize any potential recruiting advantage and to promote equity in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes, athletics department staff members should be precluded from any involvement in endorsing, promoting or serving as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event primarily involving prospective student-athletes. In addition, this prohibition will eliminate a perception that institutions receive a recruiting advantage if a coach or other athletics department staff member is involved in any way with such events.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

#### **Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee notes that while there may not be a significant number of such events in high school football, they do appear to be increasing in number and it would be appropriate to include such a prohibition given similar prohibitions regarding recruiting services and camps.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

#### **History:**

May 03, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

May 11, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

May 25, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored  
Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval  
Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval  
Oct 19, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-15-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2010-15-B.

No. 2010-15-B PERSONNEL -- COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION -- INCOME IN ADDITION TO INSTITUTIONAL SALARY -- CONSULTANT FOR OR ENDORSEMENT OF NONINSTITUTIONAL ATHLETICS EVENTS INVOLVING PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- ENDORSEMENT OF TEAM, COACH OR FACILITY

**Intent:** To specify that an athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes and may not endorse or promote such an event; further, to specify that an athletics department staff member shall not promote or endorse a prospective student-athlete's team or coach, or an athletics facility that is primarily used by prospective student-athletes.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.3.2, as follows:

11.3.2 Income in Addition to Institutional Salary.

[11.3.2.1 through 11.3.2.6 unchanged.]

**11.3.2.7 Consultant for or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves a prospective student-athletes and may not endorse or promote such an event.**

**11.3.2.8 Promotion or Endorsement of a Prospective Student-Athlete's Team, Coach or Athletics Facility. An athletics department staff member shall not promote or endorse a prospective student-athlete's team or coach, or an athletics facility that is primarily used by prospective student-athletes.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** Similar to the intent of the original proposal, this alternative proposal is intended to eliminate the potential or perceived recruiting advantage related to endorsing or promoting teams, coaches and facilities that are related to the athletics participation of prospective student-athletes. Currently, coaches may feel pressure to provide endorsements or promotions in order to have access to involved prospective student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

## **Position Statement(s)**

### **History:**

Oct 19, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 19, 2010 Legislative Council, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2010-15-A.

## No. 2010-16-A PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- BASKETBALL -- LIMIT OF TWO

**Intent:** In basketball, to specify that there shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members (two in men's basketball and two in women's basketball) whose responsibilities are specific to basketball and who work directly for the basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the men's or women's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.1.1.1.1, as follows:

11.7.1.1.1.1 Noncoaching Activities. Institutional staff members involved in noncoaching activities (e.g., administrative assistants, academic counselors) do not count in the institution's coaching limitations, provided such individuals are not identified as coaches, do not engage in any on- or off-field coaching activities (e.g., attending meetings involving coaching activities, analyzing video involving the institution's or an opponent's team), and are not involved in any off-campus recruitment of prospective student-athletes or scouting of opponents.

11.7.1.1.1.1.1 Exception -- Noncoaching Staff Member with Sport-Specific Responsibilities. A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) may participate in organized activities involving only the coaching staff or may perform administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of the institution's or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition). However, such an individual is prohibited from participating in instructional activities with student-athletes and any on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice), and is prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport who are engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pick-up games).

**11.7.1.1.1.1.1.1 Limitation on the Number of Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, there shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to men's basketball and who work directly for the men's basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the men's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.**

**11.7.1.1.1.1.2 Limitation on the Number of Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, there shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to women's basketball and who work directly for the women's basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the women's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** The membership and the Board of Directors have expressed significant concern regarding the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity. In a membership survey regarding noncoaching staff members, 88 percent of respondents favored a limit of one to three noncoaching staff members in men's basketball and eighty-nine percent of respondents favored a limit of one to three in women's basketball. Two is an appropriate and practical limit in consideration of the number of noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities currently employed by basketball programs. Some common examples of individuals who would be included in the proposed numerical limitations include, but are not limited to, directors of operations, video coordinators, quality control personnel, directors of player development and directors of community relations. Individuals who may report to another unit or department within the department of athletics or outside the department of athletics, such as sports information directors, academic advisors, athletic trainers, equipment managers and marketing staff, would not be included in the proposed numerical limitations, even if these individuals have basketball-specific responsibilities.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. Potential cost savings based on the current number of noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities currently employed by an institution.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* Based on the sponsor's modification (see history section), the committee supports the proposal. Noted increased responsibilities in the coaching profession necessitate an increased number of noncoaching basketball-specific positions. Noted that noncoaching basketball-specific positions provide opportunities to develop new coaches.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee notes that the noncoaching staff member positions are often filled by individuals who have duties such as analyzing video of opponents, serving as a videographer, tracking statistics or serving as an institutional camp director. Two allocated positions more appropriately provides for fulfilling these and other administrative support duties. Further, the noncoaching staff member position provides a professional development and training opportunity for individuals who aspire to become coaches.



## History:

Jun 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 09, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Modification  
Recommends that the limit be increased from one to two.

Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat Oppose as written, but would support if limit increased to two noncoaching staff members with responsibilities specific to men's basketball.

Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Modification Recommends that the limit be increased from one to two.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Modified the Proposal  
Proposal modified to specify that there shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members (two in men's basketball and two in women's basketball) whose responsibilities are specific to basketball and who work directly for the basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Previously, the proposal specified a limit of one for each sport.

Sep 29, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-16-A. Alternatives are Proposal Nos. 2010-16-B and 2010-16-C.

Sep 29, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval Based on sponsor's modification.

### No. 2010-16-B PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- BASKETBALL -- LIMIT OF ONE

**Intent:** In basketball, to specify that there shall be a limit of one noncoaching staff member (one in men's basketball and one in women's basketball) whose responsibilities are specific to basketball and who works directly for the basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the men's or women's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.1.1.1.1, as follows:

11.7.1.1.1.1 Noncoaching Activities. Institutional staff members involved in noncoaching activities (e.g., administrative assistants, academic counselors) do not count in the institution's coaching limitations, provided such individuals are not identified as coaches, do not engage in any on- or off-field coaching activities (e.g., attending meetings involving coaching activities, analyzing video involving the institution's or an opponent's team), and are not involved in any off-campus recruitment of prospective student-athletes or scouting of opponents.

11.7.1.1.1.1.1 Exception -- Noncoaching Staff Member with Sport-Specific Responsibilities. A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) may participate in organized activities involving only the coaching staff or may perform administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of the institution's or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition). However, such an individual is prohibited from participating in instructional activities with student-athletes and any on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice), and is prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport who are engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pick-up games).

**11.7.1.1.1.1.1.1 Limitation on the Number of Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, there shall be a limit of one noncoaching staff member whose responsibilities are specific to men's basketball and who works directly for the men's basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the men's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.**

**11.7.1.1.1.1.1.2 Limitation on the Number of Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, there shall be a limit of one noncoaching staff member whose responsibilities are specific to women's basketball and who works directly for the women's basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the women's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** Video coordinators whose responsibilities are specific to basketball and who work directly for basketball programs fill increasingly critical roles for their programs. In addition, the cabinet noted the potential for different applications of the rule to different institutions depending on whether a video coordinator works directly for the basketball program. Therefore, video coordinators should be treated similarly to other positions, such as athletic trainers and sports information directors, in that these individuals typically perform highly specific responsibilities and are not engaged in other general administrative responsibilities related to the sport. In addition, membership feedback suggests that a limit of one, while exempting video coordinators, is an appropriate and practical standard.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. Potential cost savings or increase based on the current number of noncoaching staff with sport specific responsibilities, including video coordinators, employed by an institution.

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



## Position Statement(s)

### History:

Sep 29, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2010-16-A.

### No. 2010-16-C PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS -- BASKETBALL -- LIMIT OF TWO

**Intent:** In basketball, to specify that there shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members (two for men's basketball and two for women's basketball) whose duties include support of the basketball program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to basketball, but who do not directly support the basketball program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7, as follows:

#### 11.7 LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES AND NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS

##### 11.7.1 General Provisions Applicable to All Sports with Numerical Coaching Limits.

[11.7.1.1 unchanged.]

[11.7.1.1.1 unchanged.]

[11.7.1.1.1.1 unchanged.]

11.7.1.1.1.1 Exception -- Noncoaching Staff Member with Sport-Specific Responsibilities. A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) may participate in organized activities involving only the coaching staff or may perform administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of the institution's or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition). However, such an individual is prohibited from participating in instructional activities with student-athletes and any on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice), and is prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport who are engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pick-up games). **(See Bylaw 11.7.5.)**

[Remainder of 11.7.1 unchanged.]

[11.7.2 through 11.7.4 unchanged.]

**11.7.5 Limitation on the Number of Noncoaching Staff Members -- Basketball. There shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members (two for men's basketball and two for women's basketball) whose duties include support of the basketball program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution.**

**11.7.5.1 Exceptions to Number Limits.**

**11.7.5.1.1 Clerical Staff and Managers. Clerical staff and managers are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.**

**11.7.5.1.2 Noncoaching Staff Who Provide Indirect Support. Noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to basketball, but who do not directly support the basketball program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal maintains the goal of the original proposal, which is to address concerns related to the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity in men's and women's basketball. However, this alternative addresses concerns of potential circumvention of the intended application of the original proposal. For example, pursuant to the application of Proposal Nos. 2010-16-A or 2010-16-B, an institution could specify that 90 percent of a noncoaching staff member's duties are specific to basketball and 10 percent are specific to another sport or a nonbasketball related function. Pursuant to this proposal, a noncoaching staff member whose duties include support of the basketball program in any capacity must be included in the numerical limit; however, clerical staff and managers whose duties include support of the basketball program and other noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to basketball, but who do not directly support the basketball program are exempt from the limitation.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. Potential cost savings based on the current number of noncoaching staff currently employed by an institution.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 19, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 19, 2010 Legislative Council, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal Nos. 2010-16-A and 2010-16-B.

No. 2010-17 PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF COACHES -- FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION -- FOUR GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACHES

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football, to increase, from two to four, the limit on graduate assistant coaches.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

11.7.2 Football Bowl Subdivision. There shall be a limit of one head coach, nine assistant coaches and ~~two~~ **four** graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football.

**Source:** Big East Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** Current legislation requires that in order for a graduate assistant coach to be appointed, he or she must have either received his or her first baccalaureate degree or has exhausted athletics eligibility (whichever occurs later) within the previous seven years. It is now more likely that the graduate-assistant coach position will once again allow a recent graduate to be involved in coaching activities while continuing what should be the primary pursuit of the position -- a postgraduate education. This proposal is intended to establish two additional opportunities for individuals to advance their educational and career pursuits, while also possibly providing additional minority coaching opportunities.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** The cost to fund two additional graduate assistant coach positions.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal, contingent on Proposal Nos. 2010-17, 2010-18 and 2010-19 each being adopted for bowl subdivision football and that the effective dates are all amended to August 1, 2012 for consistency in application.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jul 12, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-18-A PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES --  
NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES --BOWL  
SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- LIMIT OF SIX

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of six noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

11.7.2 Football Bowl Subdivision. There shall be a limit of one head coach, nine assistant coaches and two graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football. **In addition, there shall be a limit of six noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.**

[Remainder of 11.7.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** The membership and the Board of Directors have expressed significant concern regarding the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity. In a membership survey regarding noncoaching staff members, 88 percent of respondents favored a limit of one to six noncoaching staff members in bowl subdivision football. Six is an appropriate and practical limit in consideration of the number of noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities currently employed by bowl subdivision football programs. Some common examples of individuals who would be included in the proposed numerical limitations include, but are not limited to, directors of operations, video coordinators, quality control personnel, directors of player development and directors of community relations. Individuals who may report to another unit or department within the department of athletics or outside the department of athletics, such as sports information directors, academic advisors, athletic trainers, equipment managers and marketing staff, would not be included in the proposed numerical limitations, even if these individuals have football-specific responsibilities.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. Potential cost savings based on the current number of noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities currently employed by an institution.

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

### **Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal, contingent on Proposal Nos. 2010-17, 2010-18 and 2010-19 each being adopted for bowl subdivision football and that the effective dates are all amended to August 1, 2012 for consistency in application. The committee would be supportive of a modification to this proposal to either not include video coordinators or to increase the limit to five, including video coordinators. The committee noted the critical role video coordinators play in football and that the limitation of four noncoaching staff members may unduly limit the video support personnel necessary in football.

### **History:**

Jun 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 09, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Supports in Part

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Modified the Proposal  
Proposal modified to specify that there shall be a limit of six noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Previously, the proposal specified a limit of four.

Sep 29, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-18-A. Alternatives are Proposal Nos. 2010-18-B and 2010-18-C.

### **No. 2010-18-B PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES --BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- LIMIT OF FIVE**

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of five noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to bowl subdivision football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

11.7.2 Football Bowl Subdivision. There shall be a limit of one head coach, nine assistant coaches and two graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football. **In addition, there shall be a limit of five noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to bowl subdivision football and who work directly for the football**

**program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.**

[Remainder of 11.7.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** Video coordinators whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for football programs fill critical roles for their programs. In addition, the cabinet noted the potential for different applications of the rule to different institutions depending on whether a video coordinator works directly for the football program. Therefore, video coordinators should be treated similarly to other positions, such as athletic trainers and sports information directors, in that these individuals typically perform highly specific responsibilities and are not engaged in other general administrative responsibilities related to the sport. In addition, membership feedback suggests that a limit of five, while exempting video coordinators, is an appropriate and practical standard.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. Potential cost savings or increase based on the current number of noncoaching staff with sport specific responsibilities, including video coordinators, employed by an institution.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Sep 29, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2010-18-A.

No. 2010-18-C PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS -- LIMIT OF SIX

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of six noncoaching staff members whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff



members.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

11.7.2 Football Bowl Subdivision.

**11.7.2.1 Limitation on the Number of Coaches.** There shall be a limit of one head coach, nine assistant coaches and two graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football.

11.7.2.1 renumbered as 11.7.2.1.1, unchanged.]

[11.7.2.1.1 through 11.7.2.1.5 renumbered as 11.7.2.1.1.1 through 11.7.2.1.1.5, unchanged.]

**11.7.2.2 Limitation on the Number of Noncoaching Staff Members. There shall be a limit of six noncoaching staff members whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution.**

**11.7.2.2.1 Exceptions to Number Limits.**

**11.7.2.2.1.1 Clerical Staff and Managers. Clerical staff and managers are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.**

**11.7.2.2.1.2 Noncoaching Staff Who Provide Indirect Support. Noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.**

[11.7.2.2 renumbered as 11.7.2.3, unchanged.]

[11.7.2.2.1 through 11.7.2.2.3 renumbered as 11.7.2.3.1 through 11.7.2.3.3, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal maintains the goal of the original proposal, which is to address concerns related to the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity in bowl subdivision football. However, this alternative addresses concerns of potential circumvention of the intended application of the original proposal. For example, pursuant to the application of Proposal Nos. 2010-18-A or 2010-18-B, an institution could specify that 90 percent of a noncoaching staff member's duties are specific to football and 10 percent are specific to another sport or a nonfootball related function. Pursuant to this proposal, a noncoaching staff member whose duties include support of the

football program in any capacity must be included in the numerical limit; however, clerical staff and managers whose duties include support of the football program and other noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program are exempt from the limitation.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. Potential cost savings based on the current number of noncoaching staff currently employed by an institution.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 19, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 19, 2010 Legislative Council, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal Nos. 2010-18-A and 2010-18-B.

No. 2010-19 PERSONNEL -- LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION -- WEIGHT OR STRENGTH COACH -- LIMIT OF FIVE

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football, to specify that not more than five weight or strength coaches are permitted to work with a football program in any capacity, including all workouts (required or voluntary), practices and game-related activities.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

11.7.2 Football Bowl Subdivision. There shall be a limit of one head coach, nine assistant coaches and two graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football.

11.7.2.1 Exceptions to Number Limits. No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching categories set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any football game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions

11.7.2.1.1 Weight or Strength Coach. A weight (strength and conditioning) coach may conduct flexibility, warm-up and physical conditioning activities prior to any game and prior to or during any practice or other organized activities without being included in the limitations on number of coaches. **Not more than five weight or strength coaches are permitted to work with a football program in any capacity, including all workouts (required and voluntary), practices and game-related activities.**

[Remainder of 11.7.2 unchanged.]



**Source:** Big East Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** The NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet recently concluded that it is necessary to establish limitations on the number of noncoaching staff members with sport specific responsibilities in football. Recently, the membership and the NCAA Division I Board of Directors have expressed concern regarding the proliferation of these individuals and the impact on competitive equity within the sport. Similar competitive equity concerns exist as it relates to the use of weight or strength coaches. Accordingly, whether during the academic year or during the summer, there should be a limit on the total number of weight or strength coaches who are permitted to work with the football program, even if the weight or strength coaches perform duties on a department-wide basis.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal, contingent on Proposal Nos. 2010-17, 2010-18 and 2010-19 each being adopted for bowl subdivision football and that the effective dates are all amended to August 1, 2012 for consistency in application.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet took no position. The cabinet will review the issue of limiting the number of strength and conditioning coaches in football and other sports beginning in February 2011. Further, noted there is no data to support the proposed limit of five.

**History:**

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, No Formal Position

Oct 26, 2010 Sponsor modified the effective date from August 1, 2011 to August 1, 2012.

No. 2010-20-A PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES --  
NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES --  
CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- LIMIT OF FOUR

**Intent:** In championship subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of four noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further to specify that clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

11.7.3 Championship Subdivision Football. There shall be a limit of 11 coaches of any type who may be employed by an institution in championship subdivision football. **In addition, there shall be a limit of four noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.**

[Remainder of 11.7.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** The membership and the Board of Directors have expressed significant concern regarding the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity. In a membership survey regarding noncoaching staff members, 88 percent of respondents favored a limit of one to six noncoaching staff members in championship subdivision football. Four is an appropriate and practical limit in consideration of the number of noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities currently employed by championship subdivision football programs. Some common examples of individuals who would be included in the proposed numerical limitations include, but are not limited to, directors of operations, video coordinators, quality control personnel, directors of player development and directors of community relations. Individuals who may report to another unit or department within the department of athletics or outside the department of athletics, such as sports information directors, academic advisors, athletic trainers, equipment managers and marketing staff, would not be included in the proposed numerical limitations, even if these individuals have football-specific responsibilities.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. Potential cost savings based on the current number of noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities currently employed by an institution.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee believes that a limit of two is too low and that a limit of three or four such individuals is more appropriate in championship subdivision football.

**History:**

Jun 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 09, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Modified the Proposal  
Proposal modified to specify that there shall be a limit of four noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Previously, the proposal specified a limit of two.

Sep 29, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-20-A. Alternatives are Proposal Nos. 2010-20-B and 2010-20-C.

No. 2010-20-B PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES --  
NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES --  
CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- LIMIT OF THREE

**Intent:** In championship subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of three noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

11.7.3 Championship Subdivision Football. There shall be a limit of 11 coaches of any type who may be employed by an institution in championship subdivision football. **In addition, there shall be a limit of three noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to championship subdivision football and work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution. Clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** Video coordinators whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for football programs fill critical roles for their programs. In addition, the cabinet noted the potential for different applications of the rule to different institutions depending on whether a video coordinator works directly for the football program. Therefore, video coordinators should be treated similarly to other positions, such as athletic trainers and sports information directors, in that these individuals typically perform highly specific responsibilities and are not engaged in other general administrative responsibilities related to the sport. In addition, membership feedback suggests that a limit of three, while exempting video coordinators, is an appropriate and practical standard.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. Potential cost savings or increase based on the current number of noncoaching staff with sport specific responsibilities, including video coordinators, employed by an institution.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Sep 29, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2010-20-A.

No. 2010-20-C PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS -- LIMIT OF FOUR

**Intent:** In championship subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of four noncoaching staff members whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

11.7.3 Championship Subdivision Football.

**11.7.3.1 Limitation on the Number of Coaches.** There shall be a limit of 11 coaches of any type who may be employed by an institution in championship subdivision football.

[11.7.3.1 renumbered as 11.7.3.1.1, unchanged.]

[11.7.3.1.1 through 11.7.3.1.7 renumbered as 11.7.3.1.1.1 through 11.7.3.1.1.7, unchanged.]

**11.7.3.2 Limitation on the Number of Noncoaching Staff Members. There shall be a limit of four noncoaching staff members whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution.**

**11.7.3.2.1 Exceptions to Number Limits.**

**11.7.3.2.1.1 Clerical Staff and Managers. Clerical staff and managers are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.**

**11.7.3.2.1.2 Noncoaching Staff Members Who Provide Indirect Support. Noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.**

[11.7.3.2 renumbered as 11.7.3.3, unchanged.]

[11.7.3.2.1 through 11.7.3.2.2 renumbered as 11.7.3.3.1 through 11.7.3.3.2, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal maintains the goal of the original proposal, which is to address concerns related to the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity in championship subdivision football. However, this alternative addresses concerns of potential circumvention of the intended application of the original proposal. For example, pursuant to the application of Proposal Nos. 2010-20-A or 2010-20-B, an institution could specify that 90 percent of a noncoaching staff member's duties are specific to football and 10 percent are specific to another sport or a nonfootball related function. Pursuant to this proposal, a noncoaching staff member whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity must be included in the numerical limit; however, clerical staff and managers whose duties include support of the football program and other noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program are exempt from the limitation.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. Potential cost savings based on the current number of noncoaching staff currently employed by an institution.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 19, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 19, 2010 Legislative Council, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal Nos. 2010-20-A and 2010-20-B.

No. 2010-21 PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS AT ANY ONE TIME -- EXCEPTION -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL -- JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

**Intent:** In sports other than basketball, to specify that during June, July and August, a coach replaced for the purpose of off-campus recruiting activities is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than the permissible number of off-campus recruiters in the particular sport engage in recruiting activities each day.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.4.3, as follows:

11.7.4.3 Off-Campus Recruiting -- At Any One Time. It is permissible for a coach to leave campus to engage in off-campus contact or evaluation before another coach who is off campus actually returns to campus, provided the total number of coaches recruiting on behalf of the institution at any time does not exceed the permissible number. The coach being replaced must complete his or her recruiting activities before another coach may begin any off-campus recruiting activity. Further, the replaced coach may not engage in additional recruiting activities until after he or she has returned to the institution's campus.

[11.7.4.3.1 unchanged.]

**11.7.4.3.2 Exception -- Sports Other Than Basketball -- June, July and August. In sports other than basketball, during June, July and August, a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than the permissible number of off-campus recruiters in the particular sport engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day (see Bylaw 11.7.4).**

**Source:** Big 12 Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** Consistent with the value-based legislation that was adopted in 2009 for basketball, other sports can benefit from similar legislation. It should be noted that when the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet considered the proposal for basketball, it also discussed whether the proposal should be expanded to other time periods and other sports to provide flexibility and possible cost savings in travel expenses. Given the positive application of the legislation to basketball, the exception should be extended to other sports during June, July and August.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential decrease in recruiting travel expenses.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale. The cabinet prefers Proposal No. 2010-21 over Proposal No. 2010-22.

**History:**

Jun 30, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.



No. 2010-22 PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS AT ANY ONE TIME -- EXCEPTION -- BASEBALL -- JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

**Intent:** In baseball, to specify that during June, July and August, a coach replaced for the purpose of off-campus recruiting activities is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than two coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.4.3, as follows:

11.7.4.3 Off-Campus Recruiting -- At Any One Time. It is permissible for a coach to leave campus to engage in off-campus contact or evaluation before another coach who is off campus actually returns to campus, provided the total number of coaches recruiting on behalf of the institution at any time does not exceed the permissible number. The coach being replaced must complete his or her recruiting activities before another coach may begin any off-campus recruiting activity. Further, the replaced coach may not engage in additional recruiting activities until after he or she has returned to the institution's campus.

[11.7.4.3.1 unchanged.]

**11.7.4.3.2 Exception -- Baseball -- June, July and August. In baseball, during June, July and August, a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than two coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day.**

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Personnel

**Rationale:** Baseball programs, much like basketball programs, use multiple staff members to evaluate and recruit during the months of June, July and August. Often, the coaching staff is trying to evaluate prospective student-athletes in many different areas of the country and within a short amount of time. This exception could result in a significant amount of time and cost savings for baseball programs.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Cost savings by not requiring coaches to travel back to campus before continuing to recruit.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Baseball Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and the practical flexibility it offers.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale, but prefers Proposal No. 2010-21 over Proposal No. 2010-22.

Noted the application to only one sport.

## History:

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 26, 2010 Baseball Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval (See position statement.)

## Amateurism

### No. 2010-24 AMATEURISM -- INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS -- PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL DRAFT -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to specify that the date by which a student-athlete must request that his name be removed from a professional league's draft list in order to retain his eligibility shall be the day before the first day of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period for the applicable year.

**Bylaws:** Amend 12.2.4.2.1.1, as follows:

12.2.4.2.1.1 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft one time during his collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided:

(a) The student-athlete requests that his name be removed from the draft list and declares his intent to resume intercollegiate participation no later than the end of ~~May 8 of the year in which the draft will occur~~ **the day before the first day of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period for the applicable year;**

[12.2.4.2.1.1-(b) through 12.2.4.2.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Amateurism

**Rationale:** Before the adoption of the current rule, student-athletes had approximately 50 days to decide whether to remain in the draft and tryouts with NBA teams could occur only in the last 20 days. During that period, collegiate head coaches were often in limbo regarding the status of their rosters for the upcoming season. Further, student-athletes typically spent a large part of that time away from campus training for pre-draft workouts, which resulted in academic concerns. The current legislation reduced the problem by setting the withdrawal deadline May 8, which is 40 days earlier than the previous withdrawal deadline but still 22 days after the first day of the National Letter of Intent late signing period for men's basketball in April. This year, NBA teams did not spend money to have workouts with student-athletes until the withdrawal deadline passed. By moving the withdrawal deadline, coaches will have flexibility to address roster issues at the



beginning of the spring signing period while viable prospects are still available. Evaluations by professional scouts and others during preseason practices, regular season games and postseason games should provide student-athletes with adequate information to credibly determine NBA draft status.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Amateurism Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes that the current rule requiring a student-athlete to withdraw his name by May 8 has only been in effect for one year and that the current rule needs further evaluation. Reducing the current time period might put student-athletes at a disadvantage by not allowing them sufficient time to gather adequate information, as well as taking away opportunities for student-athletes to participate in pre-draft workouts. Finally, there is no evidence of an academic impact on student-athletes under the current timeline.

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. Expressed some concern as to whether an earlier date would create distractions at the conclusion of the regular season.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 30, 2010 Amateurism Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-25 AMATEURISM AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- USE OF AGENTS -- BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES -- CAREER COUNSELING AND INTERNSHIP/ JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES

**Intent:** To permit a student-athlete to use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.3, as follows:

12.3 USE OF AGENTS

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

[12.3.1.1 through 12.3.1.2 unchanged.]

**12.3.1.3 Exception -- Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.**

[Remainder of 12.3 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 16.11, as follows:

16.11 BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES

16.11.1 Permissible.

16.11.1.1 General Rule. Receipt of a benefit (including otherwise prohibited extra benefits per Bylaw 16.11.2) by student-athletes, their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA rules if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students and their relatives or friends.

[16.11.1.2 through 16.11.1.14 unchanged.]

**16.11.1.15 Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.**

**Source:** Big East Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Amateurism

**Rationale:** There are many companies willing to provide job placement services exclusively to student-athletes. Such companies could help to provide a career advantage to student-athletes by assisting them in finding internships and employment. Current legislation and interpretations do not allow student-athletes to benefit from the services that are exclusive to student-athletes until after their eligibility has been exhausted. Many student-athletes are disadvantaged by the legislation, and particularly senior students-athletes in spring sports who have playing seasons that end in May and June. This proposal would allow student-athletes to work with all job placement companies before exhausting their eligibility as long as the internship/job in which the student-athlete is placed does not involve the use of the student-athlete's athletics ability.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes the opportunity for student-athletes to use career counseling and internship/job placement services available to students generally at any time. Further, the cabinet notes the additional monitoring associated with internship/job placement and potential for placement based exclusively on athletics reputation contrary to extra benefit or preferential treatment legislation.

*Amateurism Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes the opportunity for student-athletes to use internship/job placement services available to students generally at any time. Current legislation and interpretations permit institutions and outside entities to provide career counseling services that are educational in nature and to provide other educational benefits exclusively to student-athletes. Additional monitoring would be associated with such internship/job placement services and they would present the potential for placement based exclusively on athletics reputation.

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

#### **History:**

Jun 25, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Sep 30, 2010 Amateurism Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

#### No. 2010-26 AMATEURISM -- PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES -- USE OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S NAME OR LIKENESS

**Intent:** To revise the regulations related to use of a student-athlete's name or likeness for promotions, advertisements and media activities, as specified.

#### **A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.02, as follows:

##### 12.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

[12.02.1 unchanged.]

**12.02.2 Likeness. Likeness includes an individual's image, photograph, likeness (whether actual, simulated, photographic, computer-generated, rendered, caricature or otherwise), voice (whether speaking, rapping, singing, altered or otherwise), personality, biographical information and/or other personal identification.**

**12.02.3 Name. Name includes an individual's name, nickname, sobriquet, signature (whether actual, simulated, photographic, computer-generated, rendered, caricature or otherwise) and/or other personal identification.**

[12.02.2 through 12.02.5 renumbered as 12.02.4 through 12.02.7]

#### **B. Bylaws:** Amend 12.5.1, as follows:

##### 12.5.1 Permissible.

12.5.1.1 Institutional, Charitable, Education or Nonprofit Promotions. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may use a student-athlete's name, ~~picture~~ **likeness** or appearance to support its charitable or educational

activities or to support activities considered incidental to the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the following conditions are met:

(a) ~~The student athlete receives written approval to participate from the~~ **promotional activity must be approved in writing by the institution's** director of athletics (or his or her designee who may not be a coaching staff member), subject to the limitations on participants in such activities as set forth in Bylaw 17;

**(b) The student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency must sign a release statement granting permission to use his or her name, likeness or appearance in a manner consistent with the requirements of this sections;**

~~(bc) The specific promotional activity or project in which the student athlete participates does not~~ **may** involve co-sponsorship, ~~advertisement or promotion~~ by a commercial **agency entity, as approved by the institution, subject to the following conditions:** ~~other than through the reproduction of the sponsoring company's officially registered regular trademark or log on printed materials such as pictures, posters or calendars. The company's emblem, name, address and telephone number may be included with the trademark or logo. Personal names, messages and slogans (other than an officially registered trademark) are prohibited;~~

**(1) The promotion must identify (e.g., via graphics, voice over, text) the commercial entity's affiliation with the institution, conference or noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency (e.g., entity is the official sponsor of the institution or event); and**

**(2) There is no indication in the makeup, wording or action of the co-sponsorship that the student-athlete endorses or is directly promoting the use of a product or service of the commercial entity.**

~~(c) The name or picture of a student athlete with remaining eligibility may not appear on an institution's printed promotional item (e.g., poster, calendar) that includes a reproduction of a product with which a commercial entity is associated if the commercial entity's officially registered trademark or logo also appears on the item;~~

(d) The student-athlete ~~does~~ **shall** not miss class;

~~(e) All money's derived from the activity or project go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency;~~

~~(fe)~~ The student-athlete may accept actual and necessary expenses from the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency related to participation in such activity; **and**

~~(g) The student athlete's name, picture or appearance is not used to promote the commercial ventures of any nonprofit agency;~~

~~(hf)~~ Any **institutional** commercial items with names; **or** likenesses ~~or pictures~~ of multiple student-athletes ~~(other than highlight films or media guides per Bylaw 12.5.1.7)~~ may be sold only ~~at~~ **by** the member institution at which the student-athlete is enrolled, the institution's conference, institutionally controlled (owned and operated) outlets **or other institutionally**

**authorized entities (subject to Bylaw 12.5.1.1.1)** or outlets controlled by the charitable, educational or nonprofit organization (e.g., location of the charitable or educational organization, site charitable event during the event). Items that include an individual student-athlete's name, ~~picture~~ or likeness (e.g., name on jersey, name or likeness on a bobble-head doll), other than informational items (e.g., media guide, schedule cards, institutional publications), may not be sold; ~~and~~

~~(i) The student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency sign a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete's name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section.~~

**12.5.1.1.1 Sale of Institutional Commercial Items. A commercial entity may sell an institutional commercial item that includes the names and/or likenesses of multiple student-athletes, provided the following conditions are met:**

**(a) The sale of the commercial item is approved by the institution's director of athletics (or his or her designee who may not be a coaching staff member):**

**(b) The commercial item must be considered to be an institutional item and must include the name of the institution. Two or more institutions may collectively agree to authorize or license a commercial item that includes the names or likenesses of multiple student-athletes [any commercial item authorized for sale by the institution (or institutions) may be considered to be an institutional commercial item]:**

**(c) The involved student-athletes have signed a release statement granting permission to use their names or likenesses in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section;**

**(d) The involved student-athletes shall not directly endorse or promote the use of the commercial item; and**

**(e) The commercial item does not involve or relate in any way to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or an organization that is involved with or promotes gambling.**

12.5.1.1.4~~2~~ Promotions Involving NCAA Championships, Events, Activities or Programs. The NCAA [or third part acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may use the name or ~~picture~~ **likeness** of an enrolled student-athlete to generally promote NCAA championships or other NCAA events, activities or programs.

12.5.1.1.4~~3~~ Promotions Involving Commercial Locations/Sponsors. A member institution, a member conference or a charitable, educational or nonprofit organization may use the appearance, name or ~~picture~~ **likeness** of an enrolled student-athlete to promote ~~generally~~ its ~~fundraising~~ activities at the location of a commercial establishment, ~~provided the commercial establishment is not~~ **which may be** a co-sponsor of the ~~event~~ **activity, provided** ~~and~~ the student-athlete does not **directly** promote the sale of a commercial product **or service** in conjunction with the ~~fundraising~~ activity. ~~A commercial establishment would become a co-sponsor if the commercial establishment either advertises the presence of the student-athlete at the commercial location or is involved directly or indirectly in promoting the activity.~~

[12.5.1.1.3 through 12.5.1.1.4 renumbered as 12.5.1.1.4 through 12.5.1.1.5, unchanged.]



~~12.5.1.1.5 Schedule Cards. An advertisement on an institution's wallet size playing schedule that includes the name or picture of a student-athlete may include language other than the commercial product's name, trademark or logo, provided the commercial language does not appear on the same page as the picture of the student-athlete. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.~~

[12.5.1.1.6 unchanged.]

~~12.5.1.4 Congratulatory Advertisement **or Promotion**. It is permissible for a student-athlete's name or picture, or the group picture of an institution's athletics squad, to appear in an advertisement of a particular business, commercial product or service, provided:~~

~~(a) The primary purpose of the advertisement is to publicize the sponsor's congratulations to the student-athlete or team;~~

~~(b) The advertisement does not included a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated or any other item or description identifying the business or service other than its name or trademark;~~

~~(c) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution endorses the product or service of the advertiser;~~

~~(d) The student-athlete has not signed a consent or release granting permission to use the student-athlete's name or picture in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of this section; and~~

~~(e) If the student-athlete has received a prize from a commercial sponsor in conjunction with participation in a promotional contest and the advertisement involves the announcement of receipt of the prize, the receipt of the prize is consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 12.5.2.3.3 and official interpretations.~~

**An advertisement or promotion by a commercial entity may include a student-athlete's name or likeness (e.g., competition video footage, competition photographs), provided the following conditions are met:**

**(a) The advertisement or promotion is approved by the institution's director of athletics (or his or her designee who may not be a coaching staff member);**

**(b) The student-athlete has signed a release statement granting permission to use his or her name or likeness in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section;**

**(c) The student-athlete does not miss class;**

**(d) The advertisement or promotion identifies (e.g., via graphics, voice over, text) the commercial entity's affiliation with the institution, conference or the NCAA (e.g., entity is the official sponsor of the institution or event);**

**(e) There is no indication in the makeup, wording or action of the advertisement or promotion that the student-athlete endorses or is directly promoting the use of a product or service of the commercial entity;**

**(f) If a student-athlete's name is used in the advertisement or promotion, a reference to the student-athlete's institution must be used immediately before or after his or her name; and**

**(g) The advertisement or promotion does not involve alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or an organization that is involved with or promotes gambling.**

**12.5.1.4.1 Effect of Violation. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected.**

[12.5.1.5 through 12.5.1.6 unchanged.]

~~12.5.1.7 Promotion by Third Party of Highlight Film, Video or Media Guide. Any party other than the institution or a student-athlete (e.g., a distribution company) may sell and distribute an institutional highlight film or video or an institutional or conference media guide that contains the names and pictures of enrolled student-athletes only if:~~

~~(a) The institution specifically designates any agency that is authorized to receive orders for the film, video or media guide;~~

~~(b) Sales and distribution activities have the written approval of the institution's athletics director;~~

~~(c) The distribution company or a retail store is precluded from using the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete in any poster or other advertisement to promote the sale or distribution of the film or media guide; and~~

~~(d) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution endorses the product or services of the advertiser.~~

[12.5.1.8 through 12.5.1.9 renumbered as 12.5.1.7 through 12.5.1.8, unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 12.5.2, as follows:

12.5.2 Nonpermissible.

12.5.2.1 Advertisement and Promotions Subsequent to Enrollment. After becoming a student-athlete, an individual shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics if the individual:

(a) Accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or *picture* **likeness** to advertise, recommend or promote *directly* the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind, **except as permitted in Bylaws 12.5.1.1 and 12.5.1.4,** or

[Remainder of 12.5.2.1 unchanged.]

12.5.2.2 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or *Picture* **Likeness** ~~without Knowledge or Permission~~. If a student-athlete's name or *picture* **likeness** appears on commercial items (e.g., T-shirts, sweatshirts, serving trays, playing cards, posters) or is used to **advertise or** promote a commercial product **or service** sold by an individual or agency ~~without the student-athlete's knowledge or permission~~ **in a manner contrary to the requirements of Bylaw 12.5.1.4,** the

student-athlete (or the institution acting on behalf of the student-athlete) is required to take steps to stop such an activity in order to retain his or her eligibility for intercollegiate athletics. Such steps are not required in cases in which a student-athlete's photograph is sold by an individual or agency (e.g., private photographer, news agency) for private use.

~~12.5.2.3 Specifically Restricted Activities. A student-athlete's involvement in promotional activities specified in this section is prohibited.~~

~~12.5.2.3.1 Name the Player Contest. A student-athlete may not permit use of his or her name or picture in a "name the player" contest conducted by a commercial business for the purpose of promoting that business.~~

~~12.5.2.3.2 Athletics Equipment Advertisement. A student-athlete's name or picture may not be used by an athletics equipment company or manufacturer to publicize the fact that the institution's team uses its equipment.~~

[12.5.2.4 unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 12.5.3, as follows:

12.5.3 Media Activities.

~~(a) During the Playing Season. During the playing season, a student-athlete may appear on radio and television programs (e.g., coaches' shows) or engage in writing projects when the student-athlete's appearance or participation is related in any way to athletics ability or prestige, provided the student-athlete does not receive any remuneration for the appearance or participation in the activity. The student-athlete shall not make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any commercial product or service. The student-athlete may, however, receive actual and necessary expenses directly related to the appearance or participation in the activity. A student-athlete participating in media activities during the playing season may not miss class, except for class time missed in conjunction with away-from-home competition or to participate in a conference-sponsored media day.~~

~~(b) **Outside the Playing Season.** Outside the playing season, a **A** student-athlete may participate in media activities (e.g., appearance on radio, television, in films or stage productions or participation in writing projects) when such appearance or participation is related in any way to athletics ability or prestige, provided the student-athlete is eligible academically to represent the institution, and he or she does not receive any remuneration for such appearance or participation and he or she is not portrayed in a manner as promoting or directly endorsing the sale or use of a commercial product or service. ~~The student-athlete may not make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any commercial product or service.~~ The student-athlete may, however, receive legitimate and normal expenses directly related to such appearance or participation, provided the source of the expenses is the entity sponsoring the activity. **A student-athlete participating in media activities may not miss class, except for class time missed in conjunction with away-from-home competition or to participate in a conference-sponsored media day.**~~

**12.5.3.1 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness by a Media Entity in Conjunction with Coverage of Intercollegiate Competition and Other Activities. A media entity, or its authorized distributor, may include a student-athlete's name or likeness in its coverage**



**and promotion of intercollegiate competition and other activities incidental to his or her participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student-athlete is not portrayed in a manner as promoting or directly endorsing the sale or use of a commercial product or service. A media entity may feature a student-athlete's name or likeness in the course of its journalistic coverage of news (and the promotions of such coverage) related to the student-athlete or his or her institution or conference or the NCAA.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Amateurism

**Rationale:** This proposal is a result of the work of the NCAA Task Force on Commercial Activity in Division I Intercollegiate Athletics. This legislation will help to achieve the balance in intercollegiate athletics that is needed with regard to commercial activities and the use of student-athlete's names or likeness. This proposal was developed in the spirit of balancing the importance of commercial sponsors in maintaining a comprehensive athletics program and the importance of protecting student-athletes from being exploited by commercial entities. This proposal provides an institution, conference or the NCAA flexibility in developing relationships with commercial entities that benefit athletics programs, while maintaining the principle prohibiting commercial exploitation of student-athletes. The Amateurism Cabinet will continue to evaluate and monitor issues related to commercialism and the use of student-athletes' names and likenesses and will continue to make policy or legislative recommendations related to such uses. The NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs staff and the Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee will continue to provide interpretations related to student-athlete amateurism. The governance structure ultimately serves as a check on the consistency of such interpretations.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Feb 25, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 25, 2010 Amateurism Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 30, 2010 Amateurism Cabinet, Modified the Proposal Proposal modified to clarify that an institution, individually, or two or more institutions, collectively, may agree to authorize or license a commercial item that includes the names or likenesses of multiple student-athletes, subject to the requirements of Bylaws 12.5.1.1 and 12.5.1.1.1.

## Recruiting

No. 2009-39 RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS -- EVALUATION DAYS -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL

**Intent:** To specify that (a) an institution that sponsors only women's sand volleyball is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31); (b) an institution that sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball is limited to 80 evaluation days for women's volleyball and 20 additional evaluation days specific to sand volleyball competition only (no evaluations of practice or other athletics activities, no academic evaluations); (c) if an institution sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball, a coach's involvement outside a volleyball contact or evaluation period with a local sports club (volleyball or sand volleyball) per Bylaw 13.11.2.3 shall count toward the limit; and (d) women's sand volleyball shall be subject to the women's volleyball recruiting calendar.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Limitations on Number of Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.12 unchanged.]

**13.1.7.13 Evaluation Days -- Women's Sand Volleyball. An institution that sponsors only women's sand volleyball is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. An institution that sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball is limited to 80 evaluation days for women's volleyball and 20 additional evaluation days specific to sand volleyball competition only (no evaluations of practice or other athletics activities, no academic evaluations). If an institution sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball, a coach's involvement outside a volleyball contact or evaluation period with a local sports club (volleyball or sand volleyball) per Bylaw 13.11.2.3 shall count toward the limit.**

[13.1.7.13 through 13.1.7.20 renumbered as 13.1.7.14 through 13.1.7.21, unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.9, as follows:

13.17.9 Women's Volleyball **and Women's Sand Volleyball**. The following recruiting periods shall apply to women's volleyball **and women's sand volleyball**:

[Remainder of 13.17.9 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal will provide institutions that sponsor both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball with 20 additional evaluation days to evaluate prospective student-athletes engaging in sand volleyball competition. It is expected that in the initial years of sponsorship, a large number of women's sand volleyball participants will also be women's volleyball participants. Due to the currently limited opportunities to evaluate prospective student-athletes competing in sand volleyball events, it is reasonable to expect that the evaluations for women's sand volleyball prospective student-athletes will be conducted during women's volleyball competition. These same challenges will be faced by institutions that sponsor only women's sand volleyball. Therefore, a limit of 80 evaluation days is also appropriate for such institutions, rather than an unlimited number

as suggested by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Finally, the number of permissible evaluation days shall remain at 80 for institutions that sponsor only women's volleyball.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Additional costs associated with increase in number of permissible evaluation days for institutions that sponsor women's sand volleyball.

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

### **Position Statement(s)**

#### **History:**

Jun 08, 2009 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 09, 2009 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored

Jan 13, 2010 Leg Council Init Review; Forwarded for Membership Comment

Jan 17, 2010 Comment Period; Start of Comment Period

Mar 17, 2010 Comment Period; End of Comment Period; (Official Comment Totals: Support = 0, Oppose = 1, Abstain = 0)

Apr 13, 2010 Leg Council Final Review; Tabled With the delay to the effective date for the addition of women's sand volleyball to the list of emerging sports for women, current proposals and any new concepts related to the sport will be considered in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Modified the Proposal Modified the proposal to specify that an institution that sponsors only women's sand volleyball is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31); further, to specify that an institution that sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball is limited to 80 evaluation days for women's volleyball and 20 additional evaluation days specific to sand volleyball competition only (no evaluations of practice or other athletics activities, no academic evaluations). In addition, modified the proposal to specify that women's sand volleyball shall be subject to the women's volleyball recruiting calendar.

### No. 2009-100-A RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- NONSCHOLASTIC PRACTICE OR COMPETITION AND NONINSTITUTIONAL CAMPS OR CLINICS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to specify that an institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs; further, to specify that an institution may host basketball-related events that are part of state-sponsored multisport events and that the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospect-aged participants shall be limited to the months of June, July and August.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 TRYOUTS

13.11.1 Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaws 13.11.1.1 and 13.11.1.2) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3.

[13.11.1.1 through 13.11.1.7 unchanged.]

**13.11.1.8 Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Men's Basketball. An institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs.**

**13.11.1.8.1 Exception -- State-Sponsored Multisport Events. An institution may host basketball-related events that are part of state-sponsored multisport events.**

**13.11.1.9 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospect-aged (see Bylaw 13.11.1.2) participants shall be limited to the months of June, July and August.**

[13.11.1.8 through 13.11.1.9 renumbered as 13.11.1.10 through 13.11.1.11, unchanged.]

[Remainder of 13.11 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Board of Directors

**Effective Date:** Immediate; a contract signed before October 29, 2009 may be honored.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** There has been a proliferation of nonscholastic events held on Division I campuses during quiet periods, specifically during the months of May and June. Generally, these events are being planned and operated in an attempt to assist institutions with recruiting opportunities. Travel and lodging expenses are routinely provided free of charge for those prospective student-athletes or teams identified as important to the coaching staff's recruiting efforts, and funds and/or services provided by institutions and boosters are sometimes used to pay these expenses. Reluctant college coaches are being leveraged to help the event operator arrange for discounted operational costs (e.g., facility fees) under the threat that the event operator will take the event (and all of the prospective student-athletes) to another institution's campus. Regardless of the level of complicity or involvement of the coaching staff, these events provide a significant recruiting advantage for the institution that hosts the events. Institutions will continue to have the opportunity to host noninstitutional camps or clinics during the months of July, July and August and the opportunity to host basketball competition that is part of state-sponsored multisport events.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential for lost revenue for use of facilities by outside entities.

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

## Position Statement(s)

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet.* The cabinet acknowledged the potential recruiting advantages gained by institutions that host nonscholastic practices or events, but expressed concern that the proposal would eliminate the opportunity for many institutions' auxiliary departments (e.g., recreation and athletics departments) to generate revenue by conducting such events on campus.

## History:

Oct 28, 2009 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 29, 2009 Board of Directors, Sponsored

Jan 14, 2010 Leg Council Init Review;, Forwarded for Membership Comment

Jan 17, 2010 Comment Period; Start of Comment Period

Feb 04, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, No Formal Position

Mar 17, 2010 Comment Period; End of Comment Period; (Official Comment Totals: Support = 1, Oppose = 13, Abstain = 0)

Apr 13, 2010 Leg Council Final Review;, Referred;(referred proposal to Men's Basketball Issues Committee) The proposal remains in the legislative process and will be considered again in the 2010-11 legislative cycle. If the proposal is adopted, as noted in the effective date, a contract signed before October 29, 2009 may be honored. If the legislation is adopted, actions contrary to the legislation that are taken pursuant to contracts signed on or after October 29, 2009 will result in violations.

Oct 26, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2009-100-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2009-100-B.

Oct 28, 2010 Board of Directors, Modified the Proposal Modified to specify that an institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs; further, to specify that an institution may host basketball-related events that are part of state-sponsored multisport events and that the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospect-aged participants shall be limited to the months of June, July and August. Previously, the proposal specified that an institution shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice, contest or event in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs.

No. 2009-100-B RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- NONSCHOLASTIC PRACTICE OR COMPETITION AND NONINSTITUTIONAL CAMPS OR CLINICS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- EXCEPTION FOR LONGSTANDING EVENTS

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to specify that an institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs; further, to specify that the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospect-aged participants shall be limited to the months of June, July and August and that an institution may host basketball-related events that are part of state-sponsored multisport events and longstanding contests or events, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.11, as follows:

### 13.11 TRYOUTS

13.11.1 Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaws 13.11.1.1 and 13.11.1.2) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3.

[13.11.1.1 through 13.11.1.7 unchanged.]

**13.11.1.8 Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Men's Basketball. An institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs.**

**13.11.1.8.1 Exception -- State-Sponsored Multisport Events. An institution may host basketball-related events that are part of state-sponsored multisport events.**

**13.11.1.8.2 Exception -- Longstanding Events. An institution may host a nonscholastic basketball contest or event, provided:**

**(a) The contest or event has been hosted by the institution for at least the previous 25 consecutive years;**

**(b) The contest or event occurs during the academic year; and**

**(c) The contest or event is conducted by an entity outside the institution.**

**13.11.1.9 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospect-aged (see Bylaw 13.11.1.2) participants shall be limited to the months of June, July and August.**

[13.11.1.8 through 13.11.1.9 renumbered as 13.11.1.10 through 13.11.1.11, unchanged.]

[Remainder of 13.11 unchanged.]

**Source:** Horizon League

**Effective Date:** Immediate; a contract signed before October 29, 2009 may be honored.



**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal recognizes that some institutions may have hosted longstanding contests or events on their campuses that are unrelated to recruiting interests. These events may bring revenue and potential students, who are not student-athletes, to the institution. The concerns the original proposal seeks to address likely do not exist if the event has occurred on an institution's campus for at least twenty-five years. Any recruiting advantage gained through the hosting of such contests or events is very limited.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential for lost revenue for use of facilities by outside entities.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 26, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration as an alternative to Proposal No. 2009-100-A.

No. 2010-27 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE CALLS -- TIME PERIOD FOR OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE CALLS

**Intent:** To permit off-campus recruiting contacts with and telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) on or after July 1 following completion of his or her junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.1, as follows:

13.1.1 Contactable Individuals.

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women's ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women's gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1.

[Remainder of 13.1.1 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (subject to the exceptions below), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school),

whichever is earlier; thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week.

[Remainder of 13.1.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Prospective student-athletes complete coursework at various types of educational institutions (e.g., foreign, domestic, traditional, home school, Internet, correspondence). These institutions have varying academic calendars, with some students not completing their junior year of high school until after July 1. This results in a period of time during which it is not permissible for a coaching staff member to initiate telephone contact or have in-person off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete, even though he or she may be a senior. There are current interpretive exceptions for a prospective student-athlete who is on an accelerated path to graduation, if he or she is designated as a senior by the educational institution. However, a prospective student-athlete who attends a school that follows a nontraditional academic calendar is not afforded the same exception.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee took no position. The committee notes that although the recommendation would impact women's basketball, the concept being applied to all sports is appropriate.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, No Formal Position

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-28 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- HEAD COACH RESTRICTIONS -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON ASSISTANT COACH PUBLICLY DESIGNATED AS NEXT HEAD COACH

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football, to eliminate the restriction that specifies that an institution's assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach shall be subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach.



**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.2.6, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.1.2.6 Head Coach Restrictions -- Bowl Subdivision Football.

~~13.1.2.6.1 Assistant Coach Publicly Designated as Institution's Next Head Coach. An institution's assistant coach has been publicly designated by the institution to become its next head coach shall be subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach.~~

[13.1.2.6.2 renumbered as 13.1.2.6.1, unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.4.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.1.7.4.1 Head Coach Restriction -- Spring Evaluation Period. In bowl subdivision football, during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period, the head coach ~~and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach (see Bylaw 13.1.2.6.1)]~~ shall not engage in off-campus recruiting activities, participate in an off-campus coaching clinic, visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution for any reason or meet with a prospective student-athlete's coach at an off-campus location.

**Source:** Big 12 Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The designation of an assistant coach as the next head coach may occur several years before the departure of the current head coach. Under the current rule, such a designation prohibits the assistant coach from fully performing his duties during the spring evaluation period and other periods of time. Such restrictions come with unintended consequences, such as the delegation of additional duties to other coaching staff members. Whether an institution chooses to designate a head coach in waiting is not a issue of national significance. Therefore, legislation restricting the activities of a head coach in waiting is neither necessary nor appropriate.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee notes that the current legislation was adopted in 2009 and that there appears to be no significant reason for eliminating it.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. Noted current legislation has only been in effect since January 2010. Further, noted the potential

recruiting advantage for institutions that publicly designate an assistant coach as the next head coach if the assistant coach is not restricted to the same activities as the current head coach.

**History:**

Jul 02, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-29 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- HEAD COACH RESTRICTIONS -- ASSISTANT COACH PUBLICLY DESIGNATED AS NEXT HEAD COACH -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- APPLICATION TO PRIOR DESIGNATIONS

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football, to specify that an assistant coach who was publicly designated before August 14, 2009, by the institution to become its next head coach is not subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.2.6.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.1.2.6.1 Assistant Coach Publicly Designated as Institution's Next Head Coach. An institution's assistant coach who ~~has been~~ **was** publicly designated **on or after August 14, 2009**, by the institution to become its next head coach shall be subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach. **An assistant coach who was publicly designated before August 14, 2009, by the institution to become its next head coach is not subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach.**

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** With the adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 2009-31, an assistant coach who had been publicly designated by an institution to become its next head coach is now subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the head coach. Institutions that designated a "head coach-in-waiting" before August 14, 2009, did not anticipate that such a legislative action would, effectively, result in them being placed in a recruiting disadvantage by limiting the recruiting activities of the assistant coach. To avoid these unfair effects, this proposal specifies that those coaches who were designated as the next head coach prior to August 14, 2009, would be permitted to continue to recruit as assistant coaches. Institutions that publicly designate an assistant coach as the next head coach after August 14, 2009, would be subject to the head coach recruiting restrictions since those institutions would have an opportunity to evaluate the consequences of such a designation. This proposal, at its core, is strictly about fundamental fairness and notice.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee took no formal position.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes this proposal would permit an inconsistent application of the legislation, and affected institutions already have received a one-year waiver of the current restrictions to provide opportunity to realign responsibilities of assistant coaches who have been publicly designated as the next head coach.

**History:**

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, No Formal Position

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-30 RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- TIME PERIOD FOR TELEPHONE CALLS -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In sports other than football, to specify that an institution may make one telephone call per month to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school through July 31 after the individual's junior year in high school, two telephone calls per week beginning August 1 prior to the individual's senior year in high school, and one telephone call per week to a two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians); further, in sports other than football for which a defined recruiting calendar applies, to specify that during a contact period that occurs on or after August 1 before an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- ~~General Rule~~ **Sports Other Than Football.** ~~Telephone~~ **In sports other than football, telephone** calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before ~~July 1 following the completion of his or her junior~~ **June 15 of the individual's sophomore** year in high school ~~(subject to the exceptions below); thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week.~~ **Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) as follows:**

**(a) One telephone call per month on or after June 15 of the individual's sophomore year in high school through July 31 following the individual's junior year in high school.**

**(b) Two telephone calls per week beginning August 1 prior to the individual's senior year in high school.**

**(c) One telephone call per week to a two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians).**

**(d) In sports for which a defined recruiting calendar applies (see Bylaw 13.17), during a contact period that occurs on or after August 1 before an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.**

~~13.1.3.1.1 Exception — Baseball, Cross Country/Track and Field, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In baseball, cross country/track and field, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, softball and women's volleyball, telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school. Thereafter, such telephone calls shall be limited to once per week outside a contact period, but may be made at the institution's discretion during a contact period.~~

~~13.1.3.1.2 Exception — Football. In football, one telephone call to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) may be made from April 15 through May 31 of the individual's junior year in high school. Additional telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before September 1 of the beginning of the individual's senior year in high school. Thereafter, such telephone contact is limited to once per week outside a contact period, but may be made at the institution's discretion during a contact period.~~

~~13.1.3.1.3 Exception — Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution is permitted to make one telephone call per month to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) on or after June 15 of the individual's sophomore year in high school through July 31 of the individual's junior year in high school. Thereafter, outside a contact period, an institution is permitted to make two telephone calls per week to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) beginning August 1 before the individual's senior year in high school. Outside a contact period, an institution is permitted to make one telephone call per week to a two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians). During a contact period that occurs after August 1 prior to an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.~~

~~13.1.3.1.4 Exception — Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, telephone calls may be made to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) as follows:~~

~~(a) One telephone call during the month of April of the individual's junior year in high school on or after the Thursday after the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Women's Final Four.~~

~~(b) One telephone call during the month of May of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~(c) One telephone call on or after June 1 through June 20 of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~(d) One telephone call on or after June 21 through June 30 of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~(e) Three telephone calls during the month of July following the individual's junior year in high school, with not more than one telephone call per week [see Bylaw 13.1.6.2.2 (c)].~~

~~(f) Thereafter, one telephone call per week outside a contact period and unlimited telephone calls during a contact period.~~

13.1.3.1.3.1 Additional Restrictions -- Additional Communication With a Parent or Legal Guardian Who Serves on Staff of a Nonscholastic Team -- **Women's Basketball.** ~~An **In women's basketball, an**~~ institution may not have any additional communication with a parent or legal guardian of a prospective student-athlete who serves on the staff of his or her daughter's nonscholastic team unless the parent or legal guardian also serves as a head coach of his or her daughter's scholastic team and the additional communication is unrelated to recruitment of his or her daughter.

13.1.3.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions -- July Evaluation Periods -- **Women's Basketball.** In women's basketball, during the July evaluation periods, all communication with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, the prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited.

13.1.3.1.3.2.1 Exception -- Communication After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment -- **Women's Basketball.** In women's basketball, an institution may communicate with a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives, legal guardians or coach) during the July evaluation periods, provided the prospective student-athlete has graduated from high school and signed a National Letter of Intent with the institution. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in women's basketball or for those prospective student-athlete's not eligible to sign the National Letter of Intent, communication may occur during the July evaluation periods, provided the prospective student-athlete has graduated from high school and signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

~~13.1.3.1.5 Exception -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an institution is permitted to make one telephone call per month to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school through July 31 after the individual's junior year in high school. An institution is permitted to make one telephone call per week to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) beginning August 1 following completion of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~13.1.3.1.6 Exception -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, an institution is permitted to make one telephone call to an individual (or the individual's relatives or guardians) who is a resident of a foreign country on or after July 7 through July 31 following the completion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. An institution is permitted to make one telephone call per week to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) beginning July 7 following completion of the individual junior year in high school.~~

[13.1.3.1.7 through 13.1.3.1.8 unchanged.]



**13.1.3.2 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- Football. In football, telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before April 15 of the individual's junior year in high school. One telephone call to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) may be made from April 15 through May 31 of the individual's junior year in high school. Additional telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before September 1 of the beginning of the individual's senior year in high school. Thereafter, such telephone contact is limited to once per week outside a contact period, but may be at the institution's discretion during a contact period.**

[Remainder 13.1.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal applies the current telephone call rule in men's basketball to all sports other than football. Based on the examination of the current recruiting model and feedback received from the membership, this proposal will help to bring uniformity to the telephone calls legislation. The proposal excludes football due to the fact that the current legislation is specific to the spring evaluation period. This legislative change will provide the opportunity, in most sports, for communication on a limited basis with prospective student-athletes at an earlier time. Such communication may be used to better assess a prospective student-athlete's academic preparedness and provide guidance regarding his or her high school academic curriculum. Such access would assist both institutions and prospective student-athletes in making sound recruiting evaluations and decisions. With the introduction of legislative proposals restricting verbal offers of athletics aid until July 1 following the completion of an individual's junior year in high school, additional opportunities are necessary to assist in developing a relationship between a coach and a prospective student-athlete and for a coach to obtain key information about a prospective student-athlete prior to making any verbal or written offers of financial aid.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale, but notes that the sponsor should consider modifying the provision that permits two telephone calls per week beginning August 1 prior to the individual's senior year in high school to one telephone call per week.

**History:**

Jun 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 09, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-31 RECRUITING AND PERSONNEL -- RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS -- CONTACTS, TELEPHONE CALLS AND RECRUITING MATERIALS -- EXCEPTIONS -- COMMUNICATION AFTER COMMITMENT

**Intent:** To specify that the restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) shall no longer apply beginning the calendar day after: (1) the prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or (2) the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.1.2, as follows:

11.7.1.2 Recruiting Coordination Functions. The following recruiting coordination functions (except related routine clerical tasks) must be performed by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4:

- (a) Activities involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes; and
- (b) Making telephone calls to or receiving telephone calls from prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' parents, legal guardians or coaches).

[11.7.1.2.1 unchanged.]

11.7.1.2.2 Exceptions -- Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches.

[11.7.1.2.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) After Receipt of Financial Deposit. ~~On or after May 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, a~~ **A** noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.1.2-(b), ~~provided~~ **after the calendar day on which** the institution ~~has received~~ **receives** a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

[11.7.1.2.2-(c) and 11.7.1.2.2-(d) unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.02.5.4.2, as follows:

13.02.5.4.2 Exception -- Unofficial Visit During Dead Period After ~~National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written~~ Commitment. ~~A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) is permitted to make an unofficial visit during a dead period to the institution with which he or she has signed the NLI. For an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign the NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a prospective student-athlete is permitted to make an unofficial visit during a dead~~

~~period, provided he or she has signed the institution's written offer of admission or financial aid, or the institution has received a financial deposit from the prospective student-athlete in response to an offer of admission.~~ **A prospective student-athlete is permitted to make an unofficial visit during a dead period beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:**

**(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or a prospective student-athlete not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or**

**(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.**

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (subject to the exceptions below); thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week.

[13.1.3.1.1 through 13.1.3.1.3 unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.4 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, telephone calls may be to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) as follows:

[13.1.3.1.4-(a) through 13.1.3.1.4-(f) unchanged.]

[13.1.3.1.4.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.4.2 Additional Restrictions -- July Evaluation Periods. In women's basketball, during the July evaluation periods, all communication with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, the prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited.

13.1.3.1.4.2.1 Exception -- Communication After ~~National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written~~ Commitment. In women's basketball, an institution may communicate with a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives, legal guardians or coach) during the July evaluation periods, provided the ~~prospective student-athlete has graduated from high school and signed a National Letter of Intent with the institution. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in women's basketball or for those prospective student-athletes not eligible to sign the National Letter of Intent, communication may occur during the July evaluation periods, provided the prospective student-athlete has graduated from high school and signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.~~ **communication does not occur until the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:**

**(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete**



**not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or**

**(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.**

[13.1.3.1.5 through 13.1.3.1.8 unchanged.]

[13.1.3.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3.3 Exceptions.

[13.1.3.3.1 through 13.1.3.3.2 unchanged.]

~~13.1.3.3.3 Telephone Calls After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. After the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has signed. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians by that institution after the calendar day on which the prospective student-athlete signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. **There shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by the institution to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occur:**~~

**(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or**

**(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.**

~~13.1.3.3.4 Telephone Calls After Receipt of Financial Deposit. On or after May 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by an institution to the prospective student-athlete, provided the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

[13.1.3.3.5 renumbered as 13.1.3.3.4, unchanged.]

13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.

13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members -- General Rule. All telephone calls made to and received from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) must be made and received by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4 (see Bylaw 11.7.1.2). In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, such telephone calls also may be made and received by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1.

[13.1.3.4.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.4.1.2 Additional Exceptions -- Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- **After Commitment.**

~~(a) After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. After the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, a noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may make telephone calls to or receive telephone calls from the prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians). For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), a noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4 may make telephone calls to or receive telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) after the calendar day on which the prospective student-athlete signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.~~

~~(b) After Receipt of Financial Deposit. On or after May 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, a noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may make telephone calls to or receive telephone calls from the prospective student-athlete, provided the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

**A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may make telephone calls to or receive telephone calls from the prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:**

**(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete not eligible to sign a NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or**

**(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.**

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.5, as follows:

13.1.5 Contacts.

[13.1.5.1 through 13.1.5.3 unchanged.]

13.1.5.4 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to five recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete; however, during the prospective student-athlete's senior year, the institution is limited to not more than three in-person, off-campus contacts (see Bylaw 13.1.5.5). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days

during the academic year contact and evaluation periods.

[13.1.5.4.1 unchanged.]

13.1.5.4.2 Additional Restrictions -- July Evaluation Periods. In women's basketball, during the July evaluation periods, all communication with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, the prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited.

**13.1.5.4.2 Exception -- Communication After Commitment. In women's basketball, an institution may communicate with a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives, legal guardians or coach) during the July evaluation periods, provided the communication does not occur until the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:**

**(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or**

**(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.**

[13.1.5.5 through 13.1.5.7 unchanged.]

~~13.1.5.8 Contacts After *National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written* Commitment – *Sports Other Than Women's Basketball and Football. In sports other than women's basketball and football, after the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has signed. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, there shall be no limit on the number of contacts with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians by that institution after the calendar day of the prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.* **There shall be no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:**~~

**(1) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or**

**(2) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.**

**13.1.5.8.1 Exceptions.** ~~However, the~~ **The** following conditions continue to apply:

(a) Any contact at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution in men's basketball shall be confined to the permissible contact period and shall not exceed one visit per week;

**(b) In football, contact at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution shall be confined to the permissible contact period and the spring evaluation period (see Bylaw 13.17.4). Contact at the educational institution during the contact shall not exceed one visit per week. A visit to the educational institution during the spring evaluation period that only includes contact with a signed prospective student-athlete shall be considered one of the institution's two permissible days at the institution (see Bylaw 13.1.7.9.2);**

~~(bc)~~ No in-person, off-campus contact may be made during a "dead period;"

~~(ed)~~ No on- or off-campus contact (including correspondence and telephone calls) may be made by a representative of the institution's athletics interests except those involving permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., a discussion of summer employment arrangements); and

~~(de)~~ Contact at the site of a prospective student-athlete's competition shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Bylaw 13.1.6.2. Note: Contact with the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians at the site of the prospective student-athlete's competition shall be permitted (see Bylaw 13.1.6.2.2).

~~13.1.5.8.1 Contacts After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Commitment—Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, after the calendar day on which the prospective student-athlete signs the National Letter of Intent (NLI), there shall be no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the prospective student athlete has signed. For an institution not using the NLI in women's basketball or for those prospective student athletes not eligible to sign the NLI (e.g., four year college transfer), there shall be no limit on the number of contacts with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians by that institution after the calendar day of the prospective student athlete's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. However, the following conditions continue to apply:~~

~~(a) No in-person, on- or off-campus contact may be made during a "dead period;"~~

~~(b) No on- or off-campus contact (including correspondence and telephone calls) may be made by a representative of the institution's athletics interests except those involving permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., discussion of summer employment arrangements); and~~

~~(c) Contact at the site of a prospective student athlete's competition shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Bylaw 13.1.6.2. Note: Contact with the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians at the site of the prospective student-athlete's competition shall be permitted (see Bylaw 13.1.6.2.2).~~

~~13.1.5.8.2 Contacts After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment—Football. In football, after the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the prospective student athlete has signed. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in football, there shall be no limit on the number of contacts with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians by that institution after the calendar day of the prospective student-athlete's signed~~

~~acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. However, the following conditions continue to apply:~~

~~(a) Contact at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution shall be confined to the permissible contact period and the spring evaluation period (see Bylaw 13.17.4). Contact at the educational institution during the contact period shall not exceed one visit per week. A visit to the educational institution during the spring evaluation period that only includes contact with a signed prospective student-athlete shall be considered one of the institution's two permissible days at that institution (see Bylaw 13.1.7.9.2);~~

~~(b) No in-person, on- or off-campus contact may be made during a "dead period;"~~

~~(c) No on- or off-campus contact (including correspondence and telephone calls) may be made by a representative of the institution's athletics interests except those involving permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., discussion of summer employment arrangements); and~~

~~(d) Contact at the site of a prospective student-athlete's competition shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Bylaw 13.1.6.2. Note: Contact with the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians at the site of the prospective student-athlete's competition shall be permitted.~~

[13.1.5.8.3 renumbered as 13.1.5.8.2, unchanged.]

[Remainder of 13.1.5 unchanged.]

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 13.4.1, as follows:

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials. In sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey, a member institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. In men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school.

[13.4.1.1 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. (See Bylaw 13.1.6.2.) All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited. Color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence sent to a prospective student-athlete, provided the attachment only includes information that is not created for recruiting purposes, except for items that are specifically permitted as printed recruiting materials (e.g., questionnaires) and a media guide. In addition, attachments shall not include any animation, audio or video clips and there shall be no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the electronic mail correspondence.

13.4.1.2.1 Exception -- Electronic Transmissions After ~~National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written~~ Commitment. ~~After the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete~~



~~signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence sent to the prospective student-athlete or his or her parents or legal guardians by the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has signed. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), there shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence sent to a prospective student-athlete or his or her parents or legal guardians by that institution after the calendar day on which the prospective student-athlete signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.~~ **There shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:**

**(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete not eligible to sign a NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or**

**(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.**

~~13.4.1.2.2 Exception -- Electronic Transmissions After Receipt of Financial Deposit. On or after May 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 the prospective student-athlete, provided the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

[13.4.1.2.3 renumbered as 13.4.1.2.2, unchanged.]

[Remainder of 13.4.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal reflects the membership's increased comfort level with and gradual move toward deregulation of communication after the generally recognized conclusion of the recruiting process.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

**History:**

Jun 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 09, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-32 RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS AND ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS --  
AFTER WRITTEN COMMITMENT OR RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL DEPOSIT -- ON OR  
AFTER SECOND WEDNESDAY OF NOVEMBER

**Intent:** To specify that on or after the second Wednesday of November of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by an institution to the prospective student-athlete and there shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent by an institution to the prospective student-athlete, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.3.3.4, as follows:

13.1.3.3.4 Telephone Calls After **Written Commitment or** Receipt of Financial Deposit. On or after ~~May 1~~ **the second Wednesday of November** of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by an institution to the prospective student-athlete, provided **the prospective student-athlete has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or** the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.4.1.2.2, as follows:

13.4.1.2.2 Exception -- Electronic Transmissions After **Written Commitment or** Receipt of Financial Deposit. On or after ~~May 1~~ **the second Wednesday of November** 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 the prospective student-athlete, provided **the prospective student-athlete has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or** the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

**Source:** Big 12 Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal is intended to establish some consistency in the application of restrictions on communication with a prospective student-athlete after he or she has committed to an institution. Currently, an institution may make an unlimited number of telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete and use unlimited forms of electronic correspondence, if he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI). A signed acceptance of an institution's offer of financial aid or admission or submission of a financial deposit in response to an offer of admission demonstrates a commitment to enroll at the institution. The same flexibility in the legislation

regarding communication with a prospective student-athlete who has signed an NLI should apply to a prospective student-athlete who has signed an offer of admission or financial aid, or has submitted a financial deposit in response to an offer of admission. Establishing the second Wednesday of November of a prospective student-athlete's senior year as the date on which the exceptions begin apply is reasonable. That date is consistent with the early NLI signing period. Finally, this proposal provides reasonable flexibility, which has been a general trend with recruiting legislation in recent years.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Minimal.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal, but prefers Proposal No. 2010-31. Noted this proposal only impacts telephone calls and electronic communication. Further, noted this proposal is more restrictive as it relates to when the exceptions become applicable.

**History:**

Jul 12, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval (See position statement.)

No. 2010-33 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- SEVEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Intent:** In women's basketball, to increase, from five to seven, the number of recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations).

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.5.4, as follows:

13.1.5.4 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to ~~five~~ **seven** recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete; however, during the prospective student-athlete's senior year, the institution is limited to not more than three in-person, off-campus contacts (see Bylaw 13.1.5.5). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days during the academic year contact and evaluation periods.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.6, as follows:

13.1.7.6 Limitations on Number of Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to ~~five~~ **seven** recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete; however, during the prospective student-athlete's senior year, the institution is limited to not more than three in-person, off-campus contacts (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4 and 13.1.5.5). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days during the academic year contact and evaluation periods.



**C. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.8, as follows:

13.1.7.8 Basketball Evaluations.

[13.1.7.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution is limited to ~~five~~ **seven** recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.1.5.5). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days during the academic year contact and evaluation periods.

[Remainder of 13.1.7.8 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Women's Basketball Issues Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal promotes equity among sports by allowing women's basketball the same number of recruiting opportunities afforded to coaches in all other sports (except football). The number of recruiting-person days will not increase as a result of this recommendation. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports and has requested this legislative change.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

May 03, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

May 11, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-34 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS -- CERTIFIED NONSCHOLASTIC EVENTS DURING APRIL CONTACT PERIOD

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to specify that a coaching staff member may evaluate prospective student-athletes at certified nonscholastic events on Saturdays and Sundays during the April contact period.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.6.2.2, as follows:

13.1.6.2.2 Additional Restrictions -- Men's and Women's Basketball. In men's and women's basketball, the following additional restrictions shall apply:

(a) In men's basketball, contact shall not be made with a prospective student-athlete at any basketball event during the academic year that is not part of a prospective student-athlete's normal high school, preparatory school or two-year college season, ~~or~~ any event that is not approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by the applicable state high school or two-year college association, National Federation of State High School Associations or the National Junior College Athletic Association, **or any nonscholastic event that occurs on a Saturday and/or Sunday of the April contact period that is not certified per Bylaw 13.18.**

[Remainder of 13.1.6.2.2 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.8, as follows:

13.1.7.8 Basketball Evaluations.

(a) Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, each institution is limited to 130 recruiting-person days (see Bylaw 13.02.8) during the academic year contact and evaluation periods.

[13.1.7.8-(a)-(1) and 13.1.7.8-(a)-(2) unchanged.]

(3) March and April Contact Periods. ~~Evaluations at nonscholastic events are prohibited during these periods.~~ Evaluations of live athletics activities during these periods shall be limited to:

(i) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; ~~and~~

(ii) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution at which the regular scholastic activities occur; ~~;~~ **and**

**(iii) Nonscholastic events certified per Bylaw 13.18 that occur on a Saturday and/or Sunday of the April contact period.**

[13.1.7.7.8-(a)-(4) and 13.1.7.8-(a)-(5) unchanged.]

[13.1.7.8-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Coaches' Attendance at Basketball Events. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1 and shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility.

(1) Men's Basketball. Institutional coaching staff members are restricted during the academic year to attending regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices, ~~and~~ regular scholastic activities involving student-athletes enrolled only at the institution at which the regular scholastic activities occur **and nonscholastic events certified per Bylaw 13.18 that occur on a Saturday and/or Sunday of the April contact period.** During the summer evaluation period, a member of an institution's basketball coaching staff may attend institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1; and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments, festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 13.18. It is permissible for coaches to attend organized team

practices in preparation for a certified event only if such practice time has been designated by the organizer as part of the event. The basketball event certification program is not applicable to National Basketball Association (NBA) official predraft camps or noninstitutional organized events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body (e.g., intrastate and interstate high school basketball games, state high school all-star games, international competitions and practices associated with such contests).

[13.1.7.8-(c)-(2) unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 13.18, as follows:

13.18 ~~SUMMER~~ BASKETBALL EVENT CERTIFICATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL. In men's basketball, in order for a ~~summer~~ basketball event (e.g., camp, league, tournament or festival) to be certified, a certification application form must be submitted each year to the NCAA national office 45 days before the start of the event. An event review form for each event also must be submitted to the national office not later than three months after the event sessions. The following criteria must be met by each event in order to be certified:

[13.18-(a) through 13.18-(q) unchanged.]

**Source:** Pacific-10 Conference and Big East Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Nonscholastic basketball events continue to be held in April, despite current restrictions that preclude men's basketball coaches from attending. Permitting evaluations on Saturdays and Sundays during the contact period in April would allow coaches to observe high-caliber prospective student-athletes in competition against each other. Such circumstances will provide opportunities for coaches to make more effective talent evaluations at a reduced cost. In addition, permitting coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes at April nonscholastic certified events would also help to reduce recruiting costs. By restricting evaluations to only Saturdays and Sundays, prospective student-athletes will be less likely to miss a significant amount of class time in order to participate. The requirement that the nonscholastic events must be certified will provide appropriate standards and safeguards.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** The proposal may provide greater efficiencies and; therefore, cost savings in recruiting. Resources for the national office to certify additional nonscholastic events.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. Consideration should be given to reducing the number of days on the back end of the July evaluation period. Consideration should be given to eliminating observation of scholastic activities during the April contact period, except regular scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices. Consideration should be given to precluding contacts in

April at the prospective student athlete's educational institution, at least for high school prospective student-athletes.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. Supports recommendation to reduce the number of days during the July evaluation periods in order to avoid an increase in recruiting at nonscholastic events. Recommends further consideration by the sponsors, the Men's Basketball Issues Committee (MBIC) and the Legislative Council regarding the specific days that should be removed from the July period. Supports recommendation from the MBIC to eliminate observation of scholastic activities during the April contact period, except regular scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices. Recommends further consideration by the sponsors, the MBIC and the Legislative Council.

### **History:**

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval (See position statement.)

## No. 2010-35 RECRUITING -- BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- NONSCHOLASTIC EVALUATIONS DURING ACADEMIC YEAR -- NATIONAL STANDARDIZED TESTING WEEKENDS

**Intent:** In women's basketball, to specify that evaluations at nonscholastic events during the academic year evaluation period shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered; further, to specify that if such a test is administered on a date that conflicts with the fall nonscholastic evaluation weekend, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall/winter evaluation period; and that if such a test is administered on a date that conflicts with the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend, the five day evaluation period in April shall shift to the second Friday following the initial date of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period through the following Tuesday.

### **A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.8, as follows:

13.1.7.8 Basketball Evaluations.

[13.1.7.87-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution is limited to five recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.1.5.5). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days during the academic year contact and evaluation periods.

(1) Academic Year Evaluation Period. Evaluations of live athletics activities during the academic year may occur at regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; and pick-up games and open gyms. Evaluations

at nonscholastic events during the women's basketball prospective student-athlete's academic year shall only occur during the last full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period.

**(i) National Standardized Testing Weekends. Evaluations at nonscholastic events during the academic year evaluation period shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered. If the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the fall nonscholastic evaluation weekend, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall/winter evaluation period. If the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend, the five day evaluation period in April shall shift to the second Friday following the initial date of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period through the following Tuesday.**

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following recruiting periods shall apply to women's basketball:

[13.17.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) September 16 through October 6 **[except for (1) and (2) below]:**

Contact  
Period

**(1) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered.**

**(2) If the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the fall nonscholastic evaluation weekend, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall/winter evaluation period.**

[13.17.3-(c) through 13.17.3-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Friday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through the following Tuesday **[except for (1) and (2) below]:**

Evaluation  
Period

**(1) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered.**

**(2) If the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend, the five-day evaluation period shall shift to the second Friday following the initial date of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period through the following Tuesday.**

(g) Wednesday of the week following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through July 5 **[except when Bylaw 13.17.3-(f)-(2) applies]**:

Q u i e t  
Period

[Remainder of 13.17.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Women's Basketball Issues Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The current women's basketball recruiting calendar permits evaluations at nonscholastic events during the prospective student-athlete's academic year during the last full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period. There have been instances in which these designated time periods have conflicted with national standardized testing dates and, in some instances, resulted in prospective student-athletes facing undue pressure to forego taking a standardized test in order to participate in a nonscholastic event. If a national standardized testing date occurs during a weekend when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes participating in nonscholastic events in the fall, designating the following weekend as the nonscholastic evaluation weekend is a simple and appropriate solution. Similarly, if a conflict occurs in the spring, it is appropriate to shift the five evaluation days (which include the nonscholastic weekend) in April to the following week. This solution maintains the same amount of nonscholastic evaluation opportunities during the academic year. Finally, Proposal No. 2009-36 was withdrawn from the 2009-10 legislative cycle so this concept could be further developed as represented in this proposal. The WBCA initiated and supports this legislative change.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. The cabinet notes that the change would alleviate potential conflicts that may result in a prospective student-athlete having to forego an opportunity to take a standardized test.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.



**History:**

- May 10, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.
- May 11, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval
- Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored
- Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Approval
- Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-36 RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL EVALUATIONS -- SCHOLASTIC AND NONSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES -- OTHER EVALUATION EVENTS -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In championship subdivision football, to specify that an institutional staff member may attend a recruiting event in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine videos) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.9, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

13.1.7.9 Football Evaluations.

[13.1.7.9.1 through 13.1.7.9.4 unchanged.]

13.1.7.9.5 Scholastic and Nonscholastic Activities -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, live athletics evaluations may be conducted at scholastic or nonscholastic athletics activities, provided there is no institutional involvement in arranging or directing such activities. An institutional staff member ~~shall not~~ **may** attend a recruiting event (other than a permissible live athletics event) in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available.

**Source:** Southern Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Current legislation, which precludes an institutional staff member from attending a recruiting event in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine videos) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available, makes it difficult to effectively evaluate prospective student-athletes in a cost-effective manner. Championship subdivision institutions can be more efficient in their management of recruiting resources if they are able to evaluate prospective student-athletes from multiple educational institutions in a single location (e.g., high school recruiting fair conducted in a metropolitan area).

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential for more efficient use of institutional recruiting resources.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee notes that such recruiting events/fairs often occur the day before athletics events that FCS coaches are already permitted to attend the athletics events.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. Noted concern regarding the potential lack of oversight of nonscholastic events.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-37 RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL EVALUATIONS -- SCHOLASTIC AND NONSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES -- OTHER EVALUATION EVENTS ORGANIZED OR SANCTIONED SCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In championship subdivision football, to specify that an institutional staff member may attend a recruiting event in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available, provided the event is organized or sanctioned by the applicable state high school athletics association, state preparatory school association or state or national junior college athletics association.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.9, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

13.1.7.9 Football Evaluations.

[13.1.7.9.1 through 13.1.7.9.4 unchanged.]

13.1.7.9.5 Scholastic and Nonscholastic Activities -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, live athletics evaluations may be conducted at scholastic or nonscholastic athletics activities, provided there is no institutional involvement in arranging or directing such activities. An institutional staff member ~~shall not~~ **may** attend a recruiting event (other than a permissible live athletics event) in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available, **provided the event is organized or sanctioned by the applicable state high school athletics association, state preparatory school association or state or national junior college athletics association.**



**Source:** Northeast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The issues related to attendance at recruiting events that led to the adoption of the current legislation are associated primarily with Football Bowl Subdivision recruiting. The current legislation, which limits evaluations of football prospective student-athletes to live athletics events, makes it difficult to efficiently evaluate championship subdivision-level football prospective student-athletes. Institutions can be more efficient in their management of recruiting resources if they are able to receive information that allows for the evaluation of prospective student-athletes in central locations. Furthermore, mandating that these events are sanctioned or organized by a high school athletic association prohibits private entities from profiting off of such recruiting events.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** May reduce budgets by allowing institutional recruiting resources to be used more efficiently.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee prefers the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-36 over Proposal No. 2010-37.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. Expressed marginal support, but noted that the current legislation that restricts attendance at these types of events has been in effect for only one year.

**History:**

Jul 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-38-A RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ATHLETICS PUBLICATIONS -- NO MEDIA GUIDES TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES VIA DIGITAL STORAGE DEVICE OR E-MAIL

**Intent:** To prohibit an institution from providing a media guide to a prospective student-athlete via digital media storage device or as an attachment to electronic mail.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.4.1, as follows:

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials. In sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey, a member institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. In men's basketball and men's ice hockey,

an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school.

[13.4.1.1 unchanged.]

13.4.1.1.2 Athletics Publication. An institution may produce a printed media guide; however, an institution shall not provide a printed media guide or any other printed athletics publication not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.1 to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or any individual involved in the coaching of a prospective student-athlete. It is not permissible to make a printed media guide or any other printed athletics publication not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.1 available free of charge to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or any individual involved in the coaching of a prospective student-athlete, even if such publications are available to other members of the general public free of charge. An institution may not create a printed portfolio of information (e.g., pictures) to be used in the recruiting process. ~~An institution may provide a media guide to a prospective student-athlete via a digital media storage device (e.g., compact disc, flash drive).~~

[13.4.1.1.2.1 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. (See Bylaw 13.1.6.2.) All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited. Color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence sent to a prospective student-athlete, provided the attachment only includes information that is not created for recruiting purposes, except for items that are specifically permitted as printed recruiting materials (e.g., questionnaires) ~~and a media guide~~. In addition, attachments shall not include any animation, audio or video clips and there shall be no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the electronic mail correspondence

[Remainder of 13.4.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The overarching purpose of NCAA Proposal No. 2009-42 was to remove media guides from the recruiting process. Permitting media guides to be provided directly to a prospective student-athlete via electronic media maintains pressure to produce a media guide with a recruiting focus, rather than producing a guide that meets the needs of the media. Therefore, eliminating the electronic media guide exception will return these guides to their originally intended purpose, which is to provide information to the media.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Savings in costs of media storage devices, postage and media staff production time.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal as written. Recommends that sponsor modify proposal to permit an institution to provide a media guide to a prospective student-athlete as an attachment to electronic mail. Noted general support of providing materials to prospects via electronic methods that have little or no cost. If the sponsor does not modify the proposal, the cabinet will sponsor an alternative proposal.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Modification (See position statement.)

Oct 19, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-38-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2010-38-B.

No. 2010-38-B RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ATHLETICS PUBLICATIONS -- MEDIA GUIDES TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES VIA E-MAIL

**Intent:** To specify that an institution may only provide a media guide to a prospective student-athlete via an electronic mail attachment or hyperlink.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.4.1, as follows:

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials. In sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey, a member institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. In men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school.

[13.4.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.4.1.1.1 unchanged.]

13.4.1.1.2 Athletics Publication. An institution may produce a printed media guide; however, an institution shall not provide a printed media guide or any other printed athletics publication not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.1 to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or any individual involved in the coaching of a prospective student-athlete. It is not permissible to make a printed media guide or any other printed athletics publication not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.1 available free of

charge to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or any individual involved in the coaching of a prospective student-athlete, even if such publications are available to other members of the general public free of charge. An institution may not create a printed portfolio of information (e.g., pictures) to be used in the recruiting process. An institution may **only** provide a media guide to a prospective student-athlete via **an electronic mail attachment or hyperlink a digital media storage device (e.g., compact disc, flash drive)**.

[13.4.1.1.2.1 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. (See Bylaw 13.1.6.2). All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited. Color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence sent to a prospective student-athlete, provided the attachment only includes information that is not created for recruiting purposes, except for items that are specifically permitted as printed recruiting materials (e.g., questionnaires), ~~and~~ a media guide **and video and audio materials, as permitted in Bylaw 13.4.1.5**. ~~In addition, attachments~~ **Attachments other than a media guide and permissible video and audio materials** shall not include any animation, audio or video clips and there shall be no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the electronic mail correspondence.

[Remainder of 13.4.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** An institution should be permitted to provide prospective student-athletes with access to electronic information by means that require little or no cost to the institution. It is becoming more and more common for institutions to provide extensive information about their athletics programs on their websites, including media guides. It is efficient and cost effective to allow institutions to send e-mails to prospective student-athletes and either include such information as an attachment or provide a hyperlink. If information of interest to prospective student-athletes is available to the general public on an institution's website, an institution should be permitted to provide it to them via hyperlink or as an attachment to e-mail.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Savings in costs of media storage devices, postage and media staff production time.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Sep 29, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

No. 2010-39 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- MEDIA GUIDES AND VIDEO/AUDIO MATERIALS -- METHODS OF DELIVERY TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

**Intent:** To specify that an institution may only provide a media guide and permissible video or audio material to a prospective student-athlete via an electronic mail attachment or hyperlink.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.4.1, as follows:

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials. In sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey, a member institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. In men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school.

[13.4.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.4.1.1.1 unchanged.]

13.4.1.1.2 Athletics Publication. An institution may produce a printed media guide; however, an institution shall not provide a printed media guide or any other printed athletics publication not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.1 to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or any individual involved in the coaching of a prospective student-athlete. It is not permissible to make a printed media guide or any other printed athletics publication not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.1 available free of charge to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or any individual involved in the coaching of a prospective student-athlete, even if such publications are available to other members of the general public free of charge. An institution may not create a printed portfolio of information (e.g., pictures) to be used in the recruiting process. An institution may **only** provide a media guide to a prospective student-athlete via **an electronic mail attachment or hyperlink** ~~a digital media storage device (e.g., compact disc, flash drive).~~

[13.4.1.1.2.1 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. (See Bylaw 13.1.6.2.) All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited. Color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence sent to a prospective student-athlete, provided the attachment only includes information that is not created for recruiting purposes, except for items that are specifically permitted as printed recruiting materials (e.g., questionnaires), ~~and a~~ **a media guide and video and audio materials, as permitted in Bylaw 13.4.1.5.** ~~In addition, attachments~~ **Attachments other than**

**a media guide and permissible video and audio materials** shall not include any animation, audio or video clips and there shall be no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the electronic mail correspondence.

[13.4.1.2.1 through 13.4.1.2.3 unchanged.]

[13.4.1.3 through 13.4.1.4 unchanged.]

13.4.1.5 Video/Audio Materials. An institution may not produce video or audio materials to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete except as specified in this section.

**Permissible video or audio material may only be provided to a prospective student-athlete via an electronic mail attachment or hyperlink.**

[Remainder of 13.4.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** Ivy Group

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Current legislation allows institutions to send an unlimited number of storage devices containing video materials to prospective student-athletes but prohibits such video materials from being sent as attachments to electronic mail. Sending video materials via electronic mail is a more cost-efficient means of delivering such materials. Furthermore, the prohibition on electronic media storage devices would reduce costs.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will reduce the cost of sending video and other materials to prospective student-athletes.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* Based on the sponsor's modification (see history section), the cabinet supports the proposal.

**History:**

Jul 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Modification  
The cabinet opposes the proposal as written. Recommends sponsor modify proposal to prohibit an institution from sending a media guide or video or audio material to a prospective student-athlete via electronic storage media device. Noted general support of providing materials to prospects via electronic methods that have little or no cost. If the sponsor does not modify the proposal, the cabinet will sponsor an alternative proposal.

Oct 26, 2010 Sponsor modified the proposal to specify that an institution may only provide a media guide and permissible video or audio material to a prospective student-athlete via an electronic mail hyperlink or an attachment to electronic mail. Previously, the proposal specified



that an institution could provide a media guide and permissible video or audio material to a prospective student-athlete via an electronic mail hyperlink, an electronic mail attachment or an electronic media storage device (e.g., compact disc, flash drive); and that an institution was limited to providing a media guide or video or audio material to a prospective student-athlete via electronic media storage device one time.

Oct 26, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval Based on the sponsor's modification.

No. 2010-40 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- LIMITATIONS ON OFFICIAL VISITS -- NO VISIT AFTER NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT OR OTHER WRITTEN COMMITMENT

**Intent:** To specify that after signing a National Letter of Intent, a prospective student-athlete shall not make an official visit to the institution with which he or she has signed; further, to specify that for an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), the prospective student-athlete shall not make an official visit to the institution after he or she has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.6.2, as follows:

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

[13.6.2.1 through 13.6.2.6 unchanged.]

**13.6.2.7 After Signing National Letter of Intent or Other Written Commitment. After signing a National Letter of Intent, a prospective student-athlete shall not make an official visit to the institution with which he or she has signed. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), the prospective student-athlete shall not make an official visit to the institution after he or she has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The primary purpose of an official visit is to provide the prospective student-athlete and the institution an appropriate time and venue to evaluate one another as part of the recruiting process. Once a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for those institutions not using the NLI or for prospective student-athletes not eligible to sign, accepted a written offer of admission or financial aid, the recruiting process has concluded. Therefore, an official visit after a prospective student-athlete has signed with an institution is an unnecessary evaluation. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or other written commitment would still be permitted to make an unofficial visit to the institution.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential cost savings for institutions.

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

### **Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. While the use of official visits after signing may not occur frequently in football, the committee notes that a multi-sport prospective student-athlete may be so occupied by his winter sport that he may not have an opportunity to make an official visit until after the signing date.

*Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee sees value in institutional discretion, based on institutional priorities and individual circumstances. This position is consistent with input from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. There is value in official visits other than just for recruiting purposes. For example, official visits, even those taken after the prospective student-athlete has signed or committed to the institution, may be used to meet with academic advisors, to set up class schedules and for orientation activities or physical exams.

### **History:**

Jun 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 09, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat

Nov 10, 2010 Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, Recommends Defeat

### **No. 2010-41-A RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL (NONPAID) VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS -- GENERAL RESTRICTIONS -- NONTRADITIONAL FAMILY**

**Intent:** To specify that if a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), an institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the parents accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event during an unofficial visit.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.7.2.1, as follows:

13.7.2.1 General Restrictions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of a member institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on



an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians) or spouse in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited.

**13.7.2.1.1 Exception -- Nontraditional Family. If a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the parents accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event.**

[13.7.2.1.1. through 13.7.2.1.7 renumbered 13.7.2.1.2 through 13.7.2.1.8, unchanged.]

**Source:** Sun Belt Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal is intended to make complimentary admissions for unofficial visits consistent with complimentary admissions for official visits. It is difficult to anticipate every family situation that may exist. This proposal would provide institutions the flexibility needed to exercise common sense when dealing with each individual prospective student-athlete to accommodate his or her family situation.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Increased cost of complimentary admissions provided to a limited number of prospective student-athletes.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jul 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Oct 25, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-41-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2010-41-B.

No. 2010-41-B RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL (NONPAID) VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS -- GENERAL RESTRICTIONS -- FIVE COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS

**Intent:** To specify that an institution may provide up to five complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete to attend a home athletics event during an unofficial visit.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.7.2.1, as follows:

13.7.2.1 General Restrictions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of ~~three~~ **five** complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of a member institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or **those accompanying** the prospective student-athlete's ~~parents (or legal guardians) or spouse~~ in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited.

**Source:** Pacific-10 Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** It is difficult to anticipate every family situation that may exist. The monitoring and enforcement of the complimentary admissions limitation for unofficial visits will be less complicated than the original proposal by simply limiting the number of complimentary admissions to five while avoiding the reference to non-traditional family.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Increased cost of complimentary admissions provided to a limited number of prospective student-athletes.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 25, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration as an alternative to Proposal No. 2010-41-A.

No. 2010-42 RECRUITING -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS  
-- REQUIREMENTS FOR VERBAL OFFER OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED  
FINANCIAL AID

**Intent:** To specify that an institution shall not make a verbal offer of athletically related financial aid to an individual, directly or indirectly, before July 1 following his or her junior year in high school; further, to specify that an institution must have a high school transcript (official or unofficial) on file that includes the results of the individual's first five semesters or seven quarters of high school enrollment before extending a verbal offer of financial aid.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.9, as follows:

13.9 LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS, OFFERS OF FINANCIAL AID

**13.9.1 Requirements for Verbal Offer of Athletically Related Financial Aid. An institution may make a verbal offer of athletically related financial aid to an individual, subject to the following requirements:**

**(a) Such an offer shall not be made to the individual, directly or indirectly, before July 1 following the individual's junior year in high school; and**

**(b) The institution must have a copy of the individual's high school transcript (official or unofficial) on file that includes the results of the individual's first five semesters or seven quarters of high school enrollment.**

13.9.42 Requirements for **Written** Offer of Athletically Related Financial Aid. The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid (per Bylaw 15.3.2.3) to a prospective student-athlete:

[13.9.1-(a) through 13.9.1-(c) renumbered as 13.9.2-(a) through 13.9.2-(c), unchanged.]

[13.9.2 through 13.9.3 renumbered as 13.9.3 through 13.9.4, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal addresses the growing concern expressed by the Board of Directors and feedback from the Division I membership regarding coaches making verbal offers of financial aid to individuals who have not yet produced an academic history indicating admissibility to a collegiate institution. There is a need for increased opportunities to tie recruiting activities to academic evaluations, particularly prior to offers of financial aid being issued by an institution. The requirement for a five-semester or seven-quarter high school transcript provides a reasonable time period to assess a prospective student-athlete's academic profile prior to making any verbal offer of athletically related financial aid. Further, a specific date (July 1 after the junior year) will relieve potential pressure on high school personnel to provide the most updated transcript immediately on completion of an academic term.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee expressed concern regarding the July 1 date not aligning effectively with the summer schedule of institutional camps and unofficial visits and the permissible telephone call date for football (i.e., September 1 -- two months after the July 1 opportunity to make verbal offers of aid).

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee recommends that the sponsor modify the proposal to specify that an institution shall not make a verbal offer of athletically-related financial aid to an individual, directly or indirectly, before July 1 following his or her sophomore year in high school; further, to specify that an institution must have a high school transcript on file. The committee noted that prospective student-athletes in women's basketball typically begin to explore collegiate options the sophomore year and take unofficial visits during the summer after the sophomore year. In addition, the prospective student-athlete will have completed two years of high school, which will give a good indication of academic progress. Such a modification would preserve the intent and rationale of the original proposal of addressing early recruiting concerns, particularly with sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth graders.

**History:**

- Jun 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.
- Jun 09, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored
- Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat
- Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat
- Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval
- Aug 30, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Modification (See position statement.)

No. 2010-43 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES -- COMPETITION AGAINST PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- SERVICE ACADEMY EXCEPTION

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football, to specify that a national service academy's subvarsity team may compete against a two-year college team, a high school team or a preparatory school team, provided no payment or other inducement (e.g., guarantee) is provided to such a team and no recruiting activities occur with members of such a team in conjunction with the competition.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.11.1 Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaws 13.11.1.1 and 13.11.1.2) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3.

[13.11.1.1 through 13.11.1.3 unchanged.]

13.11.1.4 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution's varsity and subvarsity intercollegiate teams shall not compete against any team that includes prospective student-athletes.

**13.11.1.4.1 Exception -- National Service Academy Subvarsity Team. A national service academy's subvarsity team may compete against a two-year college team, a high school team or a preparatory school team, provided no payment or other inducement (e.g., guarantee) is provided to such a team and no recruiting activities occur with members of such a team in conjunction with the competition.**

[Remainder of 13.11.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Current legislation (adopted in January 2010) prohibits FBS varsity and subvarsity teams from competing against any team that includes prospective student-athletes. This proposal recognizes and addresses the recruiting advantage concerns addressed by the current legislation while preserving the participation opportunities afforded by junior varsity competition at the service academies. The service academies are somewhat unique in that "redshirting" is not a viable option. The service academies are structured around a congressionally approved eight-semester program. All service academy students are expected to complete their undergraduate degree in four years and then serve on active duty in the armed forces. Consequently, service academy student-athletes have four years (as opposed to five) in which to complete their eligibility. Many service academy football student-athletes participate on a subvarsity team for one year and on the varsity team for three years. If not for this subvarsity opportunity, most of them would graduate and begin active duty service after using only three years of eligibility. Subvarsity competition against teams that include prospective student-athletes is necessary in order to have a viable schedule. Such contests should be permitted as long as there is no payment (or other inducement) or recruiting activity in conjunction with these contests.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None when compared to legislation prior to Proposal No. 2009-49; increase in costs compared to current prohibition.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee believes that this proposal would establish an appropriate exception to legislation adopted last year.

**History:**

Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 09, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored

No. 2010-44 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- TRYOUT EVENTS -- PROHIBITION ON HOSTING, SPONSORING OR CONDUCTING NONINSTITUTIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS -- FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In football, to specify that an institution or conference shall not host, sponsor or conduct a noninstitutional camp, clinic, group workout or combine event, at any location, that provides instruction to prospective student-athletes.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.1.8, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.11.1.8 Tryout Events. A member institution or conference may not host, sponsor or conduct a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine (e.g., combination of athletics skill tests or activities) devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes at any location. An institution or conference shall not host, sponsor or conduct any portion (e.g., instructional clinic) of an event that also includes agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes that are conducted at a separate location. In sports other than football, a member institution's staff members may only attend (subject to sport-specific restrictions) such an event sponsored by an outside organization if the event occurs off the institution's campus and is open to all institutions (see Bylaws 13.1.7.9.4 and 13.1.7.9.5).

**13.11.1.8.1 Noninstitutional Instructional Camp, Clinic, Group Workout or Combine Event -- Football. In football, an institution or conference shall not host, sponsor or conduct a noninstitutional camp, clinic, group workout or combine event, at any location, that provides instruction to prospective student-athletes.**

**Source:** Big East Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Current legislation prohibits institutions and conferences from hosting, sponsoring or conducting a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine devoted to agility, flexibility, speed and strength tests for prospective student-athletes at any location. In the sport of football, noninstitutional entities have been able to circumvent this legislation by holding "instructional camps" at member institutions. Institutions that have the resources to host these instructional camps are gaining a distinct recruiting advantage over institutions that are not able to do so. This proposal would eliminate the recruiting advantage that is currently being gained by institutions that are able to host noninstitutional instructional camps.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Institutions may lose revenue as a result of not being able to host these types of events.



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

### **Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The FBS committee members support the proposal. The FCS committee members oppose the proposal. The FCS committee members note that the recruiting concerns in FBS are less pronounced in FCS and that such events may provide well-needed funding for FCS institutions hosting such events.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. Noted concern related to potential unintended consequence of limiting access to legitimate instructional opportunities for all football prospective student-athletes based on limited availability of adequate facilities.

### **History:**

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

## No. 2010-45 RECRUITING AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TRYOUT EXCEPTIONS AND OUT-OF-SEASON RESTRICTIONS -- RECOGNIZED TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

**Intent:** To specify that in order for an athletics department staff member or coach to participate in state, regional, national and international training programs involving prospective student-athletes, the staff member must be selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution; further, to specify that Olympic and national team development programs may involve a coach and current student-athletes from the same institution, provided (in addition to existing criteria) a committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants and the national governing body funds the program.

### **A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.3.3, as follows:

13.11.3.3 State, Regional, National or International Training Programs. Participation by an institution's athletics department staff member in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body ~~or athletics authority~~ shall not be considered tryouts, **provided the athletics department staff member is selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution.** A member institution's coaching staff member may not participate only in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.3.3.1, 13.11.3.3.2 and 13.11.3.3.3.

### **B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.2.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.2.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 17.4.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.4.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 17.5.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.5.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 17.6.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.6.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:



- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; *and*
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution,** ~~or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants-; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 17.7.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.7.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; *and*
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution,** ~~or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants-; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**G. Bylaws:** Amend 17.8.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.8.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; *and*
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution,** ~~or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants-; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**H. Bylaws:** Amend 17.10.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.10.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; *and*

(c) ~~The A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**I. Bylaws:** Amend 17.11.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.11.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~

(c) ~~The A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**J. Bylaws:** Amend 17.12.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.12.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~

(c) ~~The A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**K. Bylaws:** Amend 17.13.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.13.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~

(c) ~~The A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**L. Bylaws:** Amend 17.14.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.14.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~

(c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select** **selects** the involved participants.; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**M. Bylaws:** Amend 17.15.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.15.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~

(c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select** **selects** the involved participants.; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**N. Bylaws:** Amend 17.16.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.16.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~

(c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select** **selects** the involved participants.; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**O. Bylaws:** Amend 17.18.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.18.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**P. Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.19.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**Q. Bylaws:** Amend 17.20.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.20.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select selects** the involved participants; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**R. Bylaws:** Amend 17.21.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.21.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; *and*
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution,** ~~or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants-; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**S. Bylaws:** Amend 17.22.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.22.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; *and*
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution,** ~~or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants-; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**T. Bylaws:** Amend 17.23.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.23.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; *and*
- (c) ~~The~~ **A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution,** ~~or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants-; **and**

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**U. Bylaws:** Amend 17.24.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.24.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; *and*

(c) ~~The A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants; and

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

V. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.13.1.2.2, as follows:

17.25.13.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~

(c) ~~The A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants; and

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

W. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.26.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.26.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~

(c) ~~The A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants; and

**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

X. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.27.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.27.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; ~~and~~

(c) ~~The A committee or other authority of the NGB, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, or the selected coaches select~~ **selects** the involved participants; and



**(d) The NGB funds the program.**

**Source:** Ivy Group

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Current NCAA rules appropriately permit college coaches to coach Olympic and national teams, including Olympic and national development teams; however, the parameters under which coaches may work with prospective student-athletes and current student-athletes as part of these development teams need to be more narrowly defined so as not to permit circumvention of the tryout and playing and practice season restrictions.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jul 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-46 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- TRYOUT EXCEPTIONS -- HIGH SCHOOL, PREPARATORY-SCHOOL AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGE CONTESTS -- CONDUCTED BY INSTITUTION OR SPONSORED WITH AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION

**Intent:** To revise the requirements by which a high school, preparatory school or two-year college athletics contest or match, conducted by a member institution or sponsored jointly with an outside organization and held on the campus of a member institution, shall not be considered a tryout, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.3, as follows:

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

[13.11.3.1 through 13.11.3.3 unchanged.]

13.11.3.4 High School, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Contests. *Regularly scheduled-high* **High** school, preparatory school and two-year-college athletics contests or matches, conducted by a member institution or sponsored jointly with an outside organization

and held on the campus of a member institution, shall not be considered tryouts, provided the following conditions are met [see Bylaw 13.2.2-(c) for restrictions related to the provision of awards at such contests]:

(a) **Team Sports.**

**(1) The opportunity to participate in the event is not limited to specific ~~prospective student-athletes or~~ educational institutions and all ~~individual prospective student-athletes or~~ educational institutions in a specific geographical area are eligible to compete (limited only by number, by institutional classification or on the basis of some objective standard of performance);**

~~(b) The event appears on the schedules of prospective student-athletes' educational institutions; and~~

**(e) (2) Each participant represents his or her educational institution in the event (no nonscholastic team representation); and The event is conducted by a national sports federation of which the NCAA is a member or it has been approved prior to the season by the appropriate state or national authority.**

**(3) No financial compensation (e.g., transportation, expenses, guarantee, percentage of income) from the event may be provided to the educational institutions.**

(b) **Individual Sports.**

**(1) The opportunity to participate in the event is not limited to specific prospective student-athletes or educational institutions and all individual prospective student-athletes or educational institutions in a specific geographical area are eligible to compete (limited only by number, by institutional classification or on the basis of some objective standard of performance);**

**(2) A participant may compete as an individual or may represent his or her educational institution or a nonscholastic team; and**

**(3) No financial compensation (e.g., transportation expenses, guarantee, percentage of income) from the event may be provided to an individual, educational institution or nonscholastic team.**

~~13.11.3.5 High School, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Practice and Competition. The regular or emergency use of a member institution's facilities by a high school, preparatory school or two-year college athletics team for its normal practice activities (conducted solely by its coaches) or for regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school or two-year college contests (conducted solely by those participating institutions) shall not be considered tryouts, provided the following conditions are met:~~

~~(a) The competition is approved by the appropriate state or national authority; and~~

~~(b) The member institution and representatives of its athletics interests are not involved in any way in the invitation or selection of participating schools or individuals.~~

[13.11.3.6 through 13.11.3.11 renumbered as 13.11.3.5 through 13.11.3.10, unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference



**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The legislation related to hosting high school, preparatory school, or two-year college contests and practices has remained largely unchanged for decades. The current legislation includes requirements (e.g., competition must appear on each institution's schedule) that are difficult to monitor or confirm for many sports. The requirement that such competition be approved by a state or local governing body is not applied in a consistent manner and is more appropriately a concern left to the involved educational institutions. The cultures and concerns of team versus individual sports are different and should be addressed separately. Unattached competition and representation of nonscholastic teams would be permitted in individual sports. The basic requirement that the contests are high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests or matches is an appropriate safeguard. Such competition, as a matter of course, would only occur at times during which high schools, preparatory schools and two-year colleges could permissibly participate. Bylaw 13.11.3.5 is unnecessary because Bylaw 13.11.3.2 already addresses the issue of activities occurring on an institution's campus when the activities are conducted by individuals other than athletics staff or boosters.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale, but notes the potential to further simplify the application of the exception.

**History:**

Jun 29, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Oct 26, 2010 Sponsor modified proposal (1) to remove the requirement that the head coach of each participating team (for team sports) confirm in writing that the event occurs during the season in which the educational institutions may compete pursuant to the rules of the local, state, or national authority governing the sports programs of the educational institutions; and (2) for individual sports, to remove the requirement that event has been approved by the applicable state or national governing body.

No. 2010-47 RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- VIDEO-ONLY SERVICES

**Intent:** To specify that an institution is permitted to use or subscribe to a video service that only provides video of prospective student-athletes and does not provide information about or analysis of prospective student-athletes, subject to the criteria that permits an institution to subscribe to a

recruiting or scouting service, except that the video-only service is not required to disseminate information about prospective student-athletes at least four times a year and is not required to provide individual analysis for each prospective student-athlete in the information it disseminates.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.14.3, as follows:

13.14.3 Recruiting or Scouting Services. An institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the institution does not purchase more than one annual subscription to a particular service and the service:

[13.14.3-(a) through 13.14.3-(g) unchanged.]

**13.14.3.1 Video-Only Services. An institution is permitted to use or subscribe to a video service that only provides video of prospective student-athletes and does not provide information about or analysis of prospective student-athletes. Use of or a subscription to such a service is subject to the provisions of Bylaw 13.14.3, except for subsections (c) and (e).**

[13.4.3.1 renumbered as 13.14.3.2, unchanged.]

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Prior to the adoption of the current recruiting or scouting services legislation, it was permissible for an institution to subscribe to a video-only service. Video-only services typically provide a cost and time-effective method for obtaining video of prospective student-athletes. Such services are not the recruiting services that were operating outside of the intent of the legislation as described in the rationale of Proposal No. 2009-56. Most video-only services now merely provide a way for institutions to obtain video of high school contests over the Internet without the mailing costs and time-consuming preparation needed to request film from high school coaches. However, current legislation does not allow an institution to subscribe to an online video-only service, which appears to be an unintended consequence.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs associated with use of or subscription to video-only services.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee agrees that this is a worthwhile exception to the current legislation.

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale. Such services are valuable resources for coaches and could prove to be a cost savings.

**History:**

- Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.
- Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval
- Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval
- Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval
- Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-48 RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- LIST OF PERMISSIBLE RECRUITING SERVICES -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to specify that the NCAA national office shall publish a list, on a quarterly basis, of men's basketball recruiting or scouting services deemed to meet the required standards for subscription.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.14.3, as follows:

13.14.3 Recruiting or Scouting Services. An institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the institution does not purchase more than one annual subscription to a particular service and the service:

[13.14.3-(a) through 13.14.3-(g) unchanged.]

**13.14.3.1 List of Permissible Recruiting Services -- Men's Basketball. The NCAA national office shall publish a list, on a quarterly basis, of men's basketball recruiting or scouting services deemed to meet the standards of Bylaw 13.14.3.**

[13.14.3.1 renumbered as 13.14.3.2, unchanged.]

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The NCAA Men's Basketball Focus Group has engaged in research related to numerous recruiting services, and it would benefit all Division I member institutions to have access to the results of the NCAA's research regarding recruiting or scouting services that fulfill the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 13.4.3. Further, access to a list of permissible services would eliminate the costs associated with multiple institutions conducting their own research into recruiting or scouting services. An additional benefit would be the reduction of problems with questionable recruiting services and efficiencies due to anticipated reduction in the number of subscriptions to recruiting

services.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Anticipated cost savings for institutions due to reduced research and fewer subscriptions to recruiting services. Operational and logistical costs for national office.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. Expressed concern regarding the perception of as well as the impact on those services not published on the list. Noted that institutions should make more responsible decisions as to the number of services to which they subscribe.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet agrees with comments from the Men's Basketball Issues Committee. Also, notes that current legislation was only recently adopted and the cost and burden to institutions regarding research of recruiting/scouting services should be significantly reduced as services continue to adjust to the new requirements. Notes that the NCAA staff has worked with services and institutions regarding interpretative questions and will continue to do so.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and recommends that the sponsor modify the proposal to include women's basketball. The proposal's rationale also applies women's basketball. Further, many recruiting services provide information about both men's and women's basketball prospective student-athletes.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Modification

Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-49 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- APRIL CONTACT PERIOD

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to revise the recruiting calendar by extending the contact period in April by nine days, but designating the weekends in April after the Division I Men's Basketball Championship as quiet periods.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.2, as follows:

13.17.2 Men's Basketball. The following recruiting periods shall apply to men's basketball:

[13.17.2-(a) through 13.17.2-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Noon on the Thursday immediately after the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game through ~~seven~~ **16** days following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) **and (2)** below]:

Contact  
Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent:

D e a d  
Period

**(2) Saturdays and Sundays that occur prior to May 1:**

**Q u i e t  
Period**

(h) The ~~eighth~~ **17th** day after the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through July 5 [except for (1) below]:

Q u i e t  
Period

[Remainder of 13.17.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic 10 Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Currently, the April contact period provides a limited number of days in which evaluations are permissible. Men's basketball coaches generally do not engage in evaluation activities on Saturdays and Sundays since classes are not in session and many prospective student-athletes are traveling with their nonscholastic teams. In addition, there are several days that are part of quiet or dead periods that occur on weekdays -- days during which it is customary for regular scholastic activities to occur. This proposal would change the current recruiting calendar by designating three or four weekend days as quiet periods (depending on the year) and by adding seven weekdays to the contact period. The likely result of this change will be that more college coaches will be able to engage in contacts and evaluations at scholastic institutions in April. This change would provide opportunities for coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes in regular scholastic activities and potentially strengthen the role of scholastic administrators (e.g., high school coaches, teachers and principals) in the men's basketball recruiting process.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal, provided Proposal No. 2010-34 is adopted. The committee would support the proposal if Proposal No. 2010-34 is defeated.

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet.* The cabinet opposes the proposal, provided Proposal No. 2010-34 is adopted. The cabinet would support the proposal if Proposal No. 2010-34 is defeated.

### History:

Jul 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat (See position statement.)

Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Defeat (See position statement.)

### Eligibility

No. 2010-51-A ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION -- NONTRADITIONAL COURSES

**Intent:** To specify that enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided specified conditions are met.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.8.2, as follows:

14.1.8.2 Requirement for Competition. To be eligible for competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree, which shall not be less than 12 semester or quarter hours.

[14.1.8.2.1 through 14.1.8.2.4 unchanged.]

14.1.8.2.5 ~~*Extension Courses. A student-athlete may use a combination of hours taken in residence during a regular term and extension courses taken from the certifying institution during that term to meet the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement, provided the institution considers enrollment in such extension courses as regular course enrollment for all students during the term time.*~~ **Nontraditional Courses. Enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided the following conditions are met:**

**(a) The course is available to any student at the institution;**

**(b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student;**



**(c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the institution's regular enrollment periods (pre-registration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures; and**

**(d) The course is conducted during the institution's regular academic schedule (term time) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.**

~~14.1.8.2.6 Correspondence Courses. A student-athlete may not use a correspondence course to meet the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement.~~

[14.1.8.2.7 renumbered as 14.1.8.2.6, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Academics Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** In light of the prevalence and acceptance of nontraditional courses throughout post-secondary education, it is appropriate to update the legislation regarding the various methods of course delivery and whether such courses may be used toward the full-time enrollment requirement for competition. This proposal provides the opportunity for student-athletes to use nontraditional coursework, but also recognizes the potential for academic misconduct and provides safeguards against misuse to meet eligibility requirements. In general, a student-athlete should be provided similar access to nontraditional courses as all students at his or her institution in order to fulfill the full-time enrollment requirements, provided the institution considers enrollment in such a course as regular course enrollment for all students. Finally, this proposal respects institutional discretion and authority in setting course content and curriculum, and relies on institutional integrity and scrutiny with regard to the delivery of nontraditional courses.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** May allow flexibility in scheduling classes.

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 28, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 29, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Sponsored

Oct 19, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-51-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2010-51-B.

No. 2010-51-B ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION -- NONTRADITIONAL COURSES -- UP TO 50 PERCENT OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

**Intent:** To specify that enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy up to 50 percent of the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided specified conditions are met.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.8.2, as follows:

14.1.8.2 Requirement for Competition. To be eligible for competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree, which shall not be less than 12 semester or quarter hours.

[14.1.8.2.1 through 14.1.8.2.4 unchanged.]

~~14.1.8.2.5 *Extension Courses.*—A student-athlete may use a combination of hours taken in residence during a regular term and extension courses taken from the certifying institution during that term to meet the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement, provided the institution considers enrollment in such extension courses as regular course enrollment for all students during the term time.~~ **Nontraditional Courses. Enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy up to 50 percent of the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided the following conditions are met:**

**(a) The course is available to any student at the institution;**

**(b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student;**

**(c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the institution's regular enrollment periods (pre-registration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures; and**

**(d) The course is conducted during the institution's regular academic schedule (term time) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.**

~~14.1.8.2.6 *Correspondence Courses.*—A student-athlete may not use a correspondence course to meet the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement.~~

[14.1.8.2.7 renumbered as 14.1.8.2.6, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment



**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal would establish a limit on the number of nontraditional courses that may be used to fulfill the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for competition. As proposed, a 50 percent limit is suggested based on the applicable full-time enrollment requirements for each institution. This approach will provide student-athletes with the flexibility to take nontraditional courses, while recognizing the benefits of the classroom environment and establishing an additional safeguard against potential abuse.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** May allow flexibility in scheduling classes.

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 19, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 19, 2010 Legislative Council, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2010-51-A.

No. 2010-52 ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY -- NONRENEWAL OF ATHLETICS AID AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION -- BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL AND MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

**Intent:** In baseball, basketball, football and men's ice hockey, to permit a student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student-athlete meets the conditions of the one-time transfer exception (other than the sport restrictions), has at least one season of competition remaining and the student-athlete's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.9.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS, FCS and all other sports, divided vote]

14.1.9 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 14.2 (see Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.4).

14.1.9.1 One-Time Transfer Exception. A graduate student who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if the student fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 14.2. **A graduate student who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) shall qualify for this exception, provided:**

**(a) The student fulfills the remaining conditions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10;**

**(b) The student has at least one season of competition remaining; and**

**(c) The student's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.**

[Remainder of 14.1.9 unchanged.]

**Source:** Mountain West Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** In baseball, basketball, football or men's ice hockey, if a student-athlete's athletically related financial aid is not renewed for his or her final season of eligibility, the student-athlete's options are limited. In many cases, if the student-athlete's aid is not renewed, he or she will also be cut from the team. Therefore, the student-athlete would not be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics even if he or she chose to remain at the institution without receiving athletically related financial aid. In addition, if the student-athlete has only one year remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility, he or she would not be eligible to compete at another Division I institution. This proposal provides a student-athlete in such a situation with the opportunity to transfer and be immediately eligible for competition at another Division I institution, provided he or she has graduated and is enrolled in the certifying institution's graduate or professional school. The requirement of graduation and enrollment in a graduate or professional school provides an appropriate threshold for access to this exception.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. The cabinet notes that allowing student-athletes who have graduated and are in their last year of eligibility the opportunity to transfer and use the one-time transfer exception when their previous institution has chosen not to renew athletics aid is in the best interest of student-athlete well-being. Further, the cabinet notes the limited applicability of the proposal due to the threshold requirements and noted that creating this exception is a less bureaucratic option to the current waiver processes.

*Baseball Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee is supportive of this attempt to provide flexibility to football student-athletes in such situations.

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

#### **History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Aug 26, 2010 Baseball Committee, Recommends Approval

Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Oct 26, 2010 Sponsor modified the proposal to specify that the student-athlete have "at least" one season of competition remaining (as opposed to only one season).

No. 2010-53 ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: FIVE YEAR RULE -- DELAYED ENROLLMENT -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION -- SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S ICE HOCKEY AND SKIING -- EXCEPTION -- NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

**Intent:** In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, to exempt a prospective student-athlete's participation in organized national/international competition from the application of the delayed enrollment, seasons of competition legislation for a maximum of one year after his or her first opportunity to enroll following the one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, as specified.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.3.2, as follows:

14.2.3.2 Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition.

14.2.3.2.1 Sports Other than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term during a one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

[14.2.3.2.1-(a) through 14.2.3.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

**14.2.3.2.1.1 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 14.2.3.2.1:**

**(a) Official Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games competition;**

**(b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Game, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or**

**(c) Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation).**

[14.2.3.2.1.1 through 14.2.3.2.1.2 renumbered as 14.2.3.2.1.2 through 14.2.3.2.1.3 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.3.2.1, as follows:

14.2.3.2.1 Matriculation After 20th Birthday -- Tennis. In tennis, a student who is eligible under Bylaw 14.2.3.2, but who participates in organized tennis events after his or her 20th birthday and before full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following:

[14.2.3.2.1-(a) through 14.2.3.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

14.2.3.2.~~2~~**1.1** Exception -- Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games Participation. Participation in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games is exempt from application of ~~Bylaws 14.2.3.2 and~~ **Bylaw** 14.2.3.2.1.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2011.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** During the review of Proposal No. 2009-22 during the 2009-10 legislative cycle, concerns were raised related to its application to training, tryouts and competition related to national teams and international competition. Currently, the legislation includes an exception that exempts participation in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games, but does not exempt participation in tryout events, competition involving a national team or qualifying competition for such international events. Therefore, if tryout events or qualifying events occur after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll, he or she must make a difficult choice related to pursuing the Olympics (or other international competition)

and whether to enroll full time in college. This proposal would allow prospective student-athletes to continue with training, tryout competition and qualifying competition without concern about using an intercollegiate season of competition.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. The cabinet notes that this legislation affords prospective student-athletes the ability to adequately pursue the Olympics (or other elite international competition). The cabinet encourages the Amateurism Cabinet to examine delayed enrollment and elite tryout legislation on a global level to ensure consistency of application.

**History:**

Jun 24, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 25, 2010 Amateurism Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-54 ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: FIVE-YEAR RULE -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- FIRST HALF OF PLAYING SEASON CALCULATION -- TENNIS

**Intent:** In tennis, to specify that the first half of the season calculation is based on the number of days in the season that concludes with the NCAA championship, as declared by the institution, between the first date of competition used by any individual on the team after the conclusion of the institution's fall term and the last date of competition used by any individual on the team at the end of the declared playing season.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4.3, as follows:

14.2.4.3 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver.

[14.2.4.3.1 through 14.2.4.3.3 unchanged.]

14.2.4.3.4 First-Half-of-Season Calculation.

[14.2.4.3.4.1 unchanged.]

14.2.4.3.4.2 Individual Sports **Other Than Tennis**. In individual sports **other than tennis**, the first half of the season calculation is based on the number of days in the season that concludes with the NCAA championship, as declared by the institution, between the first date of competition used by any individual on the team and the last date of competition used by any individual on the team at the end of the declared playing season, including a conference championship and any regular-season competition scheduled after the conference championship (e.g., "last chance" meet). Any break in the declared season shall not be counted (e.g., institutional vacation period in which no practice or competition occurs). The total number of days in the championship season shall be divided by two in order to determine the first half of the season. A fractional portion of a day shall be rounded up to the next whole

number.

**14.2.4.3.4.3 Tennis. In tennis, the first half of the season calculation is based on the number of days in the season that concludes with the NCAA championship, as declared by the institution, between the first date of competition used by any individual on the team after the conclusion of the institution's fall term and the last date of competition used by any individual on the team at the end of the declared playing season, including a conference championship and any regular-season competition scheduled after the conference championship. Any break in the declared season shall not be counted (e.g., institutional vacation period in which no practice or competition occurs). The total number of days shall be divided by two in order to determine the first half of the season. A fractional portion of a day shall be rounded up to the next whole number.**

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** Tennis is one of a few spring championship sports in which fall competition is used to determine participants in the NCAA championship. Thus, in tennis, the first half of the season ends in late January or early February, while in other spring championship sports, the first half of the season ends approximately one month later. This proposal would make the calculation in tennis more consistent with other spring championship sports.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes that fall competition in the sport of tennis does count in the consideration for individual qualification for the NCAA championship. The cabinet does not see a compelling reason to create an exception to the application of the hardship waiver for the sport of tennis.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet expressed philosophical concerns that competition factoring into championships selection for tennis student-athletes would not count when determining the first half of the season for the purpose of hardship waivers.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Defeat



**Intent:** To change the voting line for bylaws related to initial eligibility from federated to common for Division I and Division II, as specified.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 14.3.1.2, as follows:

[Common provision, Division I and Division II, divided vote]

[To change voting line in Bylaws 14.3.1.2, 14.3.1.2.2 and 14.3.1.2.4 through 14.3.1.2.8 from federated to common (#)]

14.3.1.2 Core-Curriculum Requirements. For purposes of meeting the core-curriculum requirement to establish eligibility at a member institution, a "core course" must meet all of the following criteria:

(a) A course must be a recognized academic course and qualify for high school graduation credit in one or a combination of the following areas: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy;

(b) A course must be considered college preparatory by the high school. College preparatory is defined for these purposes as any course that prepares a student academically to enter a four-year collegiate institution upon graduation from high school;

(c) A mathematics course must be at the level of Algebra I or a higher-level mathematics course;

(d) A course must be taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority (e.g., high school, school district or state agency with authority of such matters); and

(e) A course must be taught at or above the high school's regular academic level (remedial, special education or compensatory courses shall not be considered core courses). However, the prohibition against the use of remedial or compensatory courses is not applicable to courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities (see Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1.2).

[14.3.1.2.1 unchanged.]

14.3.1.2.2 Nontraditional Courses. Courses taught via the Internet, distance learning, independent study, individualized instruction, correspondence, and courses taught by similar means may be used to satisfy NCAA core-course requirements if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The course meets all requirements for a core course as defined in Bylaw 14.3.1.2;

(b) The instructor and the student have ongoing access to one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;

(c) The instructor and the student have regular interaction with one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;

- (d) The student's work (e.g., exams, papers, assignments) is available for evaluation and validation;
- (e) Evaluation of the student's work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school's established academic policies;
- (f) The course includes a defined time period for completion; and
- (g) The course is acceptable for any student and is placed on the high school transcript.

[14.3.1.2.3 unchanged.]

14.3.1.2.4 English as a Second Language Course. It is permissible to use an advanced-level English as a Second Language (ESL) course to satisfy core-curriculum requirements, provided it is reviewed through the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waiver process. Other ESL courses taught in disciplines other than English (e.g., social studies) may satisfy a core-course requirement, provided they are qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular-course offering.

14.3.1.2.5 Courses for Students with Education-Impacting Disabilities. High school courses for students with education-impacting disabilities may be used to fulfill the core-curriculum requirements, even if such courses appear to be taught at a level below the high school's regular academic instructional level (e.g., special education courses), if the high school principal submits a written statement to the NCAA Eligibility Center indicating that the courses are substantially comparable, quantitatively and qualitatively, to similar core course offerings in that academic discipline and the courses appear on the high school's list of approved core courses. Students with education-impacting disabilities still must complete the required core courses and achieve the minimum required grade-point average in the core curriculum. The fact that the title of a course includes a designation such as "remedial," "special education," "special needs," or other similar titles used for courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities does not, in and of itself, disqualify a course from satisfying core-curriculum requirements.

14.3.1.2.6 Grade Value of Core Courses. The following grade values are to be used in determining a student's grade-point average in the core courses: A = 4 quality points, B = 3 quality points, C = 2 quality points, D = 1 quality point. In determining the core-curriculum grade-point average, each grade earned in a course (including all numerical grades) must be converted to this 4.000 scale on an individual-course basis. Pluses or minuses within a grade level shall not receive greater or lesser quality points. A school's normal practice of weighting honors or advanced courses may be used to compute the quality points awarded in those courses and the cumulative grade-point average, provided a written statement verifying the grading policy accompanies the prospective student-athlete's official grade transcript. An honors or advanced course shall receive no greater than 1.000 additional quality point (e.g., A=5.000). In calculating the grade in a weighted honors or advanced course, if a high school does not assign quality points to its courses, quality points shall be added to each course before calculating the student's grade-point average and not added to a student's cumulative core-course grade-point average. The core-curriculum grade-point average may be calculated using the student's 16 best grades from courses that meet the distribution requirements of the core curriculum. Additional core courses (beyond the 16 required) may be used to meet the core-curriculum grade-point average, provided the distribution requirements are met.



14.3.1.2.7 Pass-Fail Grades. Courses that are awarded pass-fail grades may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall assign the course the lowest passing grade that the high school assigns for a pass-fail course.

14.3.1.2.8 Repeat Courses. A repeated course may be used only once to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The best grade in that course may be used to calculate the grade-point average in the core curriculum.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.3.1.3, as follows:

[Common provision, Division I and Division II, divided vote]

[To change the voting line in Bylaws 14.3.1.3 and 14.3.1.3.2 through 14.3.1.3.4 from federated to common (#)]

14.3.1.3 Test-Score Requirements. The minimum required SAT or ACT score (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [no residual (campus) testing, or regional testing dates] except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the test-score requirement.

[14.3.1.3.1 unchanged.]

14.3.1.3.2 Combined Test Scores. For students using the SAT examination, the highest scores achieved on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the SAT from two different national testing dates may be combined in determining whether the student has met the minimum test-score requirements. For students using the ACT examination, the highest scores achieved on the individual subtests of the ACT from more than one national testing date or state-administered examination may be combined in determining whether the student's sum score has met the minimum test-score requirement.

14.3.1.3.3 Nonstandard Test Administration. Students with education-impacting disabilities may use scores achieved during a nonstandard administration of the SAT or ACT. A student who takes a nonstandard SAT or ACT still must achieve the minimum required test score; however, the test is not required to be administered on a national testing date.

14.3.1.3.4 Test-Score Report. The minimum SAT or ACT score(s) used for initial-eligibility purposes must be provided to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the appropriate testing agency through an official test-score report.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Academics Cabinet

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** Federation of the Association has successfully provided Divisions I and II the opportunity to amend initial-eligibility legislation deemed most appropriate for each division (e.g., core-course

distribution, test-score and grade-point average requirements and core-course time limitation). However, there are portions of the initial-eligibility legislation that traditionally have and practically should remain consistent for the two divisions. Designating these bylaws as common provisions will provide consistency for prospective student-athletes and high school coaches and administrators to understand initial-eligibility legislation and how courses completed by the prospective student-athlete will be used to certify eligibility. A consistent standard also will assist the NCAA Eligibility Center in more efficiently determining whether a particular student-athlete has fulfilled each division's initial-eligibility requirements. If the divisions have different legislation, the NCAA Eligibility Center is required to apply different standards to the same course. This may result in two core-course lists for each high school, leading to duplicative work for the NCAA Eligibility Center and confusion for prospective student-athletes. However, the autonomy of each division to establish its own initial-eligibility requirements (e.g., number of core courses, minimum grade-point average and standardized test score) will be maintained under this proposal. [Note: NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.2.2 will not be designated as common unless Division II also adopts a proposal currently active in its legislative cycle.]

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

### **Position Statement(s)**

#### **History:**

Jun 28, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 29, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Sponsored

## No. 2010-56 ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- CORE-CURRICULUM TIME LIMITATION -- LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

**Intent:** To specify that the eligibility of an international prospective student-athlete whose prescribed educational path culminates with a leaving examination shall be determined based on the leaving examination, regardless of a delay in graduation or completion of the leaving examination.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.3.1.2.1, as follows:

14.3.1.2.1 Core-Curriculum Time Limitation. A prospective student-athlete must complete his or her core-curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class [as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility]. Graduation from high school or secondary school shall be based on the prospective student-athlete's prescribed educational path in his or her country. **The eligibility of an international student-athlete whose prescribed educational path culminates with a leaving examination (e.g., General Certificate of Secondary Education, Baccalaureat, Slutbetyg) shall be determined based on the leaving examination, regardless of a delay in graduation or completion of the leaving examination.**

[14.3.1.2.1.1 through 14.3.1.2.1.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Academics Cabinet (International Student Records Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2011.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** The eligibility of prospective student-athletes from examination-based countries should be certified using grades from the leaving examination, rather than transcripts, regardless of any delay in graduation or in taking the leaving exams. This approach recognizes the unique nature of the educational paths in examination-based countries and gives deference to the educational policies of such countries. A consistent approach for all prospective student-athletes from a particular country is the most appropriate means of certifying eligibility. In addition, transcripts can be difficult to obtain and often are unofficial documents which cannot be used for initial-eligibility certification. Using official leaving examinations will ease the administrative burden on prospective student-athletes, member institutions and the NCAA Eligibility Center. Further, individuals who complete their leaving exams during the normal timeframe for students in their educational system will still be permitted to complete one additional core course after graduation since they will not graduate on time. Finally, it should be noted that a prospective student-athlete who delays completion of the leaving examination (and also engages in organized competition prior to initial full-time enrollment) will be charged with seasons of competition under the delayed enrollment legislation, as the individual's anticipated date of graduation will not be changed for purposes of certifying competition prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 28, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 29, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Sponsored

No. 2010-57 ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- PARTICIPATION PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION -- RECRUITED STUDENT-ATHLETE -- 21-DAY PERIOD

**Intent:** To increase the temporary certification period for a recruited student-athlete from 14 days to 21 days.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 14.3.5.1.1, as follows:

14.3.5.1.1 Temporary Certification, Recruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before his or her qualification status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a ~~14~~ **21**-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not provide athletically related

financial aid to the student during this period. After the ~~14~~ **21**-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a qualifier (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.4.5.6.1, as follows:

14.5.4.5.6.1 Temporary Certification, Recruited Two-Year College Transfer. If a recruited two-year college transfer student reports for athletics participation before the student's high school or two-year college academic record has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a ~~14~~ **21**-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period. After the ~~14~~ **21**-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a transfer student to continue practicing or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid.

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** During peak times at the NCAA Eligibility Center (e.g., late summer, late winter) there is enormous pressure to process a large number of cases for competition and practice. Extending the certification period would alleviate some of the pressure to certify student-athletes for practice activities while allowing them to focus their efforts on certifying student-athletes for competition. Also, during the winter break period, the NCAA Eligibility Center is closed for a period of time (usually one business week, which equals nine certification days) while a student-athlete's 14-day certification clock continues to run. Additionally, institutions that start classes more than 14 days after the start of preseason practice must cease providing expenses incidental to participation when the 14-day period expires. Such a situation creates a financial burden on the student-athlete and raises concerns related to the student-athlete's well-being. The situation forces the student-athlete to either return home or remain in the locale of the institution at his or her own expense. It should be noted that this proposal is only intended to extend the certification period from 14 days to 21 days and student-athletes would continue to be prohibited from competing and/or receiving institutional athletically related financial aid until certified as a qualifier.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet recommends that the sponsor modify the proposal to allow for the continuation of expenses incidental to participation during the extended certification period, but not allow for practice beyond the current 14-day period. The cabinet would support the proposal if modified, as it addresses student-athlete well-being concerns. The cabinet notes the high volume of certifications processed by the NCAA Eligibility Center, but also notes delays in certification due to circumstances within the control of the recruited prospective student-athlete and institution. The cabinet notes that the proposal, as

written, may limit improvements relative to timely submission of required certification documentation.

**History:**

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Modification

No. 2010-58-A ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS --  
SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION --  
MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.16 unchanged.]

**3.2.4.17 Academic Assessment -- Men's Basketball.**

**3.2.4.17.1 Assessment of Student-Athletes Receiving Athletically Related Financial Aid.** **In men's basketball, an active member shall assess all incoming student-athletes (including transfer student-athletes) who have signed the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid for the following academic year to identify those who require enrollment in summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. The assessment shall be based on criteria defined by the institution and shall include an assessment of learning skills. In following years, the institution shall re-evaluate all continuing student-athletes who will receive athletically related financial aid in the following academic year using institutionally defined criteria to identify student-athletes who should be encouraged to enroll in summer school. (See Bylaws 15.2.8.1.2.5 and 15.2.8.1.4.1.)**

**3.2.4.17.1.1 Exception -- No Summer Session.** **An institution that does not offer summer session classes is not required to assess incoming or continuing student-athletes.**

**3.2.4.17.2 Assessment of Student-Athletes -- Institution That Does Not Award Athletics Aid or Awards Only Need-Based Athletics Aid.** **In men's basketball, an institution that does not award athletically related financial aid or an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), shall assess all recruited incoming student-athletes (including**

transfer student-athletes) in order to identify those that require enrollment in summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and in order to conduct athletics development activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1.3. The assessment shall be based on criteria defined by the institution and shall include an assessment of learning skills. In following years, the institution shall re-evaluate all continuing recruited student-athletes using institutionally defined criteria to identify student-athletes who should be encouraged to enroll in summer school. (See Bylaws 15.2.8.1.2.5 and 15.2.8.1.4.1.)

3.2.4.17.2.1 Exception -- No Summer Session. An institution that does not offer summer session classes is not required to assess incoming or continuing student-athletes.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.02.12, as follows:

13.02.12 Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

[13.02.12-(a) through 13.02.12-(c) unchanged.]

[13.02.12.1 through 13.02.12.2 unchanged.]

13.02.12.3 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a recruited prospective student-athlete (including a transfer prospective student-athlete) who has signed the institution's written offer of financial aid for the following academic year shall be considered a student-athlete at the point in which he attends a class for which he is registered and enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to his initial full-time enrollment at the institution.

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3, as follows:

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least:

[14.4.3.1-(a) through 14.4.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.1 through 14.4.3.1.2 unchanged.]

14.4.3.1.3 Summer School Requirements -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an incoming student-athlete (including a transfer student-athlete) who attends summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and engages in summer athletics development activities (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1.3) shall successfully complete a minimum of three credit hours of acceptable degree credit (other than physical education activity courses) toward any of the institution's degree programs in order to be eligible to compete in his first regular term of full-time enrollment. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy this requirement,



**provided the courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses offered by the institution. A continuing student-athlete who attends summer school and who engages in summer athletics development activities (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1.3) shall successfully complete a minimum of six credit hours in order to be eligible to compete in the first term of the following academic year.**

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.8, as follows:

15.2.8 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution's summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program, provided the following conditions are met:

[15.2.8-(a) through 15.2.8-(c) unchanged.]

15.2.8.1 General Stipulations. A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1), outside financial aid for which athletics participation is a major criterion (per Bylaw 15.2.6.4) and educational expenses awarded (per Bylaw 15.2.6.5) up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 15.01.6.2, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

[15.2.8.1.1 unchanged.]

15.2.8.1.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. After initial full-time enrollment during a regular academic year, a student-athlete shall not receive athletically related financial aid to attend the certifying institution's summer term or summer school unless the student-athlete received such athletically related aid from the certifying institution during the student-athlete's previous academic year at that institution. Further, such aid may be awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid received by the student-athlete during the student-athlete's previous academic year at the certifying institution, except that this proportionality restriction shall not apply to a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility and is enrolled in a summer program of studies that will permit the student-athlete to complete his or her degree requirements.

[15.2.8.1.2.1 through 15.2.8.1.2.4 unchanged.]

**15.2.8.1.2.5 Required Financial Aid -- Men's Basketball. Each year, the institution shall assess all continuing men's basketball student-athletes who will receive athletically related financial aid in the following academic year using institutionally defined criteria to identify those who should attend summer school. Student-athletes who are not on schedule to graduate in five years from initial full-time enrollment shall be strongly encouraged to attend summer school. The institution shall provide a full athletics grant-in-aid to a student-athlete who is identified through the assessment and chooses to attend, provided he is enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours.**

**15.2.8.1.2.5.1 Exception -- No Athletically Related Aid or Need-Based Athletically Related Aid Only. An institution that does not award athletically related financial aid**

or an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not required to award athletically related financial aid to student-athletes who attend summer school. However, the institution shall provide all the institutional financial aid (e.g., need-based aid) for which the student-athlete qualifies to a student-athlete who is identified through the assessment and chooses to attend summer school.

[15.2.8.1.3 unchanged.]

15.2.8.1.4 Prior to Initial, Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution -- Athletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete (including a prospective student-athlete not certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier) to attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student's initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (see also Bylaw 13.02.11.1):

[15.2.8.1.4-(a) through 15.2.8.1.4-(e) unchanged.]

**15.2.8.1.4.1 Required Financial Aid -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a student-athlete who is required to attend summer school based on the institution's academic assessment (see Constitution 3.2.4.17) shall receive a full athletics grant-in-aid. Such a student-athlete shall enroll in a minimum of six credit hours (other than physical education activity courses) of acceptable degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs and shall receive learning skills education. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy this requirement, provided the courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses offered by the institution.**

**15.2.8.1.4.1.1 Exception -- No Athletically Related Aid or Need-Based Athletically Related Aid Only. An institution that does not award athletically related financial aid or an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not required to award athletically related financial aid to student-athletes who attend summer school. However, a student-athlete who is required to attend summer school based on the institution's academic assessment shall receive all the institutional financial aid (e.g., need-based aid) for which the student-athlete qualifies.**

E. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.2.1, as follows:

17.1.6.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer.



17.1.6.2.1.1 Sports Other than Championship Subdivision Football. In sports other than championship subdivision football, a student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches and who perform such duties on a department-wide basis may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

[17.1.6.2.1.1.1 through 17.1.6.2.1.1.2 unchanged.]

**17.1.6.2.1.1.3 Summer Athletics Development Activities -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution may designate eight weeks of the summer during which incoming and continuing student-athletes who are enrolled in and attending summer school (in a minimum of six credit hours) may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction. A student-athlete's participation in such activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on skill-related workouts.**

[17.1.6.2.1.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** Data indicates that student-athletes who undergo early institutional academic and learning assessments and receive the necessary additional academic support or attend additional summer school sessions are more likely to graduate within a five-year period. Further, both academically at-risk and high achieving student-athletes who enroll in summer school, particularly early in their academic careers, tend to experience enhanced academic success during their collegiate enrollment. This proposal recognizes the importance of the accrued academic benefits of summer school attendance and that retention problems drive a low Academic Progress Rate. The development of an institutional connection is a critically important factor in retaining students. Summer bridge programs have been shown to be particularly effective in this regard. Given the critical importance of the relationship between coach and student-athlete, it is fair to consider that enhancing that relationship will also enhance the connection that a student-athlete feels toward the institution. This proposal will provide opportunities for both academic and athletic improvement, which will, in turn, contribute to greater retention of student-athletes. Allowing limited athletically related activities in a structured environment will not significantly impact competitive equity, but it will prove beneficial in establishing stronger relationships and enhancing the student-athlete's bond to the institution. (For more information, please see the final report of the Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group.)

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary among institutions.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Minimal as compared to the current model.

## Position Statement(s)

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal as written. Specifically, the cabinet does not support requiring enrollment in six credit hours during the summer prior to full-time enrollment while only requiring successful completion of three credit hours. The cabinet requests the Board consider modifying the proposal or sponsoring an alternative proposal. The cabinet generally supports the overall package of elements outlined in the proposal; however, the alternative proposal would increase the requirement of completing three hours of acceptable degree credit to six hours of degree credit. The cabinet believes that limiting successful completion to three hours for incoming student-athletes does not provide the appropriate academic foundation regarding the pursuit of successful completion of courses undertaken. The cabinet supports the other components of the proposal and notes a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model will have a positive impact on the men's basketball culture.

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet took no position. Although the cabinet expressed no concerns with the proposal's financial aid requirements, the cabinet expressed concerns about continuing student-athletes who attend summer school and engage in summer athletics development activities being required to successfully complete a minimum of six credit hours in order to be eligible to compete in the first term of the following academic year.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. Concern was expressed about an approach that would require incoming student-athletes to be enrolled in six hours of academic credit to receive financial aid but only pass three of those hours to maintain eligibility. The cabinet is concerned that this is not an appropriate level of success. Finally, with the addition of formal athletics development activities in the summer, the additional impact on support staff (e.g., trainers) was a concern.

*Committee on Academic Performance:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee does not support the alternative proposal that would increase the number of credit hours incoming student-athletes must successfully complete in the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment from three to six. The committee supports the work of the Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group and noted that the original concept derived from this group's work will have a positive impact on the men's basketball culture and retention issues.

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

## History:

Jul 21, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Modification (See position statement.)

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, No Formal Position

Oct 26, 2010 Committee on Academic Performance, Recommends Approval

Oct 28, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-58-A. Alternatives are Proposal Nos. 2010-58-B and 2010-58-C.

No. 2010-58-B ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS --  
SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION --  
MEN'S BASKETBALL -- SIX HOURS REQUIREMENT FOR INCOMING STUDENT-  
ATHLETES

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.16 unchanged.]

**3.2.4.17 Academic Assessment -- Men's Basketball.**

**3.2.4.17.1 Assessment of Student-Athletes Receiving Athletically Related Financial Aid. In men's basketball, an active member shall assess all incoming student-athletes (including transfer student-athletes) who have signed the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid for the following academic year to identify those who require enrollment in summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. The assessment shall be based on criteria defined by the institution and shall include an assessment of learning skills. In following years, the institution shall re-evaluate all continuing student-athletes who will receive athletically related financial aid in the following academic year using institutionally defined criteria to identify student-athletes who should be encouraged to enroll in summer school. (See Bylaws 15.2.8.1.2.5 and 15.2.8.1.4.1.)**

**3.2.4.17.1.1 Exception -- No Summer Session. An institution that does not offer summer session classes is not required to assess incoming or continuing student-athletes.**

**3.2.4.17.2 Assessment of Student-Athletes -- Institution That Does Not Award Athletics Aid or Awards Only Need-Based Athletics Aid. In men's basketball, an institution that does not award athletically related financial aid or an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), shall assess all recruited incoming student-athletes (including transfer student-athletes) in order to identify those that require enrollment in summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and in order to conduct athletics development activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1.3. The assessment shall be based on criteria defined by the institution and shall include an**

assessment of learning skills. In following years, the institution shall re-evaluate all continuing recruited student-athletes using institutionally defined criteria to identify student-athletes who should be encouraged to enroll in summer school. (See Bylaw 15.2.8.1.2.5 and 15.2.8.1.4.1.)

3.2.4.17.2.1 Exception -- No Summer Session. An institution that does not offer summer session classes is not required to assess incoming or continuing student-athletes.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.02.12, as follows:

13.02.12 Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

[13.02.12-(a) through 13.02.12-(c) unchanged.]

[13.02.12.1 through 13.02.12.2 unchanged.]

13.02.12.3 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a recruited prospective student-athlete (including a transfer prospective student-athlete) who has signed the institution's written offer of financial aid for the following academic year shall be considered a student-athlete at the point in which he attends a class for which he is registered and enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to his initial full-time enrollment at the institution.

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3, as follows:

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least:

[14.4.3.1-(a) through 14.4.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.1 through 14.4.3.1.2 unchanged.]

14.4.3.1.3 Summer School Requirements -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an incoming student-athlete (including a transfer student-athlete) who attends summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and engages in summer athletics development activities (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1.3) shall successfully complete a minimum of six credit hours of acceptable degree credit (other than physical education activity courses) toward any of the institution's degree programs in order to be eligible to compete in his first regular term of full-time enrollment. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy this requirement, provided the courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses offered by the institution. A continuing student-athlete who attends summer school and who engages in summer athletics development activities (see

**Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1.3) shall successfully complete a minimum of six credit hours in order to be eligible to compete in the first term of the following academic year.**

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.8, as follows:

15.2.8 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution's summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program, provided the following conditions are met:

[15.2.8-(a) through 15.2.8-(c) unchanged.]

15.2.8.1 General Stipulations. A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1), outside financial aid for which athletics participation is a major criterion (per Bylaw 15.2.6.4) and educational expenses awarded (per Bylaw 15.2.6.5) up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 15.01.6.2, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

[15.2.8.1.1 unchanged.]

15.2.8.1.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. After initial full-time enrollment during a regular academic year, a student-athlete shall not receive athletically related financial aid to attend the certifying institution's summer term or summer school unless the student-athlete received such athletically related aid from the certifying institution during the student-athlete's previous academic year at that institution. Further, such aid may be awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid received by the student-athlete during the student-athlete's previous academic year at the certifying institution, except that this proportionality restriction shall not apply to a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility and is enrolled in a summer program of studies that will permit the student-athlete to complete his or her degree requirements.

[15.2.8.1.2.1 through 15.2.8.1.2.4 unchanged.]

**15.2.8.1.2.5 Required Financial Aid -- Men's Basketball. Each year, the institution shall assess all continuing men's basketball student-athletes who will receive athletically related financial aid in the following academic year using institutionally defined criteria to identify those who should attend summer school. Student-athletes who are not on schedule to graduate in five years from initial full-time enrollment shall be strongly encouraged to attend summer school. The institution shall provide a full athletics grant-in-aid to a student-athlete who is identified through the assessment and chooses to attend, provided he is enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours.**

**15.2.8.1.2.5.1 Exception -- No Athletically Related Aid or Need-Based Athletically Related Aid Only. An institution that does not award athletically related financial aid or an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered**



athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not required to award athletically related financial aid to student-athletes who attend summer school. However, the institution shall provide all the institutional financial aid (e.g., need-based aid) for which the student-athlete qualifies to a student-athlete who is identified through the assessment and chooses to attend summer school.

[15.2.8.1.3 unchanged.]

15.2.8.1.4 Prior to Initial, Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution -- Athletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete (including a prospective student-athlete not certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier) to attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student-athlete's initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (see also Bylaw 13.02.11.1):

[15.2.8.1.4-(a) through 15.2.8.1.4-(e) unchanged.]

**15.2.8.1.4.1 Required Financial Aid -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a student-athlete who is required to attend summer school based on the institution's academic assessment (see Constitution 3.2.4.17) shall receive a full athletics grant-in-aid. Such a student-athlete shall enroll in a minimum of six credit hours (other than physical education activity courses) of acceptable degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs and shall receive learning skills education. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy this requirement, provided the courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses offered by the institution.**

**15.2.8.1.4.1.1 Exception -- No Athletically Related Aid or Need-Based Athletically Related Aid Only. An institution does not award athletically related financial aid or an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not required to award athletically related financial aid to student-athletes who attend summer school. However, a student-athlete who is required to attend summer school based on the institution's academic assessment shall receive all the institutional financial aid (e.g., need-based aid) for which the student-athlete qualifies.**

E. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.2.1, as follows:

17.1.6.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer.

17.1.6.2.1.1 Sports Other than Championship Subdivision Football. In sports other than championship subdivision football, a student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches and who perform such duties on a department-wide basis may design and conduct specific workout

programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

[17.1.6.2.1.1.1 through 17.1.6.2.1.1.2 unchanged.]

**17.1.6.2.1.1.3 Summer Athletics Development Activities -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution may designate eight weeks of the summer during which incoming and continuing student-athletes who are enrolled in and attending summer school (in a minimum of six credit hours) may engage in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction. A student-athlete's participation in such activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on skill-related workouts.**

[17.1.6.2.1.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Academics Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal increases the requirement of completing three hours of acceptable degree credit to six hours. Limiting successful completion to three hours for incoming student-athletes does not provide the appropriate academic foundation for successful completion of courses undertaken. A summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model will have a positive impact on the men's basketball cultural.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary among institutions.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Minimal as compared to the current model.

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Sep 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2009-58-A.

No. 2010-58-C ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS --  
SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION --  
MEN'S BASKETBALL -- NATIONAL SERVICE ACADEMY EXCEPTION

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified, including exceptions for national service academies.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.16 unchanged.]

### **3.2.4.17 Academic Assessment -- Men's Basketball.**

**3.2.4.17.1 Assessment of Student-Athletes Receiving Athletically Related Financial Aid. In men's basketball, an active member shall assess all incoming student-athletes (including transfer student-athletes) who have signed the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid for the following academic year to identify those who require enrollment in summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. The assessment shall be based on criteria defined by the institution and shall include an assessment of learning skills. In following years, the institution shall re-evaluate all continuing student-athletes who will receive athletically related financial aid in the following academic year using institutionally defined criteria to identify student-athletes who should be encouraged to enroll in summer school. (See Bylaws 15.2.8.1.2.5 and 15.2.8.1.4.1.)**

**3.2.4.17.1.1 Exception -- No Summer Session. An institution that does not offer summer session classes is not required to assess incoming or continuing student-athletes.**

**3.2.4.17.2 Assessment of Student-Athletes -- Institution That Does Not Award Athletics Aid or Awards Only Need-Based Athletics Aid. In men's basketball, an institution that does not award athletically related financial aid or an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), shall assess all recruited incoming student-athletes (including transfer student-athletes) in order to identify those that require enrollment in summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and in order to conduct athletics development activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1.3. The assessment shall be based on criteria defined by the institution and shall include an assessment of learning skills. In following years, the institution shall re-evaluate all continuing recruited student-athletes using institutionally defined criteria to identify student-athletes who should be encouraged to enroll in summer school. (See Bylaws 15.2.8.1.2.5 and 15.2.8.1.4.1.)**

**3.2.4.17.2.1 Exception -- No Summer Session. An institution that does not offer summer session classes is not required to assess incoming or continuing student-athletes.**

#### **B. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.12, as follows:**

13.02.12 Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):



[13.02.12-(a) through 13.02.12-(c) unchanged.]

[13.02.12.1 through 13.02.12.2 unchanged.]

**13.02.12.3 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a recruited prospective student-athlete (including a transfer prospective student-athlete) who has signed the institution's written offer of financial aid for the following academic year shall be considered a student-athlete at the point in which he attends a class for which he is registered and enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to his initial full-time enrollment at the institution.**

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3, as follows:

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least:

[14.4.3.1-(a) through 14.4.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.1 through 14.4.3.1.2 unchanged.]

**14.4.3.1.3 Summer School Requirements -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an incoming student-athlete (including a transfer student-athlete) who attends summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and engages in summer athletics development activities (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1.3) shall successfully complete a minimum of three credit hours of acceptable degree credit (other than physical education activity courses) toward any of the institution's degree programs in order to be eligible to compete in his first regular term of full-time enrollment. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy this requirement, provided the courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses offered by the institution. A continuing student-athlete who attends summer school and who engages in summer athletics development activities (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1.3) shall successfully complete a minimum of six credit hours in order to be eligible to compete in the first term of the following academic year.**

**14.4.3.1.3.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. In men's basketball, if a continuing student-athlete at a national service academy enrolls in an academic summer school course (in addition to participation in required summer military training) and engages in summer athletics development activities, he shall successfully complete the course in order to be eligible to compete in the first term of the following academic year.**

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.8, as follows:

15.2.8 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution's summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program, provided the following conditions are met:

[15.2.8-(a) through 15.2.8-(c) unchanged.]

15.2.8.1 General Stipulations. A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1), outside financial aid for which athletics participation is a major criterion (per Bylaw 15.2.6.4) and educational expenses awarded (per Bylaw 15.2.6.5) up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 15.01.6.2, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

[15.2.8.1.1 unchanged.]

15.2.8.1.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. After initial full-time enrollment during a regular academic year, a student-athlete shall not receive athletically related financial aid to attend the certifying institution's summer term or summer school unless the student-athlete received such athletically related aid from the certifying institution during the student-athlete's previous academic year at that institution. Further, such aid may be awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid received by the student-athlete during the student-athlete's previous academic year at the certifying institution, except that this proportionality restriction shall not apply to a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility and is enrolled in a summer program of studies that will permit the student-athlete to complete his or her degree requirements.

[15.2.8.1.2.1 through 15.2.8.1.2.4 unchanged.]

**15.2.8.1.2.5 Required Financial Aid -- Men's Basketball. Each year, the institution shall assess all continuing men's basketball student-athletes who will receive athletically related financial aid in the following academic year using institutionally defined criteria to identify those who should attend summer school. Student-athletes who are not on schedule to graduate in five years from initial full-time enrollment shall be strongly encouraged to attend summer school. The institution shall provide a full athletics grant-in-aid to a student-athlete who is identified through the assessment and chooses to attend, provided he is enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours.**

**15.2.8.1.2.5.1 Exception -- No Athletically Related Aid or Need-Based Athletically Related Aid Only. An institution that does not award athletically related financial aid or an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not required to award athletically related financial aid to student-athletes who attend summer school. However, the institution shall provide all the institutional financial aid (e.g., need-based aid) for which the student-athlete qualifies to a student-athlete who is identified through the assessment and chooses to attend summer school.**

[15.2.8.1.3 unchanged.]

15.2.8.1.4 Prior to Initial, Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution -- Athletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete (including a prospective student-athlete not certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier) to attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student's initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (see also Bylaw 13.02.11.1):

[15.2.8.1.4-(a) through 15.2.8.1.4-(e) unchanged.]

**15.2.8.1.4.1 Required Financial Aid -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a student-athlete who is required to attend summer school based on the institution's academic assessment (see Constitution 3.2.4.17) shall receive a full athletics grant-in-aid. Such a student-athlete shall enroll in a minimum of six credit hours (other than physical education activity courses) of acceptable degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs and shall receive learning skills education. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy this requirement, provided the courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses offered by the institution.**

**15.2.8.1.4.1.1 Exception -- No Athletically Related Aid or Need-Based Athletically Related Aid Only. An institution that does not award athletically related financial aid or an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not required to award athletically related financial aid to student-athletes who attend summer school. However, a student-athlete who is required to attend summer school based on the institution's academic assessment shall receive all the institutional financial aid (e.g., need-based aid) for which the student-athlete qualifies.**

E. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.2.1, as follows:

17.1.6.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer.

17.1.6.2.1.1 Sports Other than Championship Subdivision Football. In sports other than championship subdivision football, a student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches and who perform such duties on a department-wide basis may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

[17.1.6.2.1.1.1 through 17.1.6.2.1.1.2 unchanged.]

**17.1.6.2.1.1.3 Athletics Development Activities -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution may designate eight weeks of the summer during which incoming and continuing student-athletes who are enrolled in and attending summer school (in a minimum of six credit hours) may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and**

**skill-related instruction. A student-athlete's participation in such activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on skill-related workouts.**

**17.1.6.2.1.1.3.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. In men's basketball, a national service academy may designate eight weeks of the summer during which incoming and continuing student-athletes who are enrolled in and attending summer school and/or required summer on campus military training may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction. A student-athlete's participation in such activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on skill-related workouts.**

[17.1.6.2.1.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** Mountain West Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal recognizes that the development of an institutional connection is a critically important factor in retaining students. Given the critical importance of the relationship between coach and student-athlete, it is fair to consider that enhancing that relationship will also enhance the connection that a student-athlete feels toward the institution. This proposal will provide opportunities for men's basketball student-athletes at the service academies to have similar interaction with their coaches as their civilian counterparts while still adhering to the institutional mission of developing future military officers through required summer military training. Graduation requirements at the service academies include not only completion of academic requirements but also completion of military training requirements. Due to the nature of those military requirements, most of them are conducted during the summer months. As a result, student-athletes at the service academies have very limited opportunities to enroll in academic courses during the summer, yet they are still expected to complete all requirements (academic as well as military) in four years. Allowing the service academies to replace academic courses with military courses in order to reach the same goals (retention and graduation) makes this concept equitable for the service academies.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary among institutions.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Minimal as compared to the current model.

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 22, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration as an alternative to Proposal Nos. 2010-58-A and 2010-58-B.

No. 2010-59-A ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS -- FALL TERM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE COMPETITION -- POTENTIAL TO REGAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR TWO CONTESTS -- FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In football, to specify that a student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season; further, to specify that the student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least:

[14.4.3.1-(a) through 14.4.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.1 through 14.4.3.1.5 unchanged.]

**14.4.3.1.6 Additional Requirements -- Football. In football, a student-athlete who is a member of the institution's football team and who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season.**

**14.4.3.1.6.1 Regaining Eligibility for Two Contests. A student-athlete who is ineligible, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6, to compete in the first four contests of a playing season against outside competition may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at the certifying institution may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester/40-quarter credit-hour requirement.**

[14.4.3.1.6 through 14.4.3.1.7 renumbered as 14.4.3.1.7 through 14.4.3.1.8, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Football Academic Working Group)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility



**Rationale:** Through extensive review of data, the Football Academic Working Group noted the Academic Progress Rate (APR) issues in football tend to be due to eligibility. The most recent eligibility APR for football (939.7) is the lowest of all Division I sports and is approximately seven points lower than the retention APR for football (946.8). Data indicate that football student-athletes lose a significant number of eligibility points during the fall term. In addition, data demonstrate that a football student-athlete who earns nine credit hours during the fall term earns more APR points during his academic career, is more likely to graduate and is less likely to become an "0/2" student-athlete. These provisions will help ensure that football student-athletes are progressing toward a degree. Maintaining some ineligibility for contests during the subsequent fall term is important to facilitate the cultural change needed to ensure that football student-athletes earn at least nine credit hours during the fall and use the summer to progress toward earlier graduation rather than using the summer to regain eligibility for the fall. In addition, increasing the academic requirements for the fall will address the time demands issue by requiring football student-athletes and coaches to prioritize time for academics.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

### **Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. The cabinet notes that data demonstrate the importance of football student-athletes earning nine credits during the fall term in relation to likelihood of graduation. Further, the cabinet notes the importance of maintaining a level of ineligibility for contests as a means to facilitate behavior change during the fall term.

*Committee on Academic Performance:* The committee supports Proposal No. 2010-59-C and opposes Proposal Nos. 2010-59-A and 2010-59-B. The committee generally supports the original concepts developed by the NCAA Division I Football Academic Working Group. However, it notes that Proposal No. 2010-59-C recognizes the fact that student-athletes may experience academic difficulty in a term during their collegiate enrollment. Providing the opportunity to regain full eligibility on one occasion, allows student-athletes to academically recover one time during their academic careers, while still supporting the overall premise of the original proposal.

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee believes that the APR in football is making adequate improvement and that existing legislation and policies will sufficiently provide for continued APR improvement. The committee expressed concern that such requirements may lead to student-athletes being steered to less rigorous degree programs just to remain eligible for competition. In addition, committee notes that while a similar rule has been successful in baseball, baseball student-athletes typically have one term of enrollment (fall) to get acclimated to college before their in-season academic requirements go into effect (spring).

### **History:**

Aug 03, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat

Sep 09, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-59-A. Alternatives are Proposal Nos. 2010-59-B and 2010-59-C.

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Oct 26, 2010 Committee on Academic Performance, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-59-B ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS -- FALL TERM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE COMPETITION -- POTENTIAL TO REGAIN FULL ELIGIBILITY -- FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In football, to specify that a student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season; further, to specify that the student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least:

[14.4.3.1-(a) through 14.4.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.1 through 14.4.3.1.5 unchanged.]

**14.4.3.1.6 Additional Requirements -- Football. In football, a student-athlete who is a member of the institution's football team and who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season.**

**14.4.3.1.6.1 Regaining Eligibility. A student-athlete who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at the certifying institution may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester/40-quarter credit-hour requirement.**

[14.4.3.1.6 through 14.4.3.1.7 renumbered as 14.4.3.1.7 through 14.4.3.1.8, unchanged.]

**Source:** Big East Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** A football student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine semester hours or eight quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term, but subsequently successfully completes at least 27 semester hours or 40 quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term, should regain eligibility to compete in all contests of the following football season. Maintaining any ineligibility for contests during the subsequent fall term is inappropriate for a football student-athlete who is able to meet the 27 semester hour or 40 quarter hour requirement. A student-athlete who is meeting the overall benchmark after having not met the fall term benchmarks should be rewarded for his or her academic efforts by having his or her eligibility fully restored.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Committee on Academic Performance:* The committee supports Proposal No. 2010-59-C and opposes Proposal Nos. 2010-59-A and 2010-59-B. The committee generally supports the original concepts developed by the NCAA Division I Football Academic Working Group. However, it notes that Proposal No. 2010-59-C recognizes the fact that student-athletes may experience academic difficulty in a term during their collegiate enrollment. Providing the opportunity to regain full eligibility on one occasion, allows student-athletes to academically recover one time during their academic careers, while still supporting the overall premise of the original proposal.

**History:**

Sep 09, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration as an alternative to Proposal No. 2010-59-A.

Oct 26, 2010 Committee on Academic Performance, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-59-C ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS -- FALL TERM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE COMPETITION -- ONE-TIME EXCEPTION TO REGAIN FULL ELIGIBILITY -- FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In football, to specify that a student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season; further, to specify that the student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term; finally, to specify that one time during a student-



athlete's five-year period of eligibility, a student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least:

[14.4.3.1-(a) through 14.4.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.1 through 14.4.3.1.5 unchanged.]

**14.4.3.1.6 Additional Requirements -- Football. In football, a student-athlete who is a member of the institution's football team and who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season.**

**14.4.3.1.6.1 Regaining Eligibility for Two Contests. A student-athlete who is ineligible, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6, to compete in the first four contests of a playing season against outside competition may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at the certifying institution may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester/40-quarter credit-hour requirement.**

**14.4.3.1.6.2 Regaining Full Eligibility -- One-Time Exception. One time during a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, a student-athlete who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at the certifying institution may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester/40-quarter credit-hour requirement.**

[14.4.3.1.6 through 14.4.3.1.7 renumbered as 14.4.3.1.7 through 14.4.3.1.8, unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** While continuing to support the importance of helping to ensure that football student-athletes are progressing toward a degree it is also important to recognize the fact that any student can have a bad term academically during his or her enrollment. By giving the student-athlete the opportunity to fully regain his or her eligibility one time, it allows the student-athlete to recover academically and get back on track toward a degree without imposing an overly harsh penalty. It should be noted that since this exception may only be used one time during the student-athlete's collegiate career, it is not subject to abuse by repeat offenders.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Committee on Academic Performance:* The committee supports Proposal No. 2010-59-C and opposes Proposal Nos. 2010-59-A and 2010-59-B. The committee generally supports the original concepts developed by the NCAA Division I Football Academic Working Group. However, it notes that Proposal No. 2010-59-C recognizes the fact that student-athletes may experience academic difficulty in a term during their collegiate enrollment. Providing the opportunity to regain full eligibility on one occasion, allows student-athletes to academically recover one time during their academic careers, while still supporting the overall premise of the original proposal.

**History:**

Oct 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration as an alternative to Proposal Nos. 2010-59-A and 2010-59-B.

Oct 26, 2010 Committee on Academic Performance, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-60 ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE -- NONTRADITIONAL COURSES

**Intent:** To specify that nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the certifying institution, may be used to meet credit-hour and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided specified conditions are met.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3.4, as follows:

14.4.3.4 Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree.

[14.4.3.4.1 through 14.4.3.4.2 unchanged.]

~~14.4.3.4.3 Correspondence and Extension Courses from Another Institution. Correspondence, extension and credit by examination courses taken from an institution other than the one in which a student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student shall not be used in determining a student's academic standing or progress toward degree.~~ **Nontraditional Courses from Another Institution. Nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the certifying institution, may be used to meet credit hour and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided the following conditions are met:**

**(a) The course is available to any student at the certifying institution;**

**(b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student; and**

**(c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the offering institution's regular enrollment periods (pre-registration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.**

[14.4.3.4.3.1 through 14.4.3.4.3.2 unchanged.]

[14.4.3.4.4 through 14.4.3.4.7 unchanged.]

~~14.4.3.4.8 Distance Learning Courses. Credit hours earned via distance learning may be used to meet all progress-toward-degree requirements provided:~~

~~(a) Evaluation of student's work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the institution's established academic policies; and~~

~~(b) The course is available to any student at the certifying institution and is reflected on the certifying institution's transcript.~~

[14.4.3.4.9 through 14.4.3.4.10 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Academics Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Rationale:** In light of the prevalence and acceptance of nontraditional courses throughout post-secondary education, it is appropriate to update the legislation regarding the various methods of course delivery and whether such courses may be used toward progress-toward-degree requirements for competition. This proposal provides the opportunity for student-athletes to use nontraditional coursework, but also recognizes the potential for academic misconduct and provides safeguards against misuse to meet eligibility requirements. In general, a student-athlete should be provided similar access to nontraditional courses as all students at his or her institution in order to fulfill the full-time enrollment requirements, provided the institution considers enrollment in such a course as regular course enrollment for all students. Finally, this proposal respects institutional discretion and authority in setting course content and curriculum, and relies on

institutional integrity and scrutiny with regard to the delivery of nontraditional courses.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** May allow for more favorable/convenient schedules.

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 28, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 29, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Sponsored

### Financial Aid

#### No. 2009-70-A FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL -- MULTISPORT PARTICIPATION

**Intent:** In women's sand volleyball, to establish the maximum equivalency and counter limitations, as specified; further, to specify that a student-athlete who was a counter in women's sand volleyball during her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participates (practices or competes) in women's volleyball during her second year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be a counter in women's volleyball for her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.5, as follows:

#### 15.5 MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT

[15.5.1 through 15.5.7 unchanged]

#### **15.5.8 Women's Sand Volleyball Limitations.**

**15.5.8.1 Institutions That Sponsor Women's Sand Volleyball and Women's Volleyball. If an institution sponsors women's sand volleyball and women's volleyball, the annual limit on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) provided to counters and the annual limit on the total number of counters in women's sand volleyball shall be:**

**(a) During the 2011-12 academic year, three equivalencies and 14 counters;**

**(b) During the 2012-13 academic year, four equivalencies and 14 counters;**

**(c) During the 2013-14 academic year, five equivalencies and 14 counters; and**

**(d) During the 2014-15 academic year and thereafter, six equivalencies and 14 counters.**

**15.5.8.2 Institutions That Sponsor Women's Sand Volleyball but Do Not Sponsor Women's Volleyball. If an institution does not sponsor women's volleyball, there shall be an annual limit of eight on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) provided to counters and an annual limit of 14 on the total number of counters in women's sand volleyball.**

[15.5.8 renumbered as 15.5.9, unchanged.]

15.5.910 Multi-Sport Participants.

[15.5.9.1 through 15.5.9.4 renumbered as 15.5.10.1 through 15.5.10.4, unchanged.]

15.5.910.5 Volleyball, Women's. A counter who practices or competes in women's volleyball and one or more other sports (other than basketball) shall be counted in women's volleyball.

**15.5.10.5.1 Participation in Women's Volleyball in Second Year of Enrollment After Counter Status in Women's Sand Volleyball in First Year of Enrollment. A student-athlete who was a counter in women's sand volleyball during her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participates (practices or competes) in women's volleyball during her second year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be a counter in women's volleyball for her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.**

[15.5.10 through 15.5.12 renumbered as 15.5.11 through 15.5.13, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Limiting the equivalencies to six among 14 total counters is appropriate based on the anticipated playing rules for women's sand volleyball, which would permit five two-person units to compete as a team in competition. It is anticipated that during the sport's emergence, there will be a high number of student-athletes who will participate in both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball. Limiting the total number of counters will assist in maintaining competitive balance. Based on the information provided to the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics related to the current women's sand volleyball participation numbers, these financial aid limits provide appropriate financial aid opportunities as the sport develops as an NCAA sport. Further, eight equivalencies for women's sand volleyball is appropriate for institutions that do not sponsor women's volleyball because the concerns regarding the number of student-athletes who participate in both sports do not exist at those institutions. Finally, it should be noted that pursuant to the application of the multisport participant legislation, a counter in women's sand volleyball who also practices or competes in women's volleyball shall be a counter in women's volleyball. The provision of the proposal regarding multisport participation provides a safeguard against the stockpiling of student-athletes. The modification will not apply to a student-athlete who is a counter in sand volleyball during her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participates in women's volleyball after her second year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary by sponsorship and amount of financial aid offered within the limitations.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

## History:

Jun 10, 2009 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 11, 2009 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

Jan 13, 2010 Leg Council Init Review;, Forwarded for Membership Comment

Jan 17, 2010 Comment Period; Start of Comment Period

Mar 17, 2010 Comment Period; End of Comment Period; (Official Comment Totals: Support = 0, Oppose = 2, Abstain = 0)

Apr 13, 2010 Leg Council Final Review;, Tabled With the delay to the effective date for the addition of women's sand volleyball to the list of emerging sports for women, current proposals and any new concepts related to the sport will be considered in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Modified the Proposal Proposal modified to specify that a student-athlete who was a counter in women's sand volleyball during her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participates (practices or competes) in women's volleyball during her second year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be a counter in women's volleyball for her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

Oct 19, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2009-70-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2009-70-B.

### No. 2009-70-B FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL

**Intent:** In women's sand volleyball, to establish the maximum equivalency and counter limitations, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.5, as follows:

#### 15.5 MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT

[15.5.1 through 15.5.7 unchanged.]

#### **15.5.8 Women's Sand Volleyball Limitations.**

**15.5.8.1 Institutions That Sponsor Women's Sand Volleyball and Women's Volleyball. If an institution sponsors women's sand volleyball and women's volleyball, the annual limit on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) provided to counters and the annual limit on the total number of counters in women's sand volleyball shall be:**

**(a) During the 2011-12 academic year, three equivalencies and 14 counters;**

**(b) During the 2012-13 academic year, four equivalencies and 14 counters;**

**(c) During the 2013-14 academic year, five equivalencies and 14 counters; and**

**(d) During the 2014-15 academic year and thereafter, six equivalencies and 14 counters.**



**15.5.8.2 Institutions That Sponsor Women's Sand Volleyball but Do Not Sponsor Women's Volleyball. If an institution does not sponsor women's volleyball, there shall be an annual limit of eight on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) provided to counters and an annual limit of 14 on the total number of counters in women's sand volleyball.**

[15.5.8 renumbered as 15.5.9, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal eliminates the provision in Proposal No. 2009-70-A that would specify that a student-athlete who was a counter in women's sand volleyball during her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and who participates (practices or competes) in women's volleyball during her second year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be a counter in women's volleyball for her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. The current legislation related to multisport participants provides an adequate and effective safeguard to address stockpiling of student-athletes. The aforementioned provision in Proposal No. 2009-70-A is an unnecessary and bureaucratic measure.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary by sponsorship and amount of financial aid offered within the limitations.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 19, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 19, 2010 Legislative Council, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2009-70-A.

No. 2010-61 FINANCIAL AID -- GENERAL PRINCIPLES -- ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- EXCEPTION -- PART TIME ENROLLMENT AFTER EXHAUSTED ELIGIBILITY

**Intent:** To specify that an institution may provide financial aid to a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in his or her sport and is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student-athlete is carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete degree requirements, or the student-athlete is carrying for credit all the degree-applicable courses necessary to complete his or her degree requirements that are offered by the institution during that term.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.01.5, as follows:



15.01.5 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Institutional Financial Aid. A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for institutional financial aid. If these regulations are met, the student-athlete may be awarded institutional financial aid during any term in which a student-athlete is in regular attendance [was enrolled initially in a minimum full-time program of studies as defined by the certifying institution during that term (see Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.3 for final term exception and Bylaw 15.2.8 for summer-term exception)] under the following circumstances:

[15.01.5-(a) through 15.01.5-(d), unchanged.]

[Note: See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the financial aid implications in the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director. See Bylaw 14.5.5.4 for financial aid implications related to the academic eligibility of four-year college transfers.]

**15.01.5.1 Exception -- Part-Time Enrollment after Exhausted Eligibility. An institution may provide financial aid to a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in his or her sport and is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided:**

**(a) The student-athlete is carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete degree requirements; or**

**(b) The student-athlete is carrying for credit all the degree-applicable courses necessary to complete his or her degree requirements that are offered by the institution during that term.**

[15.01.5.1 renumbered as 15.01.5.2, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Current legislation requires a student-athlete to begin a term as a full-time student in order to receive athletically related financial aid. A student-athlete who is in his or her final term of a degree program may receive financial aid without being enrolled full time, provided he or she is carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete degree requirements. However, the exception does not account for situations in which a student-athlete who has exhausted intercollegiate eligibility is unable to enroll in all courses necessary to earn his or her degree in a single academic term due to limited course availability and/or degree-sequencing issues. This legislative change promotes student-athlete well-being by providing an additional opportunity for a student-athlete to receive athletics aid to earn his or her degree without requiring initial full-time enrollment during a term. Since this proposal only applies to student-athletes who have exhausted athletics eligibility, there are no competitive-equity concerns related to practice or competition while enrolled less than full time for one or more terms. Finally, this proposal would reduce bureaucracy by eliminating the need for an institution to go through the procedure of having a student-athlete unnecessarily enroll as a full-time student and/or submitting a waiver request.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential for less financial aid required for a student-athlete to complete his or her degree.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. The cabinet notes the promotion of student-athlete well being by providing an additional opportunity for a student-athlete to receive athletics aid without the need to engage in unnecessary enrollment as a full-time student and/or submission of a waiver. The cabinet also notes the lack of competitive equity concerns since the proposal only applies to student-athletes who have exhausted eligibility.

**History:**

Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 02, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-62 FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- FEDERAL NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

**Intent:** To specify that federal government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need are considered exempted institutional financial aid and are not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.4.3, as follows:

15.02.4.3 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations:

(a) An honorary award for outstanding academic achievement or an established institutional research grant that meets the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.02.6 (and must be included in determining if the student-athlete's cost of attendance has been met); *and*

(b) A postgraduate scholarship awarded by an institution in accordance with Bylaw 16.1.4.1.1; **and**

**(c) Federal government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need [e.g., Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (SEOG)], regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

## **Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Currently, selected federal government grants are exempted from team and individual limit calculations. However, not all federal need-based aid [e.g., Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (SEOG)] is exempted from the calculation of maximum team financial aid limits. All federal government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need should be exempted from counting toward the maximum team financial aid limits. The aid would continue to count against the individual limit. This legislation would have a positive impact on student-athlete well-being by permitting additional sources of aid for the financially neediest students to be exempted from team financial aid limits and eliminating situations in which student-athletes are required to choose between accepting athletics aid or federal need-based aid. Safeguards (e.g., defined awarding criteria for all candidates, predetermined federal methodologies for calculating students with financial need, audits) are already in place for determining the recipients of federal need-based aid, thus minimizing the potential for abuse. Finally, this change would reduce bureaucracy for NCAA compliance monitoring and financial aid offices.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

### **Position Statement(s)**

#### **History:**

Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 02, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

## No. 2010-63 FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- STATE NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

**Intent:** To specify that state government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously-determined recipient is not included in determining the institution's financial aid limitations, provided the aid is administered in accordance with the federal methodology for determining a student's financial need and has no relationship to athletics ability; however, such aid is not exempt in determining a student-athlete's counter status for purposes of applying the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.4.3, as follows:

15.02.4.3 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations:

(a) An honorary award for outstanding academic achievement or an established institutional research grant that meets the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.02.6 (and must be included in determining if the student-athlete's cost of attendance has been met); ~~and~~



of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously-determined recipient, provided the aid is awarded consistent with the criteria of the legislative requirements of an academic honor award or institutional academic scholarship and has no relationship to athletics ability; however, such aid is not exempt in determining a student-athlete's counter status for purposes of applying the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.4.3, as follows:

15.02.4.3 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations:

(a) An honorary award for outstanding academic achievement or an established institutional research grant that meets the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.02.6 (and must be included in determining if the student-athlete's cost of attendance has been met); ~~and~~

(b) A postgraduate scholarship awarded by an institution in accordance with Bylaw 16.1.4.1.1-; and

**(c) State government merit-based grants, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously-determined recipient, provided the aid is awarded consistent with the criteria of Bylaws 15.5.3.2.2.1, 15.5.3.2.2.2 or 15.5.3.2.2.3 and has no relationship to athletics ability. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.2.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Currently, if a student-athlete who is a counter also receives a merit-based state scholarship that is administered by the institution, the scholarship must count against the team limit, regardless of the awarding criteria. This proposal would allow such aid to be exempted from counting against team limits if the awarding criteria satisfy the legislative requirements for an academic honor award or institutional academic scholarship and have no relationship to athletics ability. The aid would continue to count against the individual limit. This proposal does not change the current application for determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation. This change would have a positive impact on student-athlete well-being by permitting additional sources of aid to be exempt from team financial aid limits and eliminating situations in which student-athletes are required to choose between accepting athletics aid or state merit-based aid. Finally, permitting an institution to exempt an award that is provided in a manner consistent with institutional policies does not create additional NCAA rules bureaucracy for financial aid offices, but rather ensures some safeguards are in place to minimize the potential for abuse.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 02, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

No. 2010-65 FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- RECRUITED STUDENT-ATHLETE

**Intent:** To establish a definition of "recruited student-athlete" for purposes of Bylaw 15, as specified.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 15.02, as follows:

15.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

[15.02.1 through 15.02.3.1 unchanged.]

15.02.4 Financial Aid. "Financial aid" is funds provided to student-athletes from various sources to pay or assist in paying their cost of education at the institution. As used in NCAA legislation, "financial aid" includes all institutional financial aid and other permissible financial aid as set forth below. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 15.01.6.2, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4.)

15.02.4.1 Institutional Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are considered to be institutional financial aid:

[15.02.4.1-(a) through 15.02.4.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) For the student-athlete recruited by the institution (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**), financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Football Foundation) for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates in which athletics participation may be a major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4. This aid counts against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and also against the individual's full-grant-in-aid limit.

15.02.4.2 Other Permissible Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are also permitted:

[15.02.4.2-(a) through 15.02.4.2-(c) unchanged.]

(d) For the student-athlete not recruited by the institution (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**), financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Football Foundation) for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates, in which athletics participation may be a major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4. This aid does not count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations but does count against the individual's full-grant-in-aid limit; and

[15.02.4.2-(e) unchanged.]

[15.02.4.3 through 15.02.4.5 unchanged.]



[15.02.5 through 15.02.7 unchanged.]

**15.02.8 Recruited Student-Athlete. For purposes of Bylaw 15, a recruited student-athlete is a student-athlete who, as a prospective student-athlete:**

**(a) Was provided an official visit to the institution's campus;**

**(b) Had an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with a member of the institution's coaching staff (including a coach's arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents, relatives or legal guardians); or**

**(c) Was issued a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of athletically related financial aid by the institution for a regular academic term.**

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 15.1.3, as follows:

15.1.3 Recruited Student-Athlete Receiving Institutional Financial Aid. Unearned financial aid (excluding loans) administered by an institution to an athletically recruited student (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**) is subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 15.1. Such aid is considered to be athletically related financial aid unless the faculty athletics representative and the director of financial aid certify that the aid was granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability (see Bylaw 15.5.1.1).

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.6.4, as follows:

15.2.6.4 Athletics Participation as a Major Criterion. A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates, provided the following conditions are met:

[15.2.6.4-(a) through 15.2.6.4-(f) unchanged.]

(g) If the recipient is recruited (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**), the recipient is considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount is applied to the maximum awards limitations of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question; and

[15.2.6.4-(h) unchanged.]

[Remainder of 15.2.6.4 unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.8.1.3, as follows:

15.2.8.1.3 Prior to Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Institutional Nonathletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of institutional nonathletics financial aid to a prospective student-athlete to attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student-athlete's initial, full-time collegiate enrollment:

[15.2.8.1.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The recipient, if recruited (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**), is subject to NCAA transfer provisions pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.2-(h);

[15.2.8.1.3-(c) through 15.2.8.1.3-(d) unchanged.]



**E. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.8.1.4, as follows:

15.2.8.1.4 Prior to Initial, Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution -- Athletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete (including a prospective student-athlete not certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier) to attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student's initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (see also Bylaw 13.02.12.1):

[15.2.8.1.4-(a) through 15.2.8.1.4-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The recipient, if recruited (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**), is subject to NCAA transfer provisions pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.2-(h), unless admission to the institution as a full-time student is denied;

[Remainder of 15.2.8.1.4 unchanged.]

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.1, as follows:

15.5.1 Counters. A student-athlete shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw under the following conditions:

[15.5.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Athletics Participation as a Major Criterion. A recruited student-athlete (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**) who receives outside financial aid for which athletics participation is a major criterion (see Bylaw 15.2.6.4) shall become a counter for the year during which the student-athlete receives the aid; or

[15.5.1-(c) unchanged.]

15.5.1.1 No Athletics Aid -- Certification Required. A student-athlete ~~{~~[except for a recruited football or basketball student-athlete (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**)] who does not receive athletically related financial aid per Bylaw 15.5.1-(a) through Bylaw 15.5.1-(c) but receives institutional financial aid (as set forth in Bylaw 15.02.4.1) shall not be a counter if the faculty athletics representative and the director of financial aid that the student-athlete's financial aid have certified was granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability. The certification shall be kept on file in the office of the athletics director.

15.5.1.2 Football or Basketball, Varsity Competition. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (**see Bylaw 15.02.8**) by the awarding institution and who receives institutional financial aid (as set forth in Bylaw 15.02.4.1) granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability does not have to be counted until the student-athlete engages in varsity intercollegiate competition (as opposed to freshman, B-team, subvarsity, intramural or club competition) in those sports. For this provision to be applicable, there shall be on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative, the admissions officer and the chair of the financial aid committee that the student's admission and financial aid were granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability.

15.5.1.2.1 Exception -- Receipt of Institutional Academic Aid Only. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (**see Bylaw 15.02.8**) by the awarding institution and whose only source of institutional financial aid is academic aid based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may

compete without counting in the institution's financial aid team limits, provided he or she has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.300 (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution.

[Remainder of 15.5.1 unchanged.]

**G. Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.6.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

15.5.6.3 Initial Counters -- Football (Also see Bylaw 15.02.3.1).

15.5.6.3.1 Recruited Student-Athlete Entering in Fall Term, Aided in First Year. A student-athlete recruited (**see Bylaw 15.02.8**) by the awarding institution who enters in the fall term and receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) during the first academic year in residence shall be an initial counter for that year in football. Therefore, such aid shall not be awarded if the institution has reached its limit on the number of initial counters prior to the award of institutional financial aid to the student-athlete.

15.5.6.3.2 Recruited Student-Athlete Entering After Fall Term, Aided in First Year. A student-athlete recruited (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**) by the awarding institution who enters after the first term of the academic year and immediately receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) shall be an initial counter for either the current academic year (if the institution's annual limit has not been reached) or the next academic year. The student-athlete shall be included in the institution's total counter limit during the academic year in which the aid was first received.

15.5.6.3.3 Recruited Student-Athlete, Aid Received After First Year. A recruited student-athlete (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**) (including a student-athlete who was not a qualifier) in football who first receives athletically related financial aid after the student-athlete's first academic year in residence shall be an initial counter for that academic year in which the aid is first received, if such aid is received during the fall term. However, such a student-athlete who first receives athletically related financial aid in the second or third term of an academic year may be considered an initial counter during the academic year in which aid was first received or the next academic year. In either case, the student-athlete shall be included in the institution's total counter limit during the academic year in which the aid was first received.

15.5.6.3.4 Nonrecruited Student-Athlete Receiving Institutional Financial Aid. A student-athlete not recruited (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**) by the institution who receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) after beginning football practice becomes a counter but need not be counted as an initial counter until the next academic year if the institution has reached its initial limit for the year in question. However, the student-athlete shall be considered in the total counter limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received.

[15.5.6.3.5 through 15.5.6.3.6 unchanged.]

15.5.6.3.7 Recruited Student-Athlete, Varsity Competition. In accordance with Bylaw 15.5.1.2, a recruited student-athlete (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**) receiving institutional financial aid certified as having been granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability becomes an initial counter in

the first academic year in which the student-athlete competes on the varsity level. (See Bylaw 15.5.1.2.2).

[Remainder of 15.5.6.3 unchanged.]

**H. Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.9, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS, FCS and all other sports, divided vote]

15.5.9 Multi-Sport Participants.

15.5.9.1 Football. In football, a counter who was recruited (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**) and/or offered financial aid to participate in football and who participates (practices or competes) in football and one or more sports (including basketball) shall be counted in football. A counter who was not recruited (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**) and/or offered financial aid to participate in football and who competes in football and one or more sports (including basketball) shall be counted in football.

[15.5.9.1.1 through 15.5.9.7 unchanged.]

15.5.9.7.1 Requirement to Qualify as Multiple-Sport Athlete. To be considered a multiple-sport athlete under this section, an individual must meet all of the following requirements:

[15.5.9.7.1-(a) through 15.5.9.7.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) If a recruited student-athlete (**per Bylaw 15.02.8**), the individual shall have been earnestly recruited to participate in the sport in which financial aid is counted (the institution recruiting the student-athlete shall have a reasonable basis to believe that the student-athlete is capable of participating in the institution's varsity intercollegiate program in that sport, including documentation of a record of previous participation in organized competition in the sport that supports the student-athlete's potential to participate in that sport in varsity intercollegiate competition).

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** The Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet (RAPIC) discussed the current definition of a "recruited" prospective student-athlete (Bylaw 13.02.13.1) and considered how it impacts the current financial aid model. Although RAPIC acknowledged that the current definition of recruited status may detrimentally impact an individual's ability to accept financial aid, the impact that any modifications would have on other areas of legislation (e.g., eligibility and transfer status) led RAPIC to suggest that the Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet address the financial aid issues by proposing an alternative definition of a counter that is not tied to the definition of a recruited student-athlete set forth in Bylaw 13. The proposed definition retains several of the items that currently result in a prospective student-athlete being considered a recruited student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 13 but does not include any reference to telephone calls.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 02, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

No. 2010-66 FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- TRAINING-TABLE MEALS -- ONE MEAL PER DAY -- STUDENT-ATHLETES NOT RECEIVING FULL BOARD

**Intent:** To permit an institution to provide one training-table meal per day to a student-athlete who does not receive athletically related institutional financial aid that covers the full cost of board; further, to specify that the provision of the one training-table meal per day to such a student-athlete shall not be considered financial aid.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.2.1.6, as follows:

15.2.2 Room and Board. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that includes the cost of room and board, based on the official allowance for a room as listed in the institution's official publication (e.g., catalog) and a board allowance that consists of three meals per day, even if the institution's maximum permissible award allowance for all students represents a lesser cost figure.

[15.2.2.1 through 15.2.2.1.5 unchanged.]

15.2.2.1.6 Training-Table Meals. The cost of meals provided on the institution's training table shall be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance, even if the student-athlete is not receiving a full grant-in-aid. In determining the cost figure to be deducted, the institution may use the actual meal costs listed in the institution's catalog or the average meal costs of its student-athletes living on campus.

**15.2.2.1.6.1 Exception -- Student-Athlete Who Receives Less Than Full Board. An institution may provide one training-table meal per day to a student-athlete who does not receive athletically related financial aid that covers the full cost of board. The provision of the one training-table meal per day to such a student-athlete shall not be considered financial aid.**

[15.2.2.1.7 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 16.5.2, as follows:

16.5.2 Permissible. Identified housing and meal benefits incidental to a student's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are:

[16.5.2-(a) through 16.5.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Training Table Meals. An institution may provide only one training table meal per day to a student-athlete during the academic year on those days when regular institutional dining facilities are open (see Bylaw 15.2.2.1.6). A student-athlete who does not receive institutional athletically related financial aid covering the full cost of board, including a walk-on or partial scholarship recipient, may ~~purchase~~ **receive** one training table meal per day. ~~at the same rate that the institution deducts from the board allowance of student athletes who receive athletically related financial aid covering board costs pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.2.1.6~~ **The provision of the one training-table meal per day to such a student-athlete shall not be considered financial aid;**

[16.5.2-(d) through 16.5.2-(h) unchanged.]

**Source:** Big East Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Under current legislation, a student-athlete who does not receive institutional athletically related financial aid covering the full cost of board may only eat a training meal with his or her team if the student-athlete purchases the meal. Many student-athletes are not able to afford the meal. As a result, these student-athletes often feel as though they are not part of the team, even though they participate in other team-related activities. In the spirit of student-athlete well-being, an institution should be allowed to provide these student-athletes with one training table meal per day without the provision of the meal being considered financial aid and changing the student-athlete's counter status.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary at each institution depending on the number of student-athletes eligible to receive the benefit.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes that, except in specific, legislated circumstances, meals are an element of financial aid. The cabinet also expressed concern about the provision of such a meal being used as a recruiting advantage for those institutions that elect to provide such a meal.

**History:**

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-67 FINANCIAL AID -- GOVERNMENT GRANTS -- EXEMPTED GOVERNMENT GRANTS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- POST-9/11 G.I. BILL

**Intent:** To exempt benefits received by student-athletes under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, including payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I.

Education Enhancement Program, from counting toward a student-athlete's individual limit; further, to specify that matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program are not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.4.3, as follows:

15.02.4.3 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations:

(a) An honorary award for outstanding academic achievement or an established institutional research grant that meets the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.02.6 (and must be included in determining if the student-athlete's cost of attendance has been met); ~~and~~

(b) A postgraduate scholarship awarded by an institution in accordance with Bylaw 16.1.4.1.1; **and**

**(c) Matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program [see Bylaw 15.2.5.1-(e)].**

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.5, as follows:

15.2.5 Government Grants. Government grants for educational purposes shall be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance for a student-athlete, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.1.

15.2.5.1 Exempted Government Grants. The following government grants for educational purposes shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance of a student-athlete:

[15.2.5.1-(b) through 15.2.5.1-(d) unchanged.]

**(e) Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Benefits received under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, including matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program. [Contributions made by the institution pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon Program are institutional financial aid (see Bylaws 15.02.4.1 and 15.02.4.3)];**

[15.2.5.1-(e) through 15.2.5.1-(j) relettered as 15.2.5.1-(f) through 15.2.5.1-(k), unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. The program pays tuition based on the highest in-state tuition charged by an educational institution in the state where the educational institution is located. The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill that allows institutions to voluntarily enter into an agreement with Veterans Affairs to fund tuition expenses



that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution may contribute up to 50 percent of those expenses and Veterans Affairs will match that amount. This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by providing additional opportunities for a student-athlete to receive financial aid that does not count toward his or her individual limit. A blanket waiver was granted in March 2010 by the Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief to exempt, through the 2010-11 academic year, Post-9/11 G.I. Bill funds from counting toward a student-athlete's individual limit. A blanket waiver was granted in June to exempt the Veterans Affairs funded portion of the Yellow Ribbon Program for the 2010-11 academic year.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Feb 22, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Feb 23, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

Jun 02, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Modified the Proposal Modified to include payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program as exempt from the individual limit.

No. 2010-68 FINANCIAL AID -- ELEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AID -- FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES -- UNRELATED TO ATHLETICS ABILITY -- ESTABLISHED FAMILY FRIEND

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete may receive financial aid from an established family friend, provided specified conditions are met.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 15.01.3, as follows:

15.01.3 Financial Aid Not Administered by Institution. Any student who receives financial aid other than that administered by the student-athlete's institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition, unless it is specifically approved under the Association's rules of amateurism (see Bylaw 12) or the aid is:

[15.01.3-(a) unchanged.]

**(b) Received from an established family friend under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.2;**

[15.01.3-(b) through 15.02.3-(d) relettered as 15.01.3-(c) through 15.01.3-(e), unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.4.2, as follows:

15.02.4.2 Other Permissible Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are also permitted:

[15.02.4.2-(a) unchanged.]



**(b) Financial aid received from an established family friend as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.2. Such aid counts against the institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and also against the individual's cost of attendance;**

[15.02.4.1-(b) through 15.02.4.1-(c) relettered as 15.02.4.1-(c) through 15.02.4.1-(d), unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.6, as follows:

15.2.6 Financial Aid From Outside Sources.

15.2.6.1 Parents and Legal Guardians. A student-athlete may receive financial aid from anyone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent.

[15.2.6.1.1 unchanged.]

**15.2.6.2 Established Family Friend. A student-athlete may receive financial aid from an established family friend, provided:**

**(a) The individual providing the financial aid is not considered a representative of the institution's athletics interests;**

**(b) The individual providing the financial aid is not an agent;**

**(c) The relationship between the individual providing the financial aid and the student-athlete (or his or her family) existed before the student-athlete became a prospective student-athlete and before the initiation of his or her recruitment by the institution;**

**(d) The relationship between the individual providing the financial aid and the student-athlete (or his or her family) existed before any status achieved as a result of his or her athletics ability or reputation; and**

**(e) The recipient is considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount of financial aid received is applied to the maximum limitations of Bylaw 15.5 for the applicable sport.**

[15.2.6.2 through 15.2.6.5 renumbered as 15.2.6.3 through 15.2.6.6, unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.1, as follows:

15.5.1 Counters. A student-athlete shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw under the following conditions:

[15.5.1-(a) unchanged.]

**(b) Financial Aid From an Established Family Friend. A student-athlete who receives financial aid from an established family friend (see Bylaw 15.2.6.2) shall become a counter for the year during which the student-athlete receives the financial aid;**

[15.5.1-(b) through 15.5.1-(c) relettered as 15.5.1-(c) through 15.5.1-(d), unchanged.]

[Remainder of 15.5.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** Ivy Group

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Current NCAA legislation permits student-athletes to accept financial assistance for educational expenses from those upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent, but restricts such assistance from family friends. Given non-traditional family situations and the fact that many students struggle to cover college costs, it is reasonable to permit others closely affiliated with the family, even if not related, to provide financial assistance. This legislation specifies parameters that would permit such assistance, provided the person has a longstanding relationship with the family that is unrelated to the student's participation in athletics or recruitment by the institution, and the aid counts toward individual and institutional financial aid limits.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes the difficulties with legislating these specific circumstances and indicated that those situations that involve extenuating circumstances may be addressed through the NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief waiver process.

**History:**

Jul 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-69-A FINANCIAL AID -- FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES -- FINANCIAL AID FROM AN ESTABLISHED AND CONTINUING PROGRAM

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided: (a) the recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid; (b) there is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution; and (c) if the total value of the aid received by the student-athlete exceeds ten percent of the value of the institution's full grant-in-aid, documentation of the aid received by the student-athlete must be kept on file with the institution's conference office.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 15.01.3, as follows:

15.01.3 Financial Aid Not Administered by Institution. Any student who receives financial aid other than that administered by the student-athlete's institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition, unless it is specifically approved under the Association's rules of amateurism (see Bylaw 12) or the aid is:

[15.01.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability; **or**

(c) Awarded through an established and continuing program to aid students, ~~of which athletics participation shall not be the major criterion (e.g., National Merit Scholarship)~~, under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.3; ~~or~~

~~(d) Awarded through an established and continuing program for recognition of outstanding high school graduates, of which athletics participation may be a major criterion (e.g., honorary high school award), under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.4.~~

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.4.1, as follows:

15.02.4.1 Institutional Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are considered to be institutional financial aid:

[15.02.4.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Aid from government or private sources for which the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient; ~~and~~

~~(c) For the student-athlete recruited by the institution, financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Football Foundation) for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates in which athletics participation may be a major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4. This aid counts against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and also against the individual's full-grant-in-aid limit.~~

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.4.2, as follows:

15.02.4.2 Other Permissible Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are also permitted:

[15.02.4.2-(a) through 15.02.4.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program ~~(e.g., National Merit Scholar) in which athletics participation is not the major criterion~~, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.3, ~~and which does not count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations~~; **and**

~~(d) For the student-athlete not recruited by the institution, financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Football Foundation) for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates, in which athletics participation may be a major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4. This aid does not count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations but does count against the individual's full-grant-in-aid limit; and~~

**(ed)** Educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee, which count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and against the individual's full-grant-in-aid limit.

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 15.1, as follows:

15.1 MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID -- INDIVIDUAL. A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she receives financial aid that exceeds the value of the cost of attendance as defined in Bylaw 15.02.2. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1); ~~outside financial aid for which~~

~~athletics participation is a major criterion (per Bylaw 15.2.6.4) and educational expenses awarded per Bylaw 15.2.6.54 up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaw 15.01.6.1, 15.01.6.2, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)~~

[Remainder of 15.1 unchanged.]

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.6, as follows:

15.2.6 Financial Aid From Outside Sources.

[15.2.6.1 through 15.2.6.2 unchanged.]

**15.2.6.3 Financial Aid From an Established and Continuing Program. A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided:**

**(a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid;**

**(b) There is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution; and**

**(c) If the total value of the aid received by the student-athlete exceeds ten percent of the value of the institution's full grant-in-aid, documentation of the aid received by the student-athlete must be kept on file with the institution's conference office.**

~~15.2.6.2.1 Athletics Participation or Achievement as Part of Extracurricular Activities. A scholarship administered outside the institution that permits an applicant to include athletics participation or achievements as part of the application process may not be awarded under the provisions of Bylaw 15.2.6.2~~

~~15.2.6.2.1.1 Exception — Certification of Outside Aid Unrelated to Athletics Ability. A student-athlete may receive as an outside financial aid award unrelated to athletics ability per Bylaw 15.2.6.2 any aid for which he or she included athletics participation on the application form provided:~~

~~(a) The application form for the award did not request the applicant list athletics participation, achievements, extracurricular activities or any other category in which athletics may be relevant (e.g., honors); and~~

~~(b) The awarding agency verifies that it does not consider athletics participation in selecting the recipient for the award.~~

~~15.2.6.3 Athletics Participation Not Major Criterion. A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided the following conditions are met:~~

~~(a) The award shall be made on the basis of the recipient's past performance and overall record, as measured by established criteria of which athletics participation is not the major criterion;~~

~~(b) Disbursement of the aid may be through the awarding agency for the recipient's educational expenses, provided the aid is awarded prior to the recipient's initial enrollment at a member~~

~~institution, and the awarding agency provides written notification of the award to the institution. After enrollment at a member institution, disbursement of the aid shall be through the institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending the institution. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided the student-athlete deposits the aid with the institution and the aid does not result in an overaward of financial aid to the student-athlete; and~~

~~(c) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted to a single designated institution or conference by the donor of the aid.~~

~~15.2.6.4 Athletics Participation as a Major Criterion. A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates, provided the following conditions are met:~~

~~(a) The award shall be made on the basis of the recipient's past performance and overall record, as measured by established criteria of which athletics participation may be a major criterion;~~

~~(b) Disbursement of the aid may be through the awarding agency for the recipient's educational expenses, provided the aid is awarded prior to the recipient's initial enrollment at a member institution and the awarding agency provides written notification of the award to the institution. After enrollment at a member institution, disbursement of the aid shall be through the institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending the institution. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided the student-athlete deposits the aid with the institution and the aid does not result in an overaward of financial aid to the student-athlete;~~

~~(c) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the donor of the aid;~~

~~(d) The awarding individual or organization and the donor of the aid shall not be representatives of the athletics interests or an athletics booster group of a member institution;~~

~~(e) The value of the award alone or in combination with other athletically related financial aid shall not exceed the value of a full grant-in-aid or the value of the award in combination with nonathletically related financial aid shall not exceed the value of the student-athlete's cost of attendance;~~

~~(f) The award may be provided to the recipient on only one occasion;~~

~~(g) If the recipient is recruited, the recipient is considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount is applied to the maximum awards limitations of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question; and~~

~~(h) The award is not received from an outside sports team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program by a member of that team.~~

~~15.2.4.6.1 Award Limited to Athletes. If an individual is considered for a financial aid award only if the individual is a participant in athletics, the provisions of Bylaw 15.2.6.4 shall be applicable.~~

~~15.2.6.4.2 Eligibility Effects of Improper Aid from Outside Organization. It is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive financial aid, directly or indirectly, from a source outside the~~



~~institution (e.g., a foreign government, a sports association, a high school booster club) for expenses related to attendance at a member institution, if the award of such financial aid is based in any degree upon the recipient's athletics ability, except as permitted in Bylaws 15.2.6.3 and 15.2.6.4. Receipt of financial aid from such a source renders the student athlete ineligible for all intercollegiate athletics participation.~~

[15.2.6.5 renumbered as 15.2.6.4, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Current financial aid legislation outlines various types of outside sources of financial aid and places various restrictions on the receipt of such aid. This change specifies that if specific conditions are satisfied, aid awarded by an established and continuing program, regardless of the type of outside award or the student-athlete's recruitment status, would be exempt from counting toward the team's maximum financial aid limits. This promotes student-athlete well-being by permitting additional sources of aid to be exempt from the team financial aid limits and requiring fewer student-athletes to have to choose between accepting athletics aid or outside awards. Additionally, it reduces the bureaucracy with monitoring and researching outside awards by simplifying the review for compliance and financial aid offices. The ten percent limitation is appropriate because in cases in which the total value of such awards exceeds this limit, institutions and conferences should be aware of which student-athletes receive these awards in order to limit any abuse of the legislation. Finally, such outside scholarships would still be included when determining a student-athlete's individual financial aid limit and no changes would be made to the current legislative requirement that the outside aid must be awarded through an established and continuing award program.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 02, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

Oct 19, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-69-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2010-69-B.

No. 2010-69-B FINANCIAL AID -- FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES -- FINANCIAL AID FROM AN ESTABLISHED AND CONTINUING PROGRAM -- NO DOCUMENTATION TO CONFERENCE REQUIRED

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided the recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid and there is not direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 15.01.3, as follows:

15.01.3 Financial Aid Not Administered by Institution. Any student who receives financial aid other than that administered by the student-athlete's institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition, unless it is specifically approved under the Association's rules of amateurism (see Bylaw 12) or the aid is:

[15.01.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability; **or**

(c) Awarded through an established and continuing program to aid students, ~~of which athletics participation shall not be the major criterion (e.g., National Merit Scholarship),~~ under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.3; ~~or~~

~~(d) Awarded through an established and continuing program for recognition of outstanding high school graduates, of which athletics participation may be a major criterion (e.g., honorary high school award), under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.4.~~

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.4.1, as follows:

15.02.4.1 Institutional Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are considered to be institutional financial aid:

[15.02.4.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Aid from government or private sources for which the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient; ~~and~~

~~(c) For the student-athlete recruited by the institution, financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Football Foundation) for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates in which athletics participation may be a major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4. This aid counts against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and also against the individual's full grant-in-aid limit.~~

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.4.2, as follows:

15.02.4.2 Other Permissible Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are also permitted:

[15.02.4.2-(a) through 15.02.4.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program ~~(e.g., National Merit Scholar) in which athletics participation is not the major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.3, and which does not count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations;~~ **and**



~~(d) For the student athlete not recruited by the institution, financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Football Foundation) for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates, in which athletics participation may be a major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4. This aid does not count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations but does count against the individual's full grant-in-aid limit; and~~

(ed) Educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee, which count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and against the individual's full grant-in-aid limit.

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 15.1, as follows:

15.1 MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID -- INDIVIDUAL. A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she receives financial aid that exceeds the value of the cost of attendance as defined in Bylaw 15.02.2. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1), ~~outside financial aid for which athletics participation is a major criterion (per Bylaw 15.2.6.4)~~ and educational expenses awarded per Bylaw 15.2.6.54 up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaw 15.01.6.1, 15.01.6.2, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.6, as follows:

15.2.6 Financial Aid From Outside Sources.

[15.2.6.1 through 15.2.6.2 unchanged.]

**15.2.6.3 Financial Aid From an Established and Continuing Program. A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided:**

**(a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid; and**

**(b) There is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution.**

~~15.2.6.2.1 Athletics Participation or Achievement as Part of Extracurricular Activities. A scholarship administered outside the institution that permits an applicant to include athletics participation or achievements as part of the application process may be awarded under the provisions of Bylaw 15.2.6.2.~~

~~15.2.6.2.1.1 Exception -- Certification of Outside Aid Unrelated to Athletics Ability. A student-athlete may receive an outside financial aid award unrelated to athletics ability per Bylaw 15.2.6.2 any aid for which he or she included athletics participation on the application form provided:~~

~~(a) The application form for the award did not request the applicant list athletics participation, achievements, extracurricular activities or any other category in which athletics may be relevant (e.g., honors); and~~

~~(b) The awarding agency verifies that it does not consider athletics participation in selecting the recipient for the award.~~

~~15.2.6.3 Athletics Participation Not Major Criterion. A student athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided the following conditions are met:~~

~~(a) The award shall be made on the basis of the recipient's past performance and overall record, as measured by established criteria of which athletics participation is not the major criterion;~~

~~(b) Disbursement of the aid may be through the awarding agency for the recipient's educational expenses, provided the aid is awarded prior to the recipient's initial enrollment at a member institution, and the awarding agency provides written notification of the award to the institution. After enrollment at a member institution, disbursement of the aid shall be through the institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending the institution. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the violation shall not affect the student athlete's eligibility, provided the student athlete deposits the aid with the institution and the aid does not result in an overaward of financial aid to the student athlete; and~~

~~(c) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted to a single designated institution or conference by the donor of the aid.~~

~~15.2.6.4 Athletics Participation as a Major Criterion. A student athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates, provided the following conditions are met:~~

~~(a) The award shall be made on the basis of the recipient's past performance and overall record, as measured by established criteria of which athletics participation may be a major criterion;~~

~~(b) Disbursement of the aid may be through the awarding agency for the recipient's educational expenses, provided the aid is awarded prior to the recipient's initial enrollment at a member institution and the awarding agency provides written notification of the award to the institution. After enrollment at a member institution, disbursement of the aid shall be through the institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending the institution. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the violation shall not affect the student athlete's eligibility, provided the student athlete deposits the aid with the institution and the aid does not result in an overaward of financial aid to the student athlete:~~

~~(c) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the donor of the aid;~~

~~(d) The awarding individual or organization and the donor of the aid shall not be representatives of the athletics interests or an athletics booster group of a member institution;~~

~~(e) The value of the award alone or in combination with other athletically related financial aid shall not exceed the value of a full grant-in-aid or the value of the award in combination with nonathletically related financial aid shall not exceed the value of the student athlete's cost of attendance;~~

~~(f) The award may be provided to the recipient on only one occasion;~~

~~(g) If the recipient is recruited, the recipient is considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount is applied to the maximum awards limitations of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question;~~

and

~~(h) The award is not received from an outside sports team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program by a member of that team.~~

~~15.2.4.6.1 Award Limited to Athletes. If an individual is considered for a financial aid award only if the individual is a participant in athletics, the provisions of Bylaw 15.2.6.4 shall be applicable.~~

~~15.2.6.4.2 Eligibility Effects of Improper Aid From Outside Organization. It is not permissible for a student athlete to receive financial aid, directly or indirectly, from a source outside the institution (e.g., a foreign government, a sports association, a high school booster club) for expenses related to attendance at a member institution, if the award of such financial aid is based in any degree upon the recipient's athletics ability, except as permitted in Bylaws 15.2.6.3 and 15.2.6.4. Receipt of financial aid from such a source renders the student athlete ineligible for all intercollegiate athletics participation.~~

[15.2.6.5 renumbered as 15.2.6.4, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal eliminates the requirement of the original proposal that documentation of the aid received by the student-athlete must be kept on file with the institution's conference office if the total value of the aid received exceeds ten percent of the value of the institution's full grant-in-aid. Since financial aid sources already must be reviewed for compliance with the legislation, it is unnecessary to increase bureaucracy in the process for institutions and conferences.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 19, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 19, 2010 Legislative Council, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2010-69-A.

No. 2010-70 FINANCIAL AID -- SUMMER FINANCIAL AID -- ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES -- EXCEPTION FOR FIRST-TIME RECIPIENT IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete who has not received athletically related aid from the certifying institution during a previous academic year may receive athletically related financial aid

to attend the institution's summer term or summer school, provided the student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following academic year and the aid is awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid the student will receive for the following academic year.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.8, as follows:

15.2.8.1.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. After initial full-time enrollment during a regular academic year, a student-athlete shall not receive athletically related financial aid to attend the certifying institution's summer term or summer school unless the student-athlete received such athletically related aid from the certifying institution during the student-athlete's previous academic year at that institution. Further, such aid may be awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid received by the student-athlete during the student-athlete's previous academic year at the certifying institution, except that this proportionality restriction shall not apply to a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility and is enrolled in a summer program of studies that will permit the student-athlete to complete his or her degree requirements.

[15.2.8.1.2.1 through 15.2.8.1.2.4 unchanged.]

**15.2.8.1.2.5 Exception for First-Time Recipient in the Next Academic Year. A student-athlete who has not received athletically related aid from the certifying institution during a previous academic year may receive athletically related financial aid to attend the institution's summer term or summer school under the following conditions:**

**(a) The student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following academic year; and**

**(b) The aid is awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid the student will receive for the following academic year.**

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** This proposal will provide institutions greater flexibility in the awarding of summer school financial aid and will allow student-athletes to use summer school as a time to advance their academic pursuits. The receipt of athletically related aid in the summer should not be solely contingent on the amount of athletics aid received during the preceding academic year. It is permissible to award financial aid to prospective student-athletes for the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment. This legislation would extend the same principle to enrolled student-athletes, but with the additional requirements that the student-athlete must be eligible for the aid, he or she must have been awarded aid for the next academic year and that the summer aid must be proportionate to the aid he or she will receive in the next academic year. The receipt of aid in the following year would trigger counter status. Given increasingly stringent progress-toward-degree requirements, more student-athletes need to attend summer school to maintain eligibility. This change would only impact a handful of student-athletes -- those who will receive aid for the next

academic year without having received it in prior years.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Minimal.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes the lack of sufficient safeguards to guard against abuse and that the NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund currently may be used to provide financial aid for summer school.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-71 FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- PERIOD OF INSTITUTIONAL AWARD -- ONE-YEAR PERIOD -- EXCEPTIONS -- GRADUATED DURING PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR AND WILL EXHAUST ELIGIBILITY DURING THE FOLLOWING FALL TERM

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete who graduated during the previous academic year (including summer) and will exhaust his or her athletics eligibility during the following fall term may be awarded athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.3.3.1, as follows:

15.3.3.1 One-Year Period. If a student's athletics ability is considered in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall neither be awarded for a period in excess of one academic year nor for a period less than one academic year (see Bylaw 15.01.5).

15.3.3.1.1 Exceptions. An institution may award athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete for a period of less than one academic year only under the following circumstances:

[15.3.3.1.1-(a) through 15.3.3.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

**(c) Graduated During Previous Academic Year and Will Exhaust Eligibility During the Following Fall Term. A student-athlete who graduated during the previous academic year (including summer) and will exhaust his or her athletics eligibility during the following fall term may be awarded athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year.**

[15.3.3.1.1-(c) through 15.3.3.1.1-(d) relettered as 15.3.3.1.1-(d) through 15.3.3.1.1-(e), unchanged.]

[Remainder of 15.3.3.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Under current legislation, if an institution offers athletics aid to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining, it must provide a one-year athletics-aid agreement to the student-athlete even if the student-athlete has graduated and will exhaust his or her eligibility during the first term of the academic year. In many cases, a student-athlete who graduates during the previous academic year and exhausts his or her eligibility during the fall term of the next academic year may attend classes at the beginning of the spring or winter term in order to obtain athletics aid, but exert minimal effort in academic work in order to focus on training for a professional career. Permitting an institution to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to provide athletics aid for less than one year to a student-athlete in this situation could encourage continued academic engagement after athletics eligibility has been exhausted. An institution would still be permitted to use its discretion to decide whether to renew a student-athlete's athletics aid for the remainder of the academic year.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential cost savings based on permissibility of awarding athletics aid for less than one full academic year.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

**History:**

Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 02, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-72 FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDING INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION PERMITTED -- RELEASE OF OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID

**Intent:** To specify that before becoming a counter for an academic year, if a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics that is of equal or greater value than his or her signed award of athletically related financial aid, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may, on his or her initiative, release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletically related financial aid.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.3.4.2, as follows:

15.3.4.2 Reduction or Cancellation Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient:

[15.3.4.2-(a) through 15.3.4.2-(d) unchanged.]

[15.3.4.2.1 through 15.3.4.2.4 unchanged.]



**15.3.4.2.5 Release of Obligation to Provide Athletically Related Financial Aid. Before becoming a counter for an academic year, if a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics that is of equal or greater value than his or her signed award of athletically related financial aid, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may, on his or her initiative, release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletically related financial aid.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** In most cases, a prospective student-athlete will sign an athletically related financial aid agreement before being admitted to an institution and before a determination is made related to the amount of nonathletically related financial aid for which he or she is eligible. Oftentimes, a prospective student-athlete is eligible for as much or more nonathletically related financial aid as he or she is scheduled to receive in the form of an athletics scholarship. However, in most cases, the prospective student-athlete is unable to accept the nonathletically related aid due to the team limit. Currently, once a student-athlete signs an athletically related financial aid agreement, it may not be reduced or canceled until the conclusion of the period of the award, unless a legislated justification is satisfied. However, an institution may include nonathletically related conditions in the agreement and those conditions may serve as the basis to permissibly reduce or cancel the athletics aid. Accordingly, the only current permissible way for a replacement to occur is if a nonathletically related condition is included in the financial aid agreement. This change will permit a student-athlete to accept the financial aid package that is most beneficial to financing the cost of his or her college education.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 02, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

No. 2010-73 FINANCIAL AID -- COUNTERS AND EQUIVALENCY COMPUTATIONS -- REQUIRED GRADE-POINT AVERAGE TO QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTIONS OF COUNTER STATUS AND COUNTABLE INSTITUTIONAL AID -- REDUCTION FROM 3.300 TO 3.000

**Intent:** To reduce the necessary cumulative transferable grade-point to exempt institutional financial aid awarded to transfer student-athletes (and the grade-point average at the certifying institution for renewals) and institutional academic scholarships based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution from team limits from 3.300 to 3.000; further, in football and



basketball, to reduce the necessary cumulative grade-point average at the certifying institution to meet the "institutional academic aid only" exception to counter status from 3.300 to 3.000.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.1, as follows:

15.5.1 Counters. A student-athlete shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw under the following conditions:

[15.5.1-(a) through 15.5.1-(c) unchanged.]

[15.5.1.1 unchanged.]

15.5.1.2 Football or Basketball, Varsity Competition. Football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited by the awarding institution and who receives institutional financial aid (as set forth in Bylaw 15.02.4.1) granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability does not have to be counted until the student-athlete engages in varsity intercollegiate competition (as opposed to freshman, B-team, subvarsity, intramural or club competition) in those sports. For this provision to be applicable, there shall be on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative, the admissions officer and the chair of the financial aid committee that the student's admission and financial aid were granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability.

[15.5.1.2.1 unchanged.]

15.5.1.2.2 Exception -- Receipt of Institutional Academic Aid Only. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited by the awarding institution and whose only source of institutional financial aid is academic aid based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may compete without counting in the institution's financial aid team limits, provided he or she has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least ~~3.300~~ **3.000** (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution.

[Remainder of 15.5.1 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.3.2, as follows:

15.5.3.2 Equivalency Computations. In equivalency sports, each institutional financial aid award (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) to a counter shall be computed as follows:

[15.5.3.2-(a) through 15.5.3.2-(c) unchanged.]

[15.5.3.2.1 unchanged.]

15.5.3.2.2 Expectations.

[15.5.3.2.2.1 unchanged.]

15.5.3.2.2.2 Academic Honors Awards -- Transfer Students. Academic honor awards that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, either based solely on the recipient's cumulative academic record from all collegiate institutions previously attended or based on the recipient's high school record and cumulative academic record from all

collegiate institutions previously attended, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may be exempted from a team's equivalency computation, provided the recipient achieved a cumulative transferable grade-point average of at least ~~3.300~~ **3.000** (based on a maximum of 4.000).

[15.5.3.2.2.1 unchanged.]

15.5.3.2.2.2 Renewals. The renewal of an academic honor award (per Bylaw 15.5.3.2.2.2) may be exempted from an institution's equivalency computation provided:

(a) The recipient achieves a cumulative grade-point average of at least ~~3.300~~ **3.000** (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the certifying institution; and

(b) The recipient meets all NCAA, conference and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements.

15.5.3.2.2.3 Institutional Academic Scholarships. Institutional academic scholarships that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, are exempt from an institution's equivalency computation, provided the recipient has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least ~~3.300~~ **3.000** (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution.

[15.5.3.2.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Reducing the required grade-point average to exempt institutional financial aid from team limits would have a positive impact on student-athlete well-being by permitting additional sources of aid to be exempt from the team financial aid limits, thereby requiring fewer student-athletes to have to choose between accepting athletics aid or academic aid/scholarships from their institution. It would also make the cumulative grade-point average needed to exempt academic aid based on the student-athlete's academic record in college consistent for three separate exemptions (renewal of award based on high school record, transfer award and institutional academic scholarships) and maintain a national standard for such exemptions. Furthermore, this change would address concerns that, in some instances, the general student population has the opportunity to receive these awards while a student-athlete who is a counter may be permitted to receive the award only if the team has room in its maximum financial aid limitation. Finally, these awards/scholarships will continue to be included when determining a student-athlete's individual limit.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

## Position Statement(s)

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. The cabinet notes the benefit of maintaining consistency amongst exemptions and the establishment of a national standard generally in line with institutional thresholds.

## History:

Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 02, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Approval

## No. 2010-74 FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- EXECUTED FINANCIAL AID AWARDS AND WRITTEN OFFERS EXCEEDING MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AWARDS -- BASEBALL

**Intent:** In baseball, to specify that for an ensuing academic year, the combination of executed athletically related financial aid awards and outstanding written offers of athletically related financial aid to prospective student-athletes and student-athletes shall not exceed the maximum number of permissible awards by more than one equivalency; further, to specify that the overage may be divided among not more than two individuals (student-athletes or prospective student-athletes).

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.1.10, as follows:

15.5.1.10 Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards -- **Sports Other Than Baseball.** ~~As In~~ **sports other than baseball, an** institution may offer more than the maximum number of permissible awards in a sport (per Bylaw 15.5) in anticipation that not all of the offers will be accepted, but the institution shall not exceed the awards limitation in the sport in question.

[15.5.1.10.1 unchanged.]

**15.5.1.11 Executed Financial Aid Awards and Written Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards -- Baseball. In baseball, for an ensuing academic year, the combination of executed athletically related financial aid awards and outstanding written offers of athletically related financial aid (per Bylaw 15.3.2.3) to prospective student-athletes and student-athletes shall not exceed the maximum number of permissible awards (see Bylaw 15.5.4) by more than one equivalency. The overage may be divided among not more than two individuals (student-athletes or prospective student-athletes).**

**Source:** Big Ten Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Although several academic enhancement legislative changes have had the effect of improving APR rates in baseball, at least one undesirable attribute of a culture that prioritized

competition above academics remains. Some institutions continue to excessively over-sign and stockpile prospective student-athletes on the basis of their athletics ability. When it becomes apparent to such an institution that it will be in an over-award situation, a student-athlete (current or prospective) is left with the choice to either attend the institution with which he committed and forgo participating in athletics, or pursue another educational option (e.g., junior college) in order to continue playing. The practice of over-signing is inconsistent with the principle of student-athlete well-being. This proposal would require institutions to become more selective in offering athletics aid. It would encourage institutional personnel to better assess a prospective student-athlete's academic and admission qualifications, as well as the individual's level of commitment to attending a Division I institution instead of turning professional or pursuing other educational options. Permitting excess offers on a very limited basis will allow institutions to hedge against offers that may not be accepted. This proposal would curb excessive over-signing while still providing an appropriate level of flexibility.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Possible reduction in costs associated with offering to (and signing) fewer prospective student-athletes.

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

#### **Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes that recent legislative changes in baseball have addressed some of the concerns noted in the rationale. Reasons for allowing oversigning vary amongst campuses and, as a result, issues related to oversigning should be addressed by each campus.

*Baseball Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee notes that baseball, possibly more than any other sport, needs the flexibility to "over sign" prospective student-athletes because of the unique challenges presented by a professional baseball draft system that does not require individuals to officially declare to be drafted, as well as the ability of high school prospects and third-year student-athletes to be drafted and still opt to enroll in college.

#### **History:**

Jul 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 26, 2010 Baseball Committee, Recommends Defeat

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

#### No. 2010-75 FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- EQUIVALENCY COMPUTATIONS -- CALCULATION OF BOOKS

**Intent:** To increase the financial aid equivalency figure for calculation purposes for books from \$400 to \$800; further, to specify that if a student-athlete receives any portion of a book allowance, \$800 shall be used in the numerator and denominator of the equivalency calculation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.3.2.1, as follows:

15.5.3.2.1 Additional Requirements. The following additional requirements shall apply to equivalency computations:

[15.5.3.2.1-(a) through 15.5.3.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Books shall count for calculation purposes as ~~\$400~~ **800** in the denominator. If a student-athlete receives **any portion of** a ~~full~~ book allowance for the academic year, the institution must use ~~\$400~~ **800** in the denominator and numerator for books, regardless of the actual cost of the books. ~~If a student-athlete receives less than the full book allowance, the institution must determine the fraction of book aid and must use the appropriate numerator based on the \$400 denominator to reflect the fraction of the book allowance actually received.~~

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference and Conference USA

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** The equivalency figure for books was increased from \$200 to \$400 in 1996. Since then, the cost for books has significantly increased. The proposed increase will provide a more accurate approximation for the current cost of books. The individual equivalency computation would decrease for those student-athletes who do not receive aid to cover books, but are awarded financial aid in significant dollar amounts or aid that covers other components of a full-grant-in-aid. As a result, additional aid could be awarded within the equivalency limits without adversely affecting budgets. If aid is awarded to student-athletes for books, the figure used for the equivalency computation would increase slightly; however, such an effect across an entire team would be inconsequential, except in limited circumstances, such as situations in which several books-only scholarships are awarded. However, \$800 is closer to the actual amount that is spent on books and this proposal could provide the opportunity to provide additional athletically related financial aid to deserving student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** As institutions are currently paying the actual amount for books, this change would not have a significant budgetary impact.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet took no position. The cabinet believes that more information is needed about how institutions currently provide books to their student-athletes and directed the staff to collect such information and report back at its February 2011 meeting.

**History:**

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, No Formal Position

No. 2010-76 FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**Intent:** In women's basketball, to reduce the annual limit on the number of counters at each institution from 15 to 13.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.5.2, as follows:

15.5.5.2 Women's Basketball. There shall be an annual limit of ~~15~~ **13** on the total number of counters in women's basketball at each institution.

**Source:** Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2012

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** In 2009, the number of women's basketball counters was 13.08, as taken from the 2008-09 Equity in Athletics Data Analysis report, including student-athletes only. This data indicates that, on average, the maximum number of counters is not annually awarded and, thus, a reduction could provide an institution the opportunity to re-allocate these resources for women's basketball summer school needs or to other women's sports. A reduction in counters could effectively influence the current upward trend in women's basketball transfer rates, resulting in a positive impact on the women's basketball NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate. Additionally, a reduction in counters may redistribute the available talent pool; thus, increasing parity within women's basketball.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Possible re-allocation of funds.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes that the current financial aid limitation for women's basketball is appropriate and expressed concern with reducing the number of scholarships without ensuring that those resources would go to other women's programs.

*Committee on Women's Athletics:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee notes that, overall, women's sports continue to be underfunded and underrepresented. This proposal could potentially decrease the participation opportunities for women in the context of available financial aid. The proposal does not indicate that the grant-in-aid opportunities would be reallocated to other women's sports. Further, based on the data available at this time indicating that not all institutions or even those in the top 50 are providing more than an average of 13 counters, the committee does not believe this measure would directly impact parity or competitive equity in women's basketball.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee notes that injuries already reduce the number of available student-athletes and that the change would reduce the number of available scholarship opportunities for female student-athletes.



**History:**

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Defeat

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 21, 2010 Committee on Women's Athletics, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-77 FINANCIAL AID AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATION -- FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION DOMINANT PROVISIONS

**Intent:** To change the voting line of NCAA Bylaw 15.5.6.2 from federated (FCS) to Football Championship Subdivision dominant (FCSD) and to change the voting line of Bylaw 20.9.8 and its subsections from federated (FCS) to Football Championship Subdivision (FCSD).

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.6.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

[To change the voting line in Bylaw 15.5.6.2 from federated (FCS) to Football Championship Subdivision dominant (FCSD).]

15.5.6.2 Championship Subdivision Football. There shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of initial counters (per Bylaw 15.02.3.1), an annual limit of 63 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters, and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of counters (including initial counters) in football at each football championship subdivision institution.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 20.9.8, as follows:

[Federated provisions, FCS only]

[To change the voting line in Bylaw 20.9.8 and its subsequent subsections from federated (FCS) to Football Championship Subdivision dominant (FCSD)].

20.9.8 Football Championship Subdivision Requirements. An institution classified as a Football Championship Subdivision member shall meet the additional requirements listed below.

20.9.8.1 Sports Sponsorship. The institution shall sponsor in Division I a minimum of:

(a) Seven varsity intercollegiate sports, including football, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.9.4 and 20.9.4.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and seven varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.5 may be utilized) based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.9.4 and 20.9.4.3 and involving all-female teams, subject to the waiver provision in Bylaw 20.9.4.2, or



(b) Six varsity intercollegiate sports, including football, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.9.4 and 20.9.4.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and eight varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.5 may be utilized) based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.9.4 and 20.9.4.3 and involving all-female teams, subject to the waiver provision in Bylaw 20.9.4.2.

20.9.8.2 Football Scheduling Requirement. The institution shall schedule and play more than 50 percent of its football games against Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision members.

20.9.8.2.1 Membership Classification of Opponents. In determining whether an institution meets the scheduling criteria of the Football Championship Subdivision, each opponent shall be counted as it was classified on September 1 of the academic year involved.

20.9.8.2.1.1 Reclassifying Opponents. A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Football Championship Subdivision opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must comply with Football Championship Subdivision scheduling requirements (year two of the reclassifying process).

20.9.8.2.1.2 Provisional Membership Opponents. A Football Championship Subdivision provisional institution shall be counted as a Football Championship Subdivision opponent in the year the provision institution must comply with Football Championship Subdivision scheduling requirements (year two of the provisional process).

20.9.8.2.1.3 Waiver. The Football Championship Subdivision Governance Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver of the provisions of Bylaw 20.9.8.2.1 in cases of reclassification of an opponent when there is an enforceable game contract, executed in writing, or in the case of similar contractual problems.

20.9.8.2.2 Canceled Games. A canceled game shall not be counted toward meeting the football championship subdivision scheduling criterion unless the Football Championship Subdivision Governance Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, approves a waiver of the criterion in a situation in which:

(a) The member institution can document that it had scheduled (for that academic year) the appropriate minimum percentage of contests of the football championship subdivision, under enforceable game contracts executed in writing;

(b) An opponent canceled a game that it had contracted to play that academic year; and

(c) Despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to re-arrange its schedule to play the appropriate percentage of contests with football championship subdivision members.

20.9.8.2.3 Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico. Games playing in Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico shall not be counted for purposes of meeting the subdivision's scheduling requirements if such games are exempt from counting toward the playing-season limitations.

20.9.8.2.4 Geographical Waiver -- Football Championship Subdivision. The Football Championship Subdivision Governance Committee, by two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the provisions of Bylaw 20.9.8.2 for a Football Championship Subdivision institution that does not offer athletically related financial aid in football, or which

offers fewer than 20 percent of the maximum allowable number of scholarships in the Football Championship Subdivision and was classified in Division II prior to September 1993, if it is determined that fewer than six other Championship Subdivision Football programs exist within a 500-mile radius of the institution's campus that do not offer athletically related financial aid in football or which offer fewer than 20 percent of the maximum allowable number of scholarships in the football championship subdivision and were classified Division II prior to September 1993. An institution must calculate the percentage based upon the amount of athletically related financial aid by its student-athletes, as opposed to including all institutional aid.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Division I Presidential Advisory Group) (Leadership Council)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Football Championship Subdivision commissioners support taking steps to ensure that the subdivision is preserved by preventing initiatives that would either diminish or escalate the level of commitment required to participate in the subdivision and its playoffs and agree a super-majority voting provision would build some protection of the current model into the legislative process.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Administration Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and the sponsor's rationale.

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

**History:**

Aug 03, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-78 FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS -- FOOTBALL LIMITATIONS -- INITIAL COUNTERS -- MIDYEAR REPLACEMENT -- OPTION TO COUNT IN INITIAL YEAR OF AWARD

**Intent:** In football, to specify that an initial counter who replaces a midyear graduate may be counted against the initial limit for the year in which the aid is awarded (if the institution's annual limit has not been reached) or for the following academic year.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.6, as follows:

### 15.5.6 Football Limitations.

[15.5.6.1 through 15.5.6.2 unchanged.]

15.5.6.3 Initial Counters -- Football (Also see Bylaw 15.02.3.1).

[15.5.6.3.1 through 15.5.6.3.4 unchanged.]

15.5.6.3.5 Midyear Replacement. A counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) may be replaced by an initial counter, who shall be counted against the initial limit **either for the year in which the aid is awarded (if the institution's annual limit has not been reached) or** for the following academic year, or by a student-athlete who was an initial counter in a previous academic year and is returning to the institution after time spent on active duty in the armed services or on an official religious mission. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may use the midyear replacement exception only if it previously has provided financial aid during that academic year to the maximum number of overall counters (85 total counters). In championship subdivision football, an institution may use the midyear replacement exception only if it previously has provided financial aid during that academic year that equals the maximum number of overall equivalencies or overall counters.

[15.5.6.3.6 through 15.5.6.3.9 unchanged.]

[15.5.6.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Currently, a counter who graduates at midyear may be replaced by an initial counter with such aid counting as an initial award for the following academic year. This proposal would allow the initial award to count either for the year in which the aid was awarded or the following year. If a football student-athlete graduates and is replaced at midyear, the institution should be permitted to have the option of counting the initial counter in that year or in the next year, provided the institution has not reached its limit on number of initial counters for the year in which the aid is initially awarded.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee notes the flexibility this offers institutions in maximizing the distribution of financial aid to student-athletes.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Approval

**Awards, Benefits and Expenses**

No. 2010-79 AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS TO INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS BANQUETS -- ONE-TIME EXCEPTION -- PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS

**Intent:** To specify that, on one occasion during the final academic year of a student-athlete's athletics eligibility, an institution may provide complimentary admissions for the student-athlete's parents or legal guardians to attend an institutional awards banquet at which the student-athlete is being honored.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.6.1.6, as follows:

16.6.1.6 Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Awards Banquets. An institution may provide complimentary admissions to an institutional awards banquet for the spouse and children of any student-athlete being honored at the banquet.

**16.6.1.6.1 One-Time Exception -- Parents or Legal Guardians. On one occasion during the final academic year of a student-athlete's athletics eligibility, an institution may provide complimentary admissions for the student-athlete's parents or legal guardians to attend an institutional awards banquet at which the student-athlete is being honored.**

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

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

**Rationale:** On some occasions, the parents or legal guardians of a student-athlete are not able to be present during an institutional awards banquet due to the cost of admission. This proposal would create a one-time exception intended to permit an institution to provide a student-athlete's parents or legal guardians with complimentary admissions to attend an institutional awards banquet at the conclusion of the student-athlete's eligibility.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs (e.g., meals) related to an institutional awards banquet provided to parents of senior student-athletes.

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

## Position Statement(s)

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes that the proposal addresses a situation that occurs one-time during a student-athlete's final academic year of athletics eligibility and that those situations may be addressed through the Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief waiver process.

## History:

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

### No. 2010-80 AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE -- SWIMMING AND DIVING -- EXCEPTION FOR PLATFORM DIVING

**Intent:** In swimming and diving, to specify that if an institution does not have access to a diving platform within the mileage limitations of Bylaw 16.8.1.1, the institution may provide expenses for diving practice sessions at the closest available site that includes a diving platform.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.8.1.1, as follows:

16.8.1.1 Practice. Expenses may be paid for practice sessions only if they are associated with an away-from-home contest or conducted at a site located within the member institution's state or, if outside that state, no more than 100 miles from the institution's campus. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1 and shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

[16.8.1.1.1 through 16.8.1.1.3 unchanged.]

**16.8.1.1.4 Swimming and Diving -- Exception. In swimming and diving, if an institution does not have access to a diving platform within the mileage limitations of Bylaw 16.8.1.1, the institution may provide expenses for diving practice sessions at the closest available site that includes a diving platform.**

[16.8.1.1.4 renumbered as 16.8.1.1.5, unchanged.]

**Source:** Western Athletic Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

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

**Rationale:** Since platform diving is a significantly different activity than springboard diving, the opportunity to practice is critical for the safety and well-being of student-athletes who are on the diving team. The increase in height when a diver moves from springboard to platform diving is considerable and the danger involved in the activity increases substantially. It is neither realistic nor safe to ask a student-athlete to dive from a five meter, seven meter or ten meter platform during competition without having had an opportunity to practice on several occasions before the

meet. Institutions that do not have diving platforms within their state or, if outside the state, within 100 miles from the institution's campus are unable to provide a safe platform diving experience for their student-athletes without this exception or an annual legislative relief waiver. Waivers of this bylaw have been granted in the past; however, this legislation, if adopted, would eliminate the need for an annual waiver.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Increased expenses for institutions that use this exception.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** No missed class time is permitted for practice activities. Travel time beyond the current limitation provides a potential time for study.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jul 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Oct 26, 2010 Sponsor modified the proposal to specify that the diving practice sessions are restricted to the closest available site outside the mileage limitations that includes a diving platform.

No. 2010-82-A AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- TRAVEL TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EMERGING SPORTS AND POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES DURING VACATION PERIOD -- EXCEPTIONS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

**Intent:** To specify that if an student-athlete does not use team travel to NCAA championships, NGB championships in emerging sports and postseason bowl games during a vacation period, the institution may only provide actual and necessary transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from: campus to the event site and back to campus; campus to the event site and then to the student-athlete's home; the student-athlete's home to the event site and back home; or the student-athlete's home to the event site and then to campus; further, to specify that reimbursement for automobile mileage shall not exceed the rate provided to institutional staff members and shall be limited to not more than 400 miles one-way; finally, to increase, from \$20 to \$55, the amount of money that an institution may provide to each member of the squad to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for such events.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 16.8.1.5, as follows:



16.8.1.5 Travel to NCAA Championships, NGB Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games during Vacation Period.

16.8.1.5.1 General Rule. The institution may provide team transportation for a student-athlete to travel from campus to the site of an NCAA championship, NGB championship in an emerging sport or a postseason bowl game and back to campus.

16.8.1.5.1.1 Exceptions.

(a) Student-Athlete Does Not Use Team Transportation. The institution may provide (in lieu of team transportation) the ~~greater of the~~ **actual and necessary** transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from:

(1) Campus to the event site and back to campus;

(2) Campus to the **event site and then to the** student-athlete's home ~~and back to campus; or~~

(3) The student-athlete's home to the event site and back home; or

**(4) The student-athlete's home to the event site and then to campus.**

(b) Student-Athlete Uses "Leg" of Team Transportation. An institution that provides one "leg" of actual team transportation (campus to the event site or from the event site back to campus) ~~must deduct the value of~~ **may only provide the actual and necessary costs for** the ~~actual transportation costs of that "leg" from the allowance provided the student-athlete in (a) above~~ **in which he or she does not use team travel.**

[16.8.1.5.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

**(d) Mileage Limitations. Reimbursement for automobile mileage shall not exceed the rate provided to institutional staff members and shall be limited to not more than 400 miles one way.**

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 16.8.1.6, as follows:

16.8.1.6 Incidental Expenses at NCAA Championships, NGB Championships in Emerging Sports and Licensed Bowl Games. An institution may provide \$20 **55** per day to each member of the squad to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or NGB championship events in emerging sports, during a period limited to the maximum number of days of per diem allowed for the involved championship, or, for licensed postseason bowl contests, for a period not to exceed 10 days. The \$20 **55** per day may be provided only after the institution's team departs for or reports to the site of the championship or postseason bowl contest.

[16.8.1.6.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

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



**Rationale:** Current legislation allows a student-athlete to travel individually to championships and bowl games and receive the transportation costs of the greatest of the three possible routes (campus-event-campus, campus-home-campus, or home-event-home) regardless of which route is actually used. It has become common practice for institutions to provide student-athletes the highest of these rates. As a result, a student-athlete traveling individually receives money not available to individuals using team travel. Student-athletes who attend institutions that are not close to major airports are less likely to be able to take advantage of individual travel. Shifting the source of the transportation costs to an enhanced incidental expense allowance removes the incentive to travel individually, while not penalizing those choosing to do so. In addition, student-athletes who participate in bowl games are often denied a meaningful stay at home during the holidays. With bowl games moving later into January, student-athletes are faced with the prospect of traveling home twice for shorter periods during the winter break. Institutions should be allowed to continue to provide expenses for one of these trips as an incidental expense associated with competition in a bowl game if the student-athlete has personally paid for one trip home.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential cost savings for institutions through a more efficient method of providing travel for student-athletes.

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

#### **Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet recommends that the sponsor modify the proposal to eliminate the increase from \$20 to \$55 for incidental expenses at NCAA championships, national governing body championships in emerging sports and licensed bowl games. The cabinet would support the proposal if modified. Further, in the event the sponsor does not accept the cabinet's recommended modification, the cabinet will sponsor an alternative proposal. The cabinet believes that the current amount that may be provided to each member of the squad to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for such events is appropriate.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. Although the cabinet agreed to support the proposal, there was much discussion about how the sponsor determined the appropriate dollar amount for the incidental expense money. Further, while there was considerable discussion about this proposal applying primarily to bowl subdivision football, the cabinet ultimately decided that a consistent application across all sports should be supported.

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee supports the effort to reduce unnecessary costs for institutions while still meeting the financial needs of student-athletes.

#### **History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Modification

Oct 26, 2010 Sponsor modified proposal to include additional scenarios for which actual and necessary costs may be covered (e.g., campus to event site and back home, home to event site and back to campus).

Oct 26, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-82-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2010-82-B.

No. 2010-82-B AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- TRAVEL TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EMERGING SPORTS AND POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES DURING VACATION PERIOD -- EXCEPTIONS

**Intent:** To specify that if a student-athlete does not use team travel to NCAA championships, national governing body championships in emerging sports and postseason bowl games during a vacation period, the institution may only provide actual and necessary transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from: campus to the event site and back to campus; campus to the student-athlete's home and back to campus; or the student-athlete's home to the event site and back home; further, to specify that reimbursement for automobile mileage shall not exceed the rate provided to institutional staff members and shall be limited to not more than 400 miles one way.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.8.1.5, as follows:

16.8.1.5 Travel to NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games During Vacation Period.

16.8.1.5.1 General Rule. The institution may provide team transportation for a student-athlete to travel from campus to the site of an NCAA championship, national governing body championship in an emerging sport or a postseason bowl game and back to campus.

16.8.1.5.1.1 Exceptions.

(a) Student-Athlete Does Not Use Team Transportation. The institution may provide (in lieu of team transportation) the ~~greater of the~~ **actual and necessary** transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from:

(1) Campus to the event site and back to campus;

(2) Campus to the **event site and then to the** student-athlete's home ~~and back to campus; or~~

(3) The student-athlete's home to the event site and back home; ~~or~~

**(4) The student-athlete's home to the event site and then to campus.**

(b) Student-Athlete Uses "Leg" of Team Transportation. An institution that provides one "leg" of actual team transportation (campus to the event site or from the event site back to campus) ~~must deduct the value of~~ **may only provide the actual and necessary costs for** the ~~actual transportation costs of that "leg" from the allowance provided the student-athlete in (a) above~~

in which he or she does not use team travel.

[16.8.1.5.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

**(d) Mileage Limitations. Reimbursement for automobile mileage shall not exceed the rate provided to institutional staff members and shall be limited to not more than 400 miles one way.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

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

**Rationale:** Current legislation allows a student-athlete to travel individually to championships and bowl games and receive the transportation costs of the greatest of the three possible routes (campus-event-campus, campus-home-campus, or home-event-home) regardless of which route is actually used. It has become common practice for institutions to provide student-athletes the highest of these rates. As a result, a student-athlete traveling individually receives money not available to individuals using team travel. Student-athletes who attend institutions that are not close to major airports are less likely to be able to take advantage of individual travel. In addition, student-athletes who participate in bowl games are often denied a meaningful stay at home during the holidays. With bowl games moving later into January, student-athletes are faced with the prospect of traveling home twice for shorter periods during the winter break. Institutions should be allowed to continue to provide expenses for one of these trips as an incidental expense associated with competition in a bowl game if the student-athlete has personally paid for one trip home. The current amount that may be provided to each member of the squad to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for such events is appropriate.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential cost savings for institutions through a more efficient method of providing travel for student-athletes.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Sep 21, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2009-82-A.

No. 2010-83 AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- NONPERMISSIBLE -- LODGING IN CONJUNCTION WITH A REGULAR-SEASON HOME CONTEST -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In championship subdivision football, to specify that an institution shall not provide lodging (e.g., hotel, motel) to any student-athlete in conjunction with a regular-season home contest.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.8, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

## 16.8 EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION

[16.8.1 unchanged.]

16.8.2 Nonpermissible.

[16.8.2.1 through 16.8.2.5 unchanged.]

**16.8.2.6 Lodging in Conjunction with a Regular-Season Home Contest -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution shall not provide lodging (e.g., hotel, motel) to any student-athlete in conjunction with a regular-season home contest.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

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

**Rationale:** Currently, institutions may provide off-campus housing for their football teams at local hotels the evening prior to a home game. Precluding such lodging will result in a substantial cost savings. Institutions will no longer incur the lodging expenses, the cost of transporting the team to and from the hotel and venue, and other hotel related expenses for game day preparation, including the use of meeting rooms.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Projected saving of \$140,000 to \$150,000 per year.

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

### **Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Football Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

### **History:**

Jun 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

Aug 24, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-84 AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PARTICIPATION AWARDS -- MAXIMUM VALUE OF AWARD -- INCREASE TO MAXIMUM VALUES

**Intent:** To increase the limitation on the maximum value of the annual participation award for a senior by \$100 and to increase the limitation on the maximum value for all other participation awards by \$50, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend Figure 16-1, as follows:

FIGURE 16-1  
Participation of Awards

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Annual Participation -- Underclassmen	<del>\$175</del> <b>225</b>	Once per year per sport	Institution	1
Annual Participation -- Senior	<del>\$325</del> <b>425</b>	Once per year per sport	Institution	1
Special Event Participation				
• Participation in postseason conference championship contest or tournament	<del>\$325</del> <b>375*</b>	Once per event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institution</li> <li>• Management of event (may include conference office)</li> </ul>	2
• Participation in postseason NCAA championship contest or tournament	Institution -- <del>\$325</del> <b>375</b> NCAA -- No limit	Once per event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institution</li> <li>• NCAA</li> </ul>	2
• Participation in all-star game or postseason bowl	<del>\$350</del> <b>400</b> (Institution) <del>\$500</del> <b>550</b> (Management of event)	Once per event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institution</li> <li>• Management of event</li> </ul>	2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition</li> </ul>	<p><del>\$350</del> <b>400*</b></p>	<p>Once per event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institution</li> <li>• Management of event</li> </ul>	<p>2</p>
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\* The combined value of all awards received for participation in this type of event from the institution and the management of the event may not exceed the published value.

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

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

**Rationale:** The proposed award limits have not been adjusted for inflation since 2003. Due to inflation, it is becoming increasingly difficult to purchase the same or similar types of awards from year to year. Based on Statistical Abstracts of the United States (2009), an item that cost \$325 in 2003 cost \$378.16 in 2009. Most member institutions award senior class rings to their student-athletes. The main raw material that is used in these rings is gold. When the maximum award value limitations were amended in 2003, the value of gold was around \$350/oz. In 2010 the value of gold is above \$1,150/oz. This cost is ultimately passed on to member institutions who are still trying to purchase awards within the 2003 limitations. This proposal will allow institutions to purchase the same or similar awards for its student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential increase commensurate with increase in award value limitations.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 21, 2010 Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet, Recommends Approval

**Playing and Practice Seasons**

No. 2009-83 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- REGULATIONS FOR PLAYING SEASON AND MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL



**Intent:** In women's sand volleyball, to establish the playing and practice season and the minimum number of contests necessary for sports sponsorship purposes, as specified.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17, as follows:

**17 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS**

[17.01 through 17.16 unchanged.]

**17.17 SAND VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S**

**Regulations for computing the women's sand volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)**

**17.17.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's sand volleyball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.**

**17.17.1.1 Women's Volleyball Student-Athletes Participating in Women's Sand Volleyball. Women's volleyball student-athletes listed as participants for women's sand volleyball must participate fully in women's sand volleyball practices. If student-athletes are practicing women's volleyball skills unrelated to women's sand volleyball, such practices must be counted in the institution's established segment in women's volleyball.**

**17.17.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's sand volleyball prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.**

**17.17.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's sand volleyball prior to the following dates:**

**(a) Nonchampionship Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.**

**(b) Championship Segment. The first Thursday in March (see Figure 17-2).**

**17.17.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's sand volleyball by the conclusion of the recognized national intercollegiate sand volleyball championship events.**

**17.17.5 Number of Dates of Competition.**

**17.17.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's sand volleyball during the institution's women's sand volleyball playing season to 16 dates of competition, including not more than two during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.5.3 and 17.17.5.4.**

**17.17.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's sand volleyball in one or more foreign**



countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.17.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in women's sand volleyball, including not more than two during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

17.17.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's sand volleyball shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff in women's sand volleyball;

(b) Season-Ending Championship Tournament. Competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in women's sand volleyball (e.g., National Collegiate Sand Championships). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) Alumni Game. One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;

(e) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition played in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales;

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any women's sand volleyball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.12.2, in which team members of that sport participate) with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds to benefit the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's women's sand volleyball team who participate in local celebrity activities in women's sand volleyball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athlete does not miss class as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for women's sand volleyball as a U.S. national team.

17.17.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in women's sand volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).

17.17.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.17.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.17.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

17.17.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's sand volleyball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.17.8 Other Restrictions.

17.17.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.17.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's sand volleyball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside women's sand volleyball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's sand volleyball competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate women's sand volleyball competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 14.7.3 for exceptions).

17.17.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in women's sand volleyball may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two.

17.17.8.1.2 Out of Season. An institution may permit not more than two student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's sand volleyball to practice

or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's sand volleyball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.17.8.1.1.1).

17.17.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's sand volleyball team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3, 17.1.1.1 and 17.29.

17.17.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) The NGB or the selected coaches select the involved participants.

17.17.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

[17.18 through 17.30 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 20.9.4.3, as follows:

20.9.4.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Team Sports	Minimum Contests
<b><u>Sand Volleyball, Women's</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>

[All other sports unchanged.]

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.4.3.1 through 20.9.4.3.7 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 14 and 17.)

[20.9.4.3.1 through 20.9.4.3.5 unchanged.]

20.9.4.3.6 Contests vs. Club Teams. A contest against a collegiate institution's club team may not be counted toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. However, a member is not precluded from scheduling club teams.

**20.9.4.3.6.1 Exception -- Women's Sand Volleyball. One dual, one-day contest against a collegiate institution's club team per year may count toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. A multi-opponent tournament (see Bylaw 20.9.4.3.8) may count toward**

**meeting minimum-contest requirements if not more than 40 percent of the participating teams are club teams affiliated with four-year collegiate institutions.**

[20.9.4.3.7 unchanged.]

**20.9.4.3.8 Women's Sand Volleyball. The following additional criteria shall apply to women's sand volleyball:**

**(a) No less than three of the minimum eight contests shall be dual, one-day competitions in which five two-person teams compete (institution versus institution on a single day on which no other competition occurs); and**

**(b) The remaining number of minimum contests shall be dual, one-day competitions in which five two-person teams compete or multi-opponent competitions. For a tournament to qualify as a contest, it must culminate in the determination of a winner based on the performance of each institution's five, two-person teams.**

[20.9.4.3.8 renumbered as 20.9.4.3.9, unchanged.]

**Source:** Sun Belt Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Legislative proposals governing financial aid, recruiting, and personnel for the emerging sport of sand volleyball have already been sponsored by the appropriate cabinets. In order to complete the legislation for the sport, recommendations regarding the playing and practice season need to be considered during the legislative cycle in order to give institutions a comprehensive view of how the sport will be implemented.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Based on institutional sponsorship of the sport.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Based on institutional sponsorship of the sport.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Administration Cabinet:* The cabinet supports section B of the proposal (the section of the proposal related to Division I membership requirements, of which the cabinet maintains oversight). The cabinet notes that the minimum eight contest requirement for sports sponsorship purposes may require adjustment if the maximum limitation of 16 contests set forth in the proposal is modified.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* October 2009: Based on the sponsor's modification (see history section), the cabinet supports the proposal.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* September 2010: Based on the sponsor's modification (see history section), the cabinet supports the proposal.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2009 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 16, 2009 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Sep 16, 2009 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 16, 2009 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Modification The cabinet recommends that the sponsor modify the proposal as follows: (1) Limit the championship segment playing season to eight weeks beginning with the first Thursday in March. The cabinet intends this season to include the weekend following the Thursday that is eight weeks from the first Thursday in March; and (2) Limit the number of dates of competitions to 18, regardless of the segment in which the date of competition is conducted. The recommendation would not establish a separate limit for championship and nonchampionship segments. The cabinet would support the proposal if it were modified as recommended. If the sponsor chooses not to modify the proposal, the cabinet will sponsor an alternative proposal.

Oct 07, 2009 Sponsor modified the proposal to limit the championship segment playing season to eight weeks plus the following weekend, beginning on the first Thursday in March and to specify that the maximum number of dates of competition shall be 18 (as opposed to 16 previously).

Oct 07, 2009 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval Based on the sponsor's modification.

Jan 14, 2010 Leg Council Init Review;, Forwarded for Membership Comment

Jan 17, 2010 Comment Period; Start of Comment Period

Mar 17, 2010 Comment Period; End of Comment Period

Apr 13, 2010 Leg Council Final Review;, Tabled With the delay to the effective date for the addition of women's sand volleyball to the list of emerging sports for women, current proposals and any new concepts related to the sport will be considered in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Modification The cabinet recommends that the sponsor modify the proposal to specify that an institution and student-athlete may participate in a maximum of 16 dates of competition, with no more than two dates of competition in the nonchampionship segment. The cabinet would support the proposal if modified. Further, in the event the sponsor does not support the suggested modification, the cabinet shall sponsor an alternative proposal. The cabinet reviewed the work of the Collegiate Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators working group that studied proposed women's sand volleyball legislation and agreed that fewer dates of competition is more appropriate. The cabinet is supportive of permitting an institution to play all 16 dates of competition in the championship segment if it so desires.

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Oct 25, 2010 Sponsor modified the proposal to specify that an institution and student-athlete may participate in a maximum of 16 dates of competition, including not more than two dates of competition in the nonchampionship segment.



No. 2010-85 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING -- VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS -- STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH FIRST AID/CPR CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORITY OF SPORTS MEDICINE STAFF -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In sports other than football, to specify that a strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation; further, to specify that if a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.3, as follows:

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

[13.11.3.1 through 13.11.3.8 unchanged.]

13.11.3.9 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Basketball. In basketball, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she:

[13.11.3.9-(a) through 13.11.3.9-(b) unchanged.]

[13.11.3.9.1 unchanged.]

**13.11.3.9.2 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. If a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate.**

13.11.3.10 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

[13.11.3.10.1 unchanged.]

**13.11.3.10.2 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. If a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate.**

[13.11.3.11 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.2.1, as follows:

17.1.6.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer.

17.1.6.2.1.1 Sports Other Than Championship Subdivision Football. In sports other than championship subdivision football, a student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches and who perform such duties on a department-wide basis may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

[17.16.2.1.1.1 through 17.1.6.2.1.1.2 unchanged.]

**17.1.6.2.1.1.3 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff -- Sports Other Than Football. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. If a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)

**Effective Date:** May 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Since the summer conditioning legislation was adopted for football, other sports have added voluntary workout opportunities but have not added similar certification requirements for strength and conditioning coaches. The same requirements should be applicable to all sports. Requiring strength and conditioning coaches to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid results in better preparation for an emergency response. Further, although the current legislation does not require the attendance of sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) at the voluntary workouts in sports other than football, if sports medicine staff members



are present during such workouts, they should have the same authority as they do during football workouts, namely, the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential cost of first aid and CPR certification.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

- Jun 07, 2009 Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Recommends Approval
- Sep 16, 2009 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored
- Jun 30, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.
- Sep 29, 2010 Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-86 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- NO MISSED CLASS TIME IN CONJUNCTION WITH NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT COMPETITION -- BASEBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, LACROSSE, SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL

**Intent:** In baseball, men's and women's cross country (without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's volleyball, to specify that no class time shall be missed in conjunction with competition during the nonchampionship segment, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities).

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.6, as follows:

17.1.6.6 Additional Restrictions.

**17.1.6.6.1 No Class Time Missed in Conjunction with Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Baseball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer and Volleyball. In baseball, cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball, no class time shall be missed in conjunction with nonchampionship segment competition, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities).**

**17.1.6.6.1.1 Exception -- Institution Located in Hawaii. The provisions of Bylaw 17.1.6.6.1 do not apply to an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii.**

[17.1.6.6.1 through 17.1.6.6.3 renumbered as 17.1.6.6.2 through 17.1.6.6.4, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Eliminating missed class time in conjunction with competition held in the nonchampionship segment would lessen unnecessary athletically related time demands on student-athletes, thus providing increased opportunities to enjoy the college experience and to improve academic performance.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential for savings in travel costs.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Student-athletes would be provided more time to focus on academics and be involved in campus activities.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. The cabinet notes additional time available for academic focus and the potential for student-athlete academic improvement by limiting athletic time demands during the nonchampionship segment.

*Baseball Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

*Men's Lacrosse Committee:* The committee supports the proposal, but would like to see some geographic consideration afforded to institutions that do not have a potential opponent within a significant number of miles.

*Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

*Women's Lacrosse Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. Lacrosse is a sport that has grown but is not necessarily spread throughout the country. This could result in an advantage to institutions in the Mid-Atlantic region. Teams in other regions may experience problems finding opponents. Strength of schedule is a factor in the NCAA selection process to determine at-large bids and teams would not have the ability to schedule appropriately. Historically, women's lacrosse student-athletes have done very well managing their time and producing strong academic records. Missed class time has not been a factor in their ability to prioritize academics.

*Women's Soccer Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee notes that institutions in geographically isolated areas may experience scheduling issues, if the proposal is adopted. Further, the committee acknowledges the sponsor's desire to save costs and to minimize the time demands on student-athletes; however, the committee notes that student-athletes in these sports generally perform well academically and have been able to balance both their academic and athletics pursuits.

**History:**

Jun 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

Aug 26, 2010 Baseball Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 07, 2010 Men's Lacrosse Committee, Recommends Approval

- Sep 07, 2010 Women's Lacrosse Committee, Recommends Defeat  
Sep 08, 2010 Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, Recommends Approval  
Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Approval  
Sep 23, 2010 Women's Soccer Committee, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-87 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL -- HAWAII OR ALASKA EXCEPTION -- ONCE IN FOUR YEARS

**Intent:** In men's and women's cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, men's and women's soccer, softball and men's and women's volleyball, to specify that, once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.5.5.1.1, as follows:

17.5.5.1.1 Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the cross country playing season to seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**17.5.5.1.1.1 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.**

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.8.5.1, as follows:

17.8.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.8.5.3 and 17.8.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**17.8.5.1.1 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.**

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.5.1, as follows:

17.19.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in soccer during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.19.5.3 and 17.19.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**17.9.5.1.1 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.**

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 17.20.5.1, as follows:

17.20.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution's softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and eight contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.20.5.3 and 17.20.5.4. No class time shall be missed for competition during the nonchampionship segment, including activities associated with competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities) conducted during the nonchampionship segment. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**17.20.5.1.1 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.**

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.7.1, as follows:

17.25.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the institution's women's volleyball playing season to 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**17.25.7.1.1 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.**

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.8.1, as follows:

17.25.8.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's volleyball during the institution's men's volleyball

playing season to not more than 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**17.25.8.1.1 Hawaii or Alaska Exception-- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.**

**Source:** Western Athletic Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** The current transportation restriction in the nonchampionship segment for certain sports includes an exception for a geographically-isolated institution to travel at its discretion for competition in the nonchampionship segment. The legislation essentially requires that institutions located in Hawaii and Alaska must travel for all nonchampionship segment competition against Division I institutions, unless there is another Division I institution that qualifies for the exception. This proposal would allow any Division I institution to travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship competition once every four years. The application of the once-in-four-years exception would be the same as the application of the once-in-four-years exception for institutional foreign tours. The exception reduces the travel burden on institutions in Hawaii and Alaska and it puts a reasonable limitation on the number of times any particular institution may use the exception.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Additional travel costs for institutions that choose to schedule competition in Hawaii or Alaska; however, cost savings due to less travel for institutions located in Hawaii or Alaska.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Additional time away from campus and potential for additional missed class time for institutions that choose to schedule competition in Hawaii or Alaska; however, may result in additional time on campus and less missed class time for student-athletes at institutions located in Hawaii or Alaska.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal. The cabinet notes the potential alleviation of athletics time demands on student-athletes in Alaska and Hawaii during the nonchampionship segment and the corresponding additional time for academic focus. Further, the cabinet noted the limited impact on the athletics time demands of student-athletes from other institutions due to the once in four year component of the exception.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.



*Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

*Women's Soccer Committee:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Women's Volleyball Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

#### **History:**

Jul 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 01, 2010 Women's Volleyball Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 08, 2010 Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Sep 23, 2010 Women's Soccer Committee, Recommends Approval

#### No. 2010-88 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, WOMEN'S LACROSSE, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL -- TWO DATES OF COMPETITION -- ONE AWAY-FROM HOME DATE

**Intent:** In men's and women's cross country, field hockey, women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, and men's and women's volleyball, to specify that an institution is limited to two dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, of which only one date may be an away-from-home date of competition.

#### **A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.5.5.1.1, as follows:

17.5.5.1.1 Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field shall limit its total playing schedule without outside competition during the cross country playing season to seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~five~~ **two** dates of competition during another segment. **An institution is limited to one away-from-home competition during the nonchampionship segment.** Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

#### **B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.8.5.1, as follows:

17.8.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~five~~ **two** dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.8.5.3 and 17.8.5.4. **An institution is limited to one away-from-home date of competition during the nonchampionship segment.** Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless

there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 17.13.5.1, as follows:

17.13.5.1. Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in lacrosse during the institution's lacrosse playing season to 17 dates of competition in men's lacrosse and 17 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~five~~ **two** dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.13.5.3 and 17.13.5.4. **In women's lacrosse, an institution is limited to one away-from-home competition during the nonchampionship segment.**

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.5.1, as follows:

17.19.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in soccer during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~five~~ **two** dates of competition during another segment, except for those contest and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.19.5.3 and 17.19.5.4. **An institution is limited to one away-from-home date of competition during the nonchampionship segment.** Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there a no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 17.20.5.1, as follows:

17.20.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution's softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~eight contests (games and scrimmages)~~ **two dates of competition** during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.20.5.3 and 17.20.5.4. No class time shall be missed for competition during the nonchampionship segment, including activities associated with competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities) conducted during the nonchampionship segment. **An institution is limited to one away-from-home competition during the nonchampionship segment.** Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there is no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.7.1, as follows:

17.25.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the institution's women's volleyball playing season to 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship segment is conducted and ~~four~~ **two** during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. **An institution is limited to one away-from-home competition during the nonchampionship segment.** Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.



**G. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.8.1, as follows:

17.25.8.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's volleyball during the institution's men's volleyball playing season to not more than 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than ~~four~~ **two** dates of competition during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. **An institution is limited to one away-from-home date of competition during the nonchampionship segment.** Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

**Source:** Big Ten Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Economic pressures have caused athletics programs to examine expenditures in all areas. Competition during the nonchampionship segment has consistently been identified as an area in which cost savings could be achieved. Recently-adopted legislation in cross country, field hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball requires the use of ground transportation for competition during the nonchampionship segment unless there is no Division I program within 400 miles of campus. While the current legislation should result in some cost savings, there is the potential for the ground-transportation requirement to impact missed class time. Softball is currently the only sport that has a restriction on missed class time during the nonchampionship segment. Allowing only two dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment (with a maximum of one away-from-home date of competition) would achieve additional cost savings and would minimize missed class time while still preserving competitive opportunities for the identified sports.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** With over 1,300 teams impacted, the aggregate reduction would result in several thousand fewer dates of competition during the nontraditional season, which would result in meaningful cost savings for institutions.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Reduction in time spent traveling to and participating in competitions during the nontraditional season and possible reduction in missed class time.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes that athletics time demands may be limited through more effective means, including the elimination of missed class time. The cabinet notes that a reduction of dates of competition may result in increased hours of competition during the remaining dates resulting in student-athlete well being concerns.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes that it has discussed issues surrounding the nonchampionship segment previously and determined that it is best to wait until the development of guiding principles related to cost containment were finalized by the NCAA Value-Based Decision-Making Task Force. To that end,

the cabinet does not support reducing competitive opportunities in these identified sports at this time.

*Men's Soccer Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. Reducing the number of spring competition dates will have a negative impact on collegiate soccer and the student-athlete experience. Spring games are vital for the development of soccer student-athletes.

*Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

*Women's Lacrosse Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The nonchampionship segment is important to the sport as it relates to preparation and game experience. Limiting competitions would diminish the overall student-athlete experience.

*Women's Soccer Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee does not support reducing competitive opportunities for student-athletes.

### **History:**

Jun 25, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 07, 2010 Women's Lacrosse Committee, Recommends Defeat

Sep 08, 2010 Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 23, 2010 Women's Soccer Committee, Recommends Defeat

Sep 29, 2010 Men's Soccer Committee, Recommends Defeat

### No. 2010-89 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- LOCATION OF QUALIFYING REGULAR-SEASON MULTIPLE-TEAM EVENT -- THE BAHAMAS

**Intent:** In basketball, to specify that a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event may occur in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.3.5.1.1, as follows:

17.3.5.1.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event. A qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active or affiliated member or a member conference of the Association and must take place in **the Commonwealth of The Bahamas**, Canada, Mexico or the United States or one of its territories;

[17.3.5.1.1-(b) through 17.3.5.1.1-(d) unchanged.]

[17.3.5.1.1.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** Conference USA and Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Special events make a significant contribution to the growth and popularity of college basketball and provide opportunities for programs to compete in a tournament setting, often at neutral venues and frequently during vacation periods. This proposal maintains the original intent of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event by limiting participation to one team per conference and one appearance per institution every four years while allowing more student-athletes the opportunity to participate. The legislation would have no adverse impact on a student-athlete's academic responsibilities as the proposal does not increase the overall number of contests. Further, an event in this locale is closer to the United States (e.g., 55 miles from Freeport to the U.S. coast, 179 miles from Nassau to the U.S. coast) than existing basketball tournaments in Mexico or U.S. territories in the region and is easily accessible from several major airports. This proposal would provide additional opportunities for basketball student-athletes to participate in qualifying regular-season multiple team events and is consistent with the addition of Canada and Mexico to the permissible locations, which occurred in 2007.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Dependent on costs and potential guarantee from an event operator.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Men's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale. The committee notes, however, that a comprehensive review regarding the operation and conduct of qualifying regular-season multiple-team events should occur, with emphasis on the health, safety and well-being of the participating student-athletes.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee took no position.

**History:**

Jun 29, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, No Formal Position

Aug 30, 2010 Men's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-90 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BOWLING -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION -- OCTOBER 1

**Intent:** In women's bowling, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to October 1.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.4.2, as follows:

17.4.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in bowling prior to ~~September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier~~ **October 1**.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.4.3, as follows:

17.4.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in bowling prior to ~~September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier~~ **October 1**.

**Source:** Northeast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** This proposal would standardize the first permissible dates of preseason practice and competition, and it would minimize the pressure to begin the season early in the academic year.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** May reduce the length of the preseason practice period.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jul 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-91 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BOWLING -- NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION

**Intent:** In women's bowling, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to, and that an individual student-athlete may participate in, each academic year, 32 dates of competition; further, to include all dates of competition of a tournament in the maximum limitation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.4.5, as follows:

17.4.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in bowling during the institution's bowling playing season to ~~26~~ **32** dates of competition (games and scrimmages) ~~(including not more than 10 tournaments)~~

~~that are counted as single dates of competition~~), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.4.5.3 and 17.4.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.4.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.4.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.4.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~26~~ **32** dates of competition in bowling ~~(including not more than 10 tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition)~~ (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

[Remainder of 17.4.5 unchanged.]

**Source:** Northeast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Under current legislation, institutions and student-athletes may participate in as many as 46 dates of competition due to the tournament provision, which permits institutions to count up to 10 three-day tournaments as single dates of competition (i.e., 10 x 3 = 30 plus 16 additional dates of competition = 46 total). By eliminating the tournament provision, this amendment standardizes the total dates of competition for institutions and student-athletes and also reduces the total dates of competition for institutions and student-athletes by as many as 14 dates.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential cost savings due to decrease in dates of competition.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Limits the dates of competition in which student-athletes may participate and reduces travel and missed class time.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jul 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-92 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL  
-- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

**Intent:** In championship subdivision football, to increase the number of participants who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, whichever is earlier, from 90 to 95.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.9.2.1.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

17.9.2.1.3 Limit on Number of Participants -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, there shall be a limit of ~~90~~ 95 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Football Issues Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** In the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), there is a limit of 105 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier. Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions are limited to 90 participants during this same period of time. Allowing FCS teams to have five additional student-athletes in preseason football would reduce the gap between FCS and FBS programs, which has become increasingly important as FCS teams schedule more FBS teams to start the competitive season. Additional student-athletes also would help ensure that teams do not lose quality practice experiences as a result of student-athletes being unable to practice due to injuries.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs of additional meals and lodging for five student-athletes, at the institution's discretion. Estimated to be \$250 per day for institutions that add five student-athletes as participants in preseason practice.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Time related to preseason practice for five additional student-athletes.

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Apr 21, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Apr 23, 2010 Football Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

No. 2010-93 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- RIFLE -- DATES OF COMPETITION -- MULTIPLE-DAY CONTESTS

**Intent:** In rifle, to specify that an institution that participates in a match that exceeds one day in duration may count the multiple-day contest as a single date of competition; further, to specify that if a student-athlete fires more than one score for either smallbore rifle or air rifle during a multiple-day contest, such participation will result in a second date of competition for the institution.



**Bylaws:** Amend 17.14.5, as follows:

17.14.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in rifle during the permissible rifle playing season to 13 dates of competition except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.14.5.3 and 17.14.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.4.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

**17.4.5.1.1 Competition That Exceeds One Day. An institution that participates in a match that exceeds one day in duration may count the multiple-day contest as a single date of competition. However, if a student-athlete fires more than one score for either smallbore rifle or air rifle during a multiple-day contests, such participation will result in a second date of competition for the institution.**

[Remainder of 17.4.5 unchanged.]

**Source:** Mid-American Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Due to the high cost of transportation and lodging, there has been some desire expressed in the collegiate rifle community to change the definition of a date of competition to permit one contest that occurs over multiple days to count as a single date of competition. Further, due to range limitations and the requirement that competition be "shoulder-to-shoulder" with an opponent, oftentimes, a host institution is required to participate in a match on each day of a multiday tournament, while other participating institutions may not be required to do so. In these multiday contests, each institution ends up with one score and each student-athlete competes only once; therefore, this change will not affect a student-athlete's dates of competition. This proposal would add a provision to rifle that is similar to provisions in other sports, such as tennis and track and field. Ultimately, this proposal will allow institutions to sponsor tournaments that occur over multiple days and permit institutions to accumulate up to three countable contests for sports sponsorship purposes (e.g., quadrangular meet scored against each institution) while making only one road trip and using only one date of competition.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs savings by allowing institutions to host multiple day events, will count as only one date of competition.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Possible reduction in missed class time for participating student-athletes.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Men's and Women's Rifle Committee:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.



## History:

Jul 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 02, 2010 Men's and Women's Rifle Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

## No. 2010-94 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S SOCCER -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- 12-WEEK SEASON

**Intent:** In men's soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the Friday prior to the 12th weekend prior to the start of the applicable Division I soccer championship, except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.3, as follows:

17.19.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. An institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the ~~following dates:~~

~~(a) Women's Soccer -- The Friday prior to the 12th weekend prior to the start of the applicable NCAA Division I Women's soccer championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.~~

~~(b) Men's Soccer -- September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the weekend prior to September 1 if September 1 does not fall on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday.~~

**Source:** Pacific-10 Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** The first contest date in men's soccer was amended in 2007, resulting in a 12-week season in five of the next 11 years: 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, and 2014. The first contest date in women's soccer was amended in 2009, resulting in a consistent 12-week season every year. By making the men's soccer regular season 12 weeks every year this proposal would make the length of the men's soccer season consistent with women's soccer. Further, it would provide more consistency for scheduling purposes and it would eliminate the need for some mid-week games, which allow for more rest and recovery time for the student-athlete and, potentially, less missed class time.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Increase in expenses for one additional week during those years in which the season would have been 11 weeks.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** No additional time demands on student-athletes because the total playing season in men's soccer would continue to be limited to 132 days.

## Position Statement(s)

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Men's Soccer Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee believes that the proposal supports student-athlete well-being. The current soccer season is very condensed and an additional week will help with preparation, rest and recovery as well as the prevention of injuries. In addition, having a 12-week season every year would align the men's soccer season with the women's soccer season. Finally, the proposal would minimize the need for certain mid-week games, improving rest and recovery and also would create the potential to reduce missed class time.

## History:

Jul 13, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Sep 29, 2010 Men's Soccer Committee, Recommends Approval

## No. 2010-95 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- CROSS COUNTRY AND SOCCER -- 10-WEEK CROSS COUNTRY SEASON AND 11-WEEK SOCCER SEASON

**Intent:** In cross country, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday before the 10th weekend before the weekend of the NCAA Division I cross country regional competition; further, in soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the Friday before the 11th weekend before the start of the applicable NCAA Division I Soccer Championship.

### A. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.5.3, as follows:

17.5.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in cross country prior to ~~September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday~~ **the Friday before the 10th weekend before the weekend of NCAA Division I regional cross country competition** (see Figure 17-2).

### B. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.3, as follows:

17.19.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. An institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition in soccer prior to the following dates:

(a) Women's Soccer -- The Friday prior to the ~~12th~~ **11th** weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

(b) Men's Soccer -- ~~September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday~~ **The Friday before the 11th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship** (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the **previous** weekend ~~prior to September 1 if September 1 does not fall on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday.~~

**Source:** Big Ten Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Reducing the length of the season in certain sports has been identified as an area in which cost savings could be achieved. As recent as the 2006-07 academic year, men's and women's soccer began their seasons by counting back 11 weekends before the beginning of the NCAA championship. This proposal would return to that method of establishing the length of the regular season, and in doing so, reduce costs associated with bringing student-athletes to campus prior to the beginning of the academic year. It should be noted that field hockey, like soccer, is allowed 20 regular-season contests and currently begins the season by counting back 11 weekends prior to the NCAA championship. The first date of competition in cross country is currently tied to September 1 rather the number of weeks before the NCAA championships. Establishing a regular season based on 10 weekends prior to the NCAA regional competition would bring consistency to the length of the regular season, and in some years, eliminate a full week from the length of the season, which would result in cost savings. A 10-weekend season should provide an appropriate opportunity for institutions and student-athletes to use the maximum of seven dates of competition.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** The potential for cost savings would be particularly significant in women's soccer (307 institutions), which currently has a 12-week season. Cross country (624 institutions) would be similarly impacted if the first date of competition were moved back by at least a week, thereby moving back first practice dates. Men's soccer (198 institutions) would see less of an impact as its season is roughly 11 weeks, but depending on the calendar, occasionally has a 12-weekend season.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Reduction in time commitments with the shorter seasons in the impacted sports.

#### **Position Statement(s)**

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The cabinet supports section A of the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale for cross country. The cabinet opposes section B of the proposal and notes its support for a 12-week soccer, as evidenced by its support for Proposal No. 2010-94.

*Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee:* The committee supports the proposal.

*Women's Soccer Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee notes that such a change may cause scheduling conflicts with men's soccer in terms of practice times and hosting events on campus. In addition, the committee noted that the legislation was most recently

changed in 2008 and would prefer that the legislation remain unchanged at this time.

**History:**

Jun 25, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 08, 2010 Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, Recommends Approval

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Supports in Part (See position statement.)

Sep 23, 2010 Women's Soccer Committee, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-96 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- 21 UNITS

**Intent:** In women's volleyball, to reduce, from 29 to 21, the number of units used to determine the start of preseason practice.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.2, as follows:

17.25.2 Preseason Practice -- Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's volleyball prior to the date that permits a maximum of ~~29~~ **21** units (see Bylaw 17.02.11) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest (excluding the early alumni match) or September 1, whichever is later. If the first scheduled contest occurs before September 1, the institution shall count back one practice unit for each day (excluding Sundays) from September 1 through the date of the first scheduled contest. Thereafter, the institution shall apply the formula as prescribed in Bylaw 17.02.11. An institution may not begin practice in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.

**Source:** Big Ten Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** In 1989, legislation was adopted to allow football and women's volleyball to begin preseason practice using a method that included counting back 29 units from the first contest. In 1991, the same concept was adopted for every other fall sport, but the counting was based on 21 units. In 2003, the football preseason was redefined as part of a comprehensive health and safety-based initiative to regulate football-related activities throughout the entire calendar year, and counting is now based on 40 units. Consequently, women's volleyball is the only fall sport that begins preseason practice based on 29 units. Reducing the number of units in women's volleyball from 29 to 21 aligns women's volleyball with every other fall sport (excluding football, which has unique acclimatization needs), and would result in meaningful cost savings.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Cost savings due to a shorter preseason period. Example: (\$70 per day per student-athlete) x (14 student-athletes) x (4 days) = \$3,920; \$3,920 x 316 institutions = \$1,238,720.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Reduces the length of time a student-athlete is required to be on campus for preseason practice.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jun 25, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-97 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND ELIGIBILITY -- WRESTLING -- FIRST DATE OF PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- NO OUTSIDE COMPETITION BEFORE NOVEMBER 1

**Intent:** In wrestling, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to October 10 and shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to November 1; further, to specify that a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition (on a team or as an individual) between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 14.7.1, as follows:

14.7.1 Outside Competition -- Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. A student-athlete is permitted to practice on such a team.

14.7.1.1 Exception -- **Sports Other Than Wrestling.** **A In sports other than wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.29.2.**

**14.7.1.2 Exception -- Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.29.2.**

[14.7.1.2 through 14.7.1.4 renumbered as 14.7.1.3 through 14.7.1.5, unchanged.]

14.7.1.~~56~~ Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, as long as the student-athlete represents only himself or herself in the

competition and does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team.

**14.7.1.6.1 Exception -- No Competition Before November 1 -- Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1.**

[14.7.1.6 renumbered as 14.7.1.7, unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.27, as follows:

17.27 WRESTLING

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

[17.27.1 unchanged.]

17.27.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in wrestling prior to ~~September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier~~ **October 10**.

17.27.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in wrestling prior to ~~September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier~~ **November 1**.

[17.27.4 through 17.27.8 unchanged.]

17.27.9 Other Restrictions.

17.27.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.27.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in wrestling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 14.7.3 for exceptions).

17.27.9.1.1.1 Vacation Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, **except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1**. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Wrestling Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons



**Rationale:** Establishing later start dates for practice and competition will shorten the wrestling season, benefiting the sport and student-athletes by providing more time for academic pursuits. In addition, the reduction in the length of the season, coupled with the restriction on outside competition between the beginning of the academic year and November 1, may aid in improving the Academic Progress Rate scores of wrestling programs.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Increased time for student-athletes to focus on academic pursuits.

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Apr 12, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Apr 15, 2010 Wrestling Committee, Recommends Approval

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

No. 2010-98 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WRESTLING -- NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- NATIONAL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION NATIONAL DUALS

**Intent:** In wrestling, to specify that the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) National Duals shall be exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.27.5.3, as follows:

17.27.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in wrestling shall exclude the following:

[17.27.5.3-(a) through 17.27.5.3-(g) unchanged.]

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for wrestling as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team); ~~and~~

(i) NWCA All-Star Meet. One date of competition in wrestling each year in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) all-star meet; ~~and~~

**(j) NWCA National Duals. Competition in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) National Duals.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Wrestling Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons



**Rationale:** This exemption helps to place greater emphasis on dual-meet competition. Institutions do not know if they will participate in the NWCA National Duals at the time they establish their schedules because invitations to the NWCA National Duals are provided only one month in advance of the event. Exempting the event will allow a student-athlete to compete in this prestigious event if invited, even if the institution or individual is already scheduled to compete in the maximum 16 dates of competition.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Potential for an increase in the number of dates of competition in which a student-athlete may participate.

### **Position Statement(s)**

#### **History:**

Apr 12, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Apr 15, 2010 Wrestling Committee, Recommends Approval

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

### No. 2010-99 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- NO INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE FOREIGN TOURS

**Intent:** To specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour; further, to specify that competition in a U.S. territory shall be restricted to once every four years on one trip during the prescribed playing season.

#### **A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.1.3, as follows:

13.11.1.3 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, an institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team but may not compete against a high school or preparatory school team. An institution's varsity team may not participate in a contest against an outside team (e.g., nonscholastic team) that includes high school prospective student-athletes except for *permissible contests while on a foreign tour*, exempted contests against a foreign team in the United States and the U.S. national team. In individual sports, it is permissible for an institution's varsity team and an outside team that includes prospective student-athletes to participate in the same open event, provided the event either involves no team scoring or the event uses team scoring such that the institution's varsity team and the outside team are in separate scoring categories. Subvarsity teams are not bound by this prohibition.

#### **B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.3, as follows:

14.2.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

[14.2.3.1 through 14.2.3.5 unchanged.]

~~14.2.3.6 Foreign Tour Competition. A student-athlete who did not compete during the institution's season just completed and who represents the institution in a certified foreign tour~~

~~after that intercollegiate season and prior to the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of eligibility (see Bylaw 17.29.1.4).~~

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4.3, as follows:

14.2.4.3 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver.

[14.2.4.3.1 through 14.2.4.3.6 unchanged.]

~~14.2.4.3.7 Foreign Tour Competition. A student-athlete who qualifies for a hardship for the previous academic year would not use a season of competition if the student-athlete represents the institution on a certified foreign tour during the summer vacation period at the conclusion of that academic year.~~

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 16.8.1, as follows:

16.8.1 Permissible. The permissible expenses for practice and competition that an institution may provide a student-athlete are defined in the following subsections. (See Bylaw 16.9 for expenses that may be provided by individuals or organizations other than the institution.)

[16.8.1.1 through 16.8.1.7 unchanged.]

~~16.8.1.8 Foreign Tour Expenses. An institution may provide a student-athlete with expenses for participation in an institution's foreign tour in his or her sport as provided in Bylaw 17.29~~

[16.8.1.9 renumbered as 16.8.1.8, unchanged.]

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 16.11.1.12, as follows:

16.11.1.12 Miscellaneous Benefits. An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete:

~~(a) The use of a return ticket at any time after the conclusion of a foreign tour;~~

[16.11.1.12-(b) through 16.11.1.12-(h) relettered as 16.11.1.12-(a) through 16.11.1.12-(g), unchanged.]

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.7, as follows:

17.1.7 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

[17.1.7-(a) through 17.1.7-(f) unchanged.]

~~(g) Foreign Tours. Participation by a member institution on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29) need not be included within the institution's declared playing season limitation in the sport.~~

[17.1.7.1 unchanged.]

**G. Bylaws:** Amend 17.2, as follows:

17.2 BASEBALL. Regulations for computing the baseball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.2.1 through 17.2.4 unchanged.]

17.2.5 Number of Contests.

[17.2.5.1 unchanged.]

17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in baseball in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.2.5.2 through 17.2.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.2.5.4 Once in Four Years Exemption—Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.~~

17.2.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.2.1, except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2

17.2.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport

[Remainder of 17.2 unchanged.]

**H. Bylaws:** Amend 17.3, as follows:

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

[17.3.1 through 17.3.4 unchanged.]

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

[17.3.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.3.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.3.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in basketball in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.3.5.2 through 17.3.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.3.5.4 Foreign Tour. The games played on a foreign basketball tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of contests, provided the tour is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.~~

17.3.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. In basketball, student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's playing season except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.3.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.3 unchanged.]

**I. Bylaws:** Amend 17.4, as follows:

17.4 BOWLING, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the bowling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.4.1 through 17.4.4 unchanged.]

17.4.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.4.5.1 unchanged.]

17.4.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in bowling in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.4.5.2 through 17.4.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.4.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29~~

17.4.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Financial Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.4.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.4.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.4 unchanged.]

**J. Bylaws:** Amend 17.5, as follows:

17.5 CROSS COUNTRY. Regulations for computing the cross country playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.5.1 through 17.5.4 unchanged.]

17.5.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.5.5.1 unchanged.]

17.5.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.5.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in cross country in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years

[17.5.5.2 through 17.5.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.5.5.4 Once In Four Years Exemption. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.~~

17.5.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.5.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2

17.5.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws ~~(e.g., foreign tour)~~ or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.5 unchanged.]

**K. Bylaws:** Amend 17.6, as follows:

17.6 EQUESTRIAN, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the equestrian playing season set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.6.1 through 17.6.4 unchanged.]

17.6.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.6.5.1 unchanged.]

17.6.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in equestrian in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.6.5.2 through 17.6.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.6.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in equestrian on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.~~

17.6.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.6.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.6.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.6 unchanged.]

**L. Bylaws:** Amend 17.7, as follows:

17.7 FENCING. Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.7.1 through 17.7.4 unchanged.]

17.7.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.7.5.1 unchanged.]

17.7.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in fencing in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.7.5.1.2 unchanged.]

[17.7.5.2 unchanged.]

~~17.7.5.3 Once in Four Years Exemption Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (also see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.7.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.7.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.7.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.7 unchanged.]

**M. Bylaws:** Amend 17.8, as follows:



17.8 FIELD HOCKEY. Regulations for computing the field hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.8.1 through 17.8.4 unchanged.]

17.8.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.8.5.1 unchanged.]

17.8.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Tour **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable field hockey contests or dates of competition in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests or dates of competition played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.8.5.2 through 17.8.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.8.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.8.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.8.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.8.6.1 Summer Practice. Field hockey practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., *foreign tour*) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.8 unchanged.]

**N. Bylaws:** Amend 17.9, as follows:

17.9 FOOTBALL. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.9.1 through 17.9.3]

17.9.4 A member institution's last contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football shall not be played after the second Saturday or Sunday in December, except for the following:

[17.9.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Bowl Games, NCAA and NAIA Championships, ~~International Competition~~, Heritage Bowl and Gridiron Classic. One postseason game approved by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet or those games played in the Division I Football Championship; ~~football contests played on a foreign tour certified by the member institution~~, or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football championships. In championship subdivision football only, a member institution's last contest also may include participation in the Heritage Bowl or Gridiron



Classic.

[17.9.4.1 through 17.9.4.3 unchanged.]

17.9.5 Number of Contests.

[17.9.5.1 unchanged.]

17.9.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in football in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada, Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.9.5.1.2 unchanged.]

17.9.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following:

[17.9.5.2-(a) through 17.9.5.2-(i) unchanged.]

~~(j) Foreign Tour. The football games played on a foreign tour provided the tour occurs only once in a four year period, and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29);~~

[17.9.2.2-(k) through 17.9.5.2-(l) relettered as 17.9.2.2-(j) through 17.9.5.2-(k) unchanged.]

17.9.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (Bylaw 17.1.6.2).

[17.9.6.1 through 17.9.6.4 unchanged.]

17.9.6.6 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws ~~(e.g., foreign tour)~~ or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.9 unchanged.]

**O. Bylaws:** Amend 17.10, as follows:

17.10 GOLF. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.10.1 through 17.10.4 unchanged.]

17.10.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.10.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.10.5.1.1 through 7.10.5.1.2 unchanged.]

17.10.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in golf in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.10.5.1.4 unchanged.]

[17.10.5.2 unchanged.]

~~17.10.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt a foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.10.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.10.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.10.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.10 unchanged.]

**P. Bylaws:** Amend 17.11, as follows:

17.11 GYMNASTICS. Regulations for computing the gymnastics playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.11.1 through 17.11.4 unchanged.]

17.11.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.11.5.1 unchanged.]

17.11.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable gymnastics dates of competition in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.11.5.1.2 unchanged.]

[17.11.5.2 unchanged.]

~~17.11.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exception -- Foreign Tour. The contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.11.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.11.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.11.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (*e.g., foreign tour*) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.11 unchanged.]

**Q. Bylaws:** Amend 17.12, as follows:

17.12 ICE HOCKEY. Regulations for computing the ice hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.12.1 through 17.12.4 unchanged.]

17.12.5 Number of Contests.

[17.12.5.1 unchanged.]

17.12.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in ice hockey in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.12.5.2 through 17.12.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.12.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.12.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.12.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.12.6.1 Summer Practice. Ice hockey practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (*e.g., foreign tour*) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.12 unchanged.]

**R. Bylaws:** Amend 17.13, as follows:

17.13 LACROSSE. Regulations for computing the lacrosse playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.13.1 through 17.13.4 unchanged.]

### 17.13.5 Number and Dates of Competition.

[17.13.5.1 unchanged.]

17.13.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in lacrosse in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for dates of competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.13.5.2 through 17.13.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.13.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption — Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.13.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.13.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.13.6.1 Summer Practice. Lacrosse practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.13 unchanged.]

### S. Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

17.14 RIFLE. Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.14.1 through 17.14.4 unchanged.]

### 17.14.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.14.5.1 unchanged.]

17.14.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rifle in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.14.5.2 through 17.14.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.14.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption — Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.14.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaws 17.14.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.14.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.14 unchanged.]

**T. Bylaws:** Amend 17.15, as follows:

17.15 ROWING, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the rowing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) The following regulations apply independently to open and lightweight rowing programs.

[17.15.1 through 17.15.4 unchanged.]

17.15.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.15.5.1 unchanged.]

17.15.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rowing in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.15.5.2 through 17.15.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.15.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in rowing on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.15.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.15.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.15.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.15 unchanged.]

**U. Bylaws:** Amend 17.16, as follows:

17.16 RUGBY, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.16.1 through 17.16.4 unchanged.]

17.16.5 Number of Contests.

[17.16.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.16.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.16.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign or U.S. Territory Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in women's rugby in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.16.5.2 through 17.16.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.16.5.4 Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.16.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.16.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.16.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.16 unchanged.]

**V. Bylaws:** Amend 17.18, as follows:

17.18 SKIING. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.18.1 through 17.18.4 unchanged.]

17.18.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.18.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.18.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.18.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign or U.S. Territories Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in skiing in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every



four years.

[17.18.5.2 through 17.18.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.18.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Related Activities. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.18.6 Out-of Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.18.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.18.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (*e.g., foreign tour*) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.18 unchanged.]

**W. Bylaws:** Amend 17.19, as follows:

17.19 SOCCER. Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.19.1 through 17.19.4 unchanged.]

17.19.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.19.5.1 unchanged.]

17.19.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in soccer in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.19.5.2 through 17.19.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.19.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.19.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.19.6.1 Summer Practice. Soccer practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (*e.g., foreign tour*) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.



[Remainder of 17.19 unchanged.]

**X. Bylaws:** Amend 17.20, as follows:

17.20 SOFTBALL. Regulations for computing the softball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.20.1 through 17.20.4 unchanged.]

17.20.5 Number of Contests.

[17.20.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.20.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.20.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in softball in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.20.5.2 through 17.20.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.20.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt those softball games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29, from its maximum number of softball contests during any academic year.~~

17.20.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.20.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.20.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws ~~(e.g., foreign tour)~~ or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.20 unchanged.]

**Y. Bylaws:** Amend 17.21, as follows:

17.21 SQUASH, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the squash playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.21.1 through 17.21.4 unchanged.]

17.21.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.21.5.1 unchanged.]

17.21.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in squash in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~,

the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.21.5.2 through 17.21.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.21.5.4 Once in Four Years Exemption—Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the dates of competition on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.21.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.21.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.21.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.21 unchanged.]

**Z. Bylaws:** Amend 17.22, as follows:

17.22 SWIMMING AND DIVING. Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.22.1 through 17.22.4 unchanged.]

17.22.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.22.5.1 unchanged.]

17.22.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in swimming and diving in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.22.5.2 through 17.22.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.22.5.4 Once in Four Years Exemption—Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.22.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.22.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.22.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated

with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.22 unchanged.]

**AA. Bylaws:** Amend 17.23, as follows:

17.23 TENNIS. Regulations for computing the tennis playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.23.1 through 17.23.4 unchanged.]

17.23.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.23.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.23.5.1.1 through 17.23.5.1.3 unchanged.]

17.23.5.1.4 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in tennis in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years

[17.23.5.2 through 17.23.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.23.5.4 Once in Four Years Exemption — Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.23.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.23.1 except, as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.23.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws ~~(e.g., foreign tour)~~ or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.23 unchanged.]

**BB. Bylaws:** Amend 17.24, as follows:

17.24 TRACK AND FIELD, INDOOR/OUTDOOR. Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.24.1 through 17.24.4 unchanged.]

[17.24.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.24.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.24.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.24.5.2 through 17.24.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.24.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.24.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.24.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.24.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.24 unchanged.]

**CC. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25, as follows:

17.25 VOLLEYBALL. Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.25.1 through 17.25.6 unchanged.]

17.25.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.25.7.1 unchanged.]

17.25.7.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition -- Women. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's volleyball in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

[17.25.7.2 unchanged.]

17.25.8 Number of Dates of Competition -- Men.

[17.25.8.1 unchanged.]

17.25.8.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition -- Men. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's volleyball in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for those contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign~~

~~tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.~~

[17.25.8.2 unchanged.]

[17.25.9 unchanged.]

~~17.25.10 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption — Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.~~

17.25.410 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.25.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.25.410.1 Summer Practice. Volleyball practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[17.25.12 through 17.25.13 renumbered as 17.25.11 through 17.25.12, unchanged.]

**DD. Bylaws:** Amend 17.26, as follows:

17.26 WATER POLO. Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.26.1 through 17.26.4 unchanged.]

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.26.5.1 unchanged.]

17.26.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in water polo in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such *in-season foreign* competition more than once every four years.

[17.26.5.2 through 17.26.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.26.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption — Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

17.26.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.26.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.



17.26.6.1 Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[Remainder of 17.26 unchanged.]

**EE. Bylaws:** Amend 17.27, as follows:

17.27 WRESTLING. Regulations for computing the wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.27.1 through 17.27.4 unchanged.]

17.27.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.27.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.27.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.27.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign **or U.S. Territory** Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in wrestling in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)~~, the institution may not engage in such ~~in-season foreign~~ competition more than once every four years.

17.27.5.2 through 17.27.5.3 unchanged.]

~~17.27.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.~~

17.27.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.27.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.27.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (~~e.g., foreign tour~~) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport

[Remainder of 17.27 unchanged.]

**FF. Bylaws:** Amend 17.29, as follows:

17.29 FOREIGN TOURS

17.29.1 ~~Institutionally~~ **Institutional or Conference** ~~Certified~~ Tours. A member institution **or conference may shall not sponsor or** participate in ~~competition in any sport on a~~ foreign ~~tours~~ **tour**. ~~The institution must certify in writing that the conditions set forth in this section are met and must maintain the certification on file in the athletics department.~~

[17.29.1.1 unchanged.]

~~17.29.1.2 Timing of Tour. A tour may only be scheduled during the summer vacation period between the institution's spring and fall terms or during an academic year vacation period (other than a Labor Day vacation period) published in the institution's official catalog. All travel to and from the foreign country must take place during such a vacation period. However, if the team crosses the international date line during the tour, the change of date will be disregarded and the equivalent time as measured in the United States will be used to determine the institution's vacation period.~~

~~17.29.1.2.1 Summer Vacation Period. A foreign tour taken during the summer vacation period shall be considered to have occurred during the academic year after the summer for purposes of Bylaw 17.~~

~~17.29.1.2.2 Prohibition Prior to Championship Segment. In sports in which separate dates are specified for the first permissible date of practice and the first permissible date of competition for the championship segment (e.g., women's volleyball, basketball, baseball), an institution may not engage in a foreign tour during the period beginning 30 days prior to the first permissible practice date until the first permissible date for a contest or date of competition in the championship segment in the applicable sport. In sports in which the same date is specified for the first permissible date of practice and the first permissible date of competition (e.g., gymnastics, lacrosse, swimming and diving), an institution may not engage in a foreign tour for a period of 30 days prior to the first day of the institution's declared playing and practice season (first permissible date of practice or competition) for the championship segment in the applicable sport.~~

~~17.29.1.3 Time Lapse Between Tours. An institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years. In basketball, a student-athlete shall not participate in more than one foreign tour for a particular institution.~~

~~17.29.1.4 Eligibility of Student-Athletes. The eligibility of student-athletes on the tour shall be governed by the following (see Bylaw 14.2.3.6):~~

~~(a) If the tour takes place during the summer, the student-athletes shall have been eligible for intercollegiate competition during the previous academic year or shall have been enrolled at the institution as a full-time student during the previous academic year and have established by the beginning of the tour that he or she is eligible for competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; or~~

~~(b) If the tour takes place after the academic year has started, the student-athletes shall be regularly enrolled in the institution and eligible for intercollegiate competition.~~

~~17.29.1.4.1 Incoming Student Participation. It is permissible for an eligible incoming student-athlete to represent the institution on a foreign tour that begins after the permissible starting practice date in the sport involved or after the first day of classes of his or her first regular term at the institution. An incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) may participate in practice sessions conducted in preparation for a foreign tour only if such practice sessions occur either:~~

~~(a) On or after the first permissible practice date in the involved sport; or~~



~~(b) On or after the first day of classes of the student athlete's first regular academic term at the institution.~~

~~17.29.1.4.1.1 Exception—Basketball. In basketball, it is permissible for an incoming student athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participate in practice prior to departure for the foreign tour pursuant to Bylaw 30.7.7, provided the following conditions are met:~~

~~(a) He or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit (toward any of the institution's degree programs) during the summer term at the certifying institution; and~~

~~(b) He or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour.~~

~~17.29.1.4.1.1.1 Exception for Practice Prior to Departure—Basketball. In basketball, if an incoming student athlete's eligibility pursuant to Bylaw 17.29.1.4.1.1(a) is pending (e.g., course in progress, grades not posted), he or she may participate in practice, provided he or she is enrolled in a summer course that will fulfill the requirement or has completed such a course and the posting of a grade for the course is pending. If an incoming freshman student athlete's initial academic eligibility qualification status has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.3.5.1. If an incoming transfer student athlete's academic record has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.4.5.6.~~

~~17.29.1.5 Practice Limitation. Not more than 10 days of practice are permitted prior to departure. Practice is prohibited outside the playing season one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period for the applicable regular academic term through the conclusion of the final examination period.~~

~~17.29.1.6 Maximum Number of Contests/Competition Dates. A team shall be limited to a maximum of three football games, 10 basketball games, or 10 contests or dates of competition in any other sport during and as part of the tour.~~

~~17.29.1.7 Opponents. The team shall not compete during the tour against other American teams (colleges or other U.S. teams) other than teams composed of U.S. armed forces personnel stationed at U.S. military bases in foreign countries.~~

~~17.29.1.7.1 Exception—Women's Rowing. It is permissible for rowing teams representing NCAA member institutions to compete against each other as part of the Henley Royal Regatta.~~

~~17.29.1.8 Football Postseason Opportunity. A foreign football tour shall be considered that institution's postseason opportunity for that season, the accounting period to commence with the start of the institution's normal beginning of fall football practice.~~

~~17.29.1.9 Per Diem. An institution may provide a student athlete \$20 cash per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour in his or her particular sport. This expense allowance may be provided each day of the tour, up to a maximum of 21 days.~~

~~17.29.1.10 Passports. An institution may purchase passports for its student athletes that are required for travel in connection with a foreign tour, and student athletes may retain ownership of such passports. The institution also may provide student athletes with reasonable local transportation to obtain such passports.~~

17.29.2 Outside-Team Tours. An outside team that includes student-athletes from more than one member institution may participate in international competition in any sport on a foreign tour. However, any such outside team *that includes* **shall not include** more than the following number of student-athletes from the same member institution ~~must be certified by the institution in accordance with procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.1.~~

Baseball	4	Gymnastics	2	Softball	4
Basketball	2	Ice Hockey	4	Swimming and Diving	5
Cross Country	2	Lacrosse	5	Tennis	2
Fencing	4	Rifle	2	Track and Field	7
Field Hockey	5	Women's Rowing	4	Volleyball	2
Football	5	Skiing	4	Water Polo	4
Golf	2	Soccer	5	Wrestling	5

~~17.29.2.1 Institutional Foreign Tour Limitations. A member institution shall be charged with its foreign tour opportunity in a sport and its once-in-four-years limitation if the institution is represented by more than the number of student athletes specified under Bylaw 17.29.2 on an outside team participating in a foreign tour in that sport.~~

**Source:** Big Ten Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate; a contract signed before August 13, 2010, may be honored and tours may occur during summer 2011 regardless of when or whether a contract is signed.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Economic pressures have caused athletics programs to examine expenditures in all areas. Foreign tours have consistently been identified as an area in which cost savings could be achieved. While visiting foreign nations is a part of the learning experience, foreign tours are viewed by many institutions as less of a cultural opportunity and more of an additional opportunity to get a "head start" on the ensuing season. Saving the costs associated with such tours seems to be logical in these difficult economic times.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential for significant cost savings.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Reduction on time demands of student-athletes.

**Position Statement(s)**

*Academics Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. The cabinet notes the cultural and academic benefits associated with travel to foreign countries and the limited ability for student-athletes to engage in experiences abroad due to their athletics commitments. The cabinet notes the ability of member institutions to ensure academic and cultural components are incorporated into athletic foreign tours.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* Based on the sponsor's modification (see history section), the cabinet supports the proposal.

*Men's Lacrosse Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee believes that whether to engage in a foreign tour and expend the necessary funds for such tours is an institutional decision. The current rule that limits foreign tours to once every four years is an appropriate limitation.

*Men's Soccer Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee believes that foreign tours provide great learning experiences; cultural opportunities and exposure outweigh the costs associated with the trips; student-athletes at many institutions are not afforded the opportunity to participate in an institutional sponsored program due to their athletic commitments; the majority of the tours are financed through fundraisers; and tours only take place once every four years.

*Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee:* The committee opposes the proposal. The committee sees value in institutional discretion, based on institutional priorities and available funding, and believes that the current once in four years exception generates the opportunity for an educational experience that will enhance the overall student-athlete experience. This position is consistent with input from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

*Women's Basketball Issues Committee:* The committee took no position. The committee acknowledges the benefits of a foreign tour with regard to the student-athlete experience, but also understands the budget implications even though women's basketball programs may engage in fundraising to financially support this type of trip.

## **History:**

Jun 28, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 20, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, No Formal Position

Sep 07, 2010 Men's Lacrosse Committee, Recommends Defeat

Sep 14, 2010 Academics Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Defeat The cabinet opposes the proposal as written. The cabinet recommends that the sponsor modify the proposal to specify that foreign tours that will take place during summer 2011 may occur regardless of when or whether a contract is signed. The cabinet would support the proposal if modified. Further, in the event the sponsor does not support the suggested modification, the cabinet shall sponsor an alternative proposal. The cabinet is supportive of the elimination of foreign tours. However, an institution may have begun planning a foreign tour prior to the publication of this proposal that would occur during summer 2011 but may not have executed a final contract by August 13.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Modification

Sep 29, 2010 Men's Soccer Committee, Recommends Defeat

Oct 20, 2010 Sponsor modified effective date to specify that foreign tours that will take place during summer 2011 may occur regardless of when or whether a contract is signed.

Oct 20, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval Based on the sponsor's modification.

Nov 10, 2010 Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, Recommends Defeat

No. 2010-110 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION -- SICKLE CELL SOLUBILITY TEST -- WRITTEN RELEASE

**Intent:** To eliminate the opportunity for an individual to decline and sign a written release for the sickle cell solubility test as part of the required medical examination or evaluation for student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team must undergo prior to participation in voluntary summer conditioning or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception, practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.3, as follows:

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

[13.11.3.1 through 13.11.3.7 unchanged.]

13.11.3.8 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Football.

[13.11.3.8.1 through 13.11.3.8.2 unchanged.]

13.11.3.8.3 Mandatory Medical Examinations. Prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning workouts, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST), unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution ~~or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release~~. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning activity.

13.11.3.9 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Basketball. In basketball, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she:

[13.11.3.9-(a) through 13.11.3.9-(b) unchanged.]

13.11.3.9.1 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach, a

prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST), unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution ~~or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release~~. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning activity.

13.11.3.10 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

13.11.3.10.1 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST), unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution ~~or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release~~. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning activity.

13.11.3.11 Safety Exception -- Summer Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. In sports in which the safety exception is applicable in Bylaw 17, a prospective student-athlete who is enrolled in a summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may participate in voluntary individual workouts in the presence of the institution's coach and in the institution's regular practice facility when the prospective student-athlete uses equipment related to the sport. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workout.

13.11.3.11.1 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST), unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution ~~or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release~~. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any safety exception activity.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.5, as follows:

17.1.5 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning in basketball and football or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception), student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or



supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete's medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months prior to the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.

17.1.5.1 Sickle Cell Solubility Test. The examination or evaluation of student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall include a sickle cell solubility test, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution ~~or the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release.~~

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports supported the original legislative proposal that did not allow a student-athlete to decline a sickle cell solubility test through a written release. It is important that athletics departments confirm sickle cell trait status in all student-athletes during the medical examination period prior to athletics participation. The concern is that the current written release option serves as a blanket waiver contrary to the intent of the original proposal. The recommendation is that the written release option be eliminated for the medical examinations that are required for initial participation in athletics activities on or after August 1, 2011.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Estimated to be \$5 per test.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Jun 12, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 14, 2010 Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Recommends Approval

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval as Noncontroversial Legislation

Oct 19, 2010 Leg Council Init Review; Recommended that the NCAA Board of Directors sponsor the proposal into the 2010-11 legislative cycle.

### Division Membership

#### No. 2010-100 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ELIMINATION OF PROVISIONAL AND MULTIDIVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP -- RECLASSIFICATION PROCESS AND MULTISPORT CONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

**Intent:** To eliminate provisional and multidivisional membership, as specified; further to establish a four-year process for an institution that wishes to reclassify membership from Division II to Division I.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3, as follows:

3 NCAA Membership

3.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

3.01.1 Classes of Membership. ~~The NCAA~~ **Division I** offer ~~five~~ **four** classes of membership; active, conference, affiliated, **and** corresponding ~~and provisional~~. Eligibility for and method of election to membership, obligations ~~and~~ conditions for continuing membership, voting rights and other membership privileges for each class are defined as this article.

[3.01.2 through 3.01.4 unchanged.]

3.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

[3.02.1 through 3.02.2 unchanged.]

3.02.3 Membership Categories.

3.02.3.1 Active Member. An active member is a four-year college or university ~~or a two-year upper-level collegiate institution~~ that is accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.2.3). Active members have the right to compete in NCAA championships, to vote on legislation and other issues before the Association, and to enjoy other privileges of membership designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association.

[3.02.3.1.1 unchanged.]

~~3.02.3.2 Provisional Member. A provisional member is a four-year college or university or a two-year upper-level collegiate institution that is accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and that has applied for active membership in the Association. Provisional membership is a prerequisite for active membership in the Association. The institution shall be elected to provisional membership under the provisions of the article (see Constitution 3.6.3). Provisional members shall receive all publications and mailings received by active members in addition to other privileges designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. Provisional membership is limited to a seven-year period.~~

[3.02.3.3 through 3.02.3.4 renumbered as 3.02.3.2 through 3.02.3.3 unchanged.]



3.02.3.54 Corresponding Member. A corresponding member is an institution, a nonprofit organization or a conference that is not eligible for active, ~~provisional~~, conference or affiliated membership and desires to receive membership publications and mailings. A corresponding member duly elected under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.5.3) receives all publications and mailings received by the general NCAA membership and is not otherwise entitled to any membership privileges (see Constitution 3.5.2).

### 3.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

3.1.1 General. Membership is available to colleges, universities, athletics conferences or associations and other groups that are related to intercollegiate athletics; that are accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies and that are located in the United States, its territories or possessions. Such institutions or organizations must accept and observe the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. ~~For a four-year period beginning August 9, 2007, no institution may begin the Division I provisional or reclassification membership process (including the exploratory process), no institution may begin the multidivisional membership reclassification process, no institution shall be permitted to seek classification or reclassification in the Football Championship Subdivision, and no new single-sport or multisport conference shall be elected to Division I conference membership.~~

[3.1.2 unchanged.]

### 3.2 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

#### 3.2.1 Eligibility Requirements.

3.2.1.1 Types of Institutions. Active membership is available to four-year colleges and universities ~~and two-year upper-level collegiate institutions~~, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of Constitution 3.2.3.

[3.2.1.2 through 3.2.1.3 unchanged.]

~~3.2.1.4 Compliance Requirement. The institution shall be in compliance with Constitution 3.2.1.2, 3.2.1.3 and Bylaw 20.9.3 at the time it makes application for active membership.~~

[3.2.2 unchanged.]

#### 3.2.3 Election Procedures.

3.2.3.1 ~~Application~~ **Completion of Reclassification Process.** An institution desiring to become an active member of ~~this Association~~ **Division I** shall complete a ~~seven-year provisional membership~~ **reclassification** period (see ~~Constitution 3.6 and~~ Bylaw 20.3 **20.5**). After the Administration Cabinet has determined that the institution has met the requirements of ~~provisional membership~~ **reclassification**, its request for active membership will be referred to the Leadership Council for election.

3.2.3.2 Accreditation ~~and Division Classification.~~ After the Administration Cabinet has determined that the institution is accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies, the application ~~shall be considered with regard to requested membership division and sport classification in accordance with Bylaw 20.~~ ~~The application then~~ shall be referred to the Leadership Council for consideration.

3.2.3.3 Election. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the Leadership Council members present and voting shall elect the applicant to membership effective the following ~~September~~ **August 1**, ~~the beginning of practice in any sport for that fall term or the first day of classes for that fall term, whichever occurs first.~~ When the vote of the Leadership Council has been completed, the applicant shall be notified.

3.2.3.4 Resignation and Re-election to Membership. If an institution resigns its **Division I** membership and subsequently applies to re-establish its **Division I** membership, the institution shall complete the ~~provisional membership~~ **reclassification** process (see ~~Constitution 3.6 and Bylaw 20.3~~ **20.5**) before becoming eligible for re-election as an active member.

[3.2.4 through 3.2.6 unchanged.]

### 3.3 MEMBER CONFERENCE

3.3.1 Eligibility. ~~(See Constitution 3.1.1.)~~

**3.3.1.1 Competitive and Legislative Body.** **A member conference shall be both a competitive and a legislative body on the conference level (see Constitution 3.02.1 and 3.02.2).**

[3.3.1.1 renumbered as 3.3.1.2, unchanged.]

3.3.1.2~~3~~ Composition of Conference. All of the members of the conference shall be active members of **Division I or be engaged in the reclassification process pursuant to Bylaw 20.5** ~~this Association, except that a conference with 40 or more members may qualify as a member conference if 90 percent of its member institutions are active members of the Association. A conference may retain its membership even if it includes institutions that have been provisional members of the Association for at least one year.~~

3.3.2 Privileges.

[3.3.2.1 unchanged.]

3.3.2.2 Voting Rights. Only those member conferences that meet the criteria ~~listed below~~ **of Bylaw 20.02.6** shall be permitted to vote on issues before the Association.

~~3.3.2.2.1 Competitive and Legislative Body. The member conference shall be both a competitive and a legislative body on the conference level (see Constitution 3.02.1 and 3.02.2).~~

~~3.3.2.2.2 Minimum Size and Division Status.~~

~~3.3.2.2.2.1 Full Voting Privileges. The member conference shall be composed of at least six members in a single division in order to be eligible for full voting privileges, including voting on federated bylaws (those bylaws that may be amended by one or more divisions acting separately).~~

~~3.3.2.2.2.2 Partial Voting Privileges. Those member conferences with at least six members but without a minimum of six members in a single division shall be permitted to vote on all dominant or common provisions (those provisions that apply to all three divisions of the Association). On these common provisions, the conference shall vote in the division in which the majority of its membership is classified. In the event that its membership is divided evenly~~

~~between two divisions, the Executive Committee shall determine its voting division. Such conferences shall not vote on federated provisions (those provisions that may be amended by one or more divisions acting separately).~~

~~3.3.2.2.3 Four Sport/Three Season Requirement. The member conference shall conduct conference competition in at least four sports for men, with at least one in each season, for the conference to vote on issues related solely to men's programs and four sports for women, with at least one in each season, for the conference to vote on issues related solely to women's programs. A season-ending tournament or round-robin regular season play in a sport shall satisfy the conference competition requirement for that sport.~~

3.3.2.2.4<sup>1</sup> Football Issues. ~~In addition to meeting the requirements of Constitution 3.3.2.2.3 for men's and/or women's sports, conference~~ **Conference** championship competition shall be conducted in football in order for the conference to vote on issues pertaining only to football.

[3.3.2.3 unchanged.]

### 3.3.3 Election Procedures.

3.3.3.1 Application. An athletics conference desiring to become a member conference shall make application on a form available from the national office by June 1 for membership effective ~~September~~ **August** 1 of the following academic year. A check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see Constitution 3.7~~6~~.2) shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded.

3.3.3.2 Election. Athletics conferences may be elected as member conferences by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at an annual Convention or by a majority vote of the Leadership Council, effective the following ~~September~~ **August** 1.

### 3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.3 unchanged.]

~~3.3.4.4 Composition of Conference. The member conference shall maintain a membership of institutions that are active members of this Association, except that a conference with 40 or more members may continue to qualify as a member conference if 90 percent of its member institutions are active members of the Association.~~

**3.3.4.4 Officiating. A multisport conference shall provide oversight of the officiating programs for selecting, training and assigning officials for its men's and women's basketball programs.**

**3.3.4.5 Compliance Program. A multisport conference shall have a comprehensive compliance program.**

[3.3.4.5 renumbered as 3.3.4.6, unchanged.]

### 3.3.5 Loss of Member -- Conference Status.

[3.3.5.1 unchanged.]

~~3.3.5.2 Ineligible Conference Member Institution. If any member of an athletics conference is found to be ineligible for active membership in this Association, such conference shall be~~

~~ineligible for conference membership and its membership terminated, unless the conference has 40 or more members and at least 90 percent of said conference members are active members of the Association.~~

[3.3.5.3 through 3.3.5.5 renumbered as 3.3.5.2 through 3.3.5.4, unchanged.]

[3.3.6 unchanged.]

[3.4 unchanged.]

## 3.5 CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

3.5.1 Eligibility. Corresponding membership is available to duly elected institutions, conferences and nonprofit organizations that are not eligible for active, ~~provisional~~, conference or affiliated membership but wish to receive the Association's membership publications and mailings.

[3.5.2 through 3.5.6 unchanged.]

## ~~3.6 PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP~~

### ~~3.6.1 Eligibility.~~

~~3.6.1.1 Types of Institutions. Provisional membership is available to four-year colleges and universities and two-year upper-level collegiate institutions, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency duly elected to provisional membership under the provisions of Constitution 3.6.3.~~

### ~~3.6.2 Privileges and Voting Rights.~~

~~3.6.2.1 Provisional Members. Provisional members shall receive all publications and mailings received by active members of the Association from the time of application, shall be entitled to be represented by one nonvoting delegate at any Convention of the Association and shall have such other privileges as may be accorded by the bylaws of the Association. A copy of NCAA Champion magazine shall be sent to each member of the NCAA.~~

~~3.6.2.2 Use of Association's Registered Marks. A provisional member may use the registered marks of the Association (the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only in accordance with guidelines established by the Executive Committee.~~

### ~~3.6.3 Election Procedures.~~

~~3.6.3.1 Application. An institution desiring to become a provisional member of this Association shall submit an application available from the national office not later than June 1 prior to the academic year that the institution begins its one-year exploratory period in the provisional membership process. A fee in the amount of \$25,000 shall accompany the application. If the applicant fails to qualify for active membership, the fee shall be refunded, less any expenditure for educational costs related to the membership process. In addition, a check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see the current annual dues for active members per Constitution 3.7.2) also shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail to qualify academically or fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded.~~

~~3.6.3.2 Accreditation and Division Classification. After the Administration Cabinet has determined that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic~~

~~standards (the institution is accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies), the application shall be considered with regard to the requested membership division in accordance with Bylaw 20. The application then shall be referred to the Leadership Council for consideration~~

~~3.6.3.3 Election. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the Leadership Council members present and voting shall elect the applicant to provisional membership effective the following September 1. When the vote of the Leadership Council has been completed, the applicant shall be notified.~~

~~3.6.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership. The conditions and obligations applicable to provisional members are set forth in Bylaw 20.3.~~

~~3.6.5 Loss of Provisional Membership.~~

~~3.6.5.1 Termination. The membership of any provisional member failing to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for such membership or failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the Leadership Council members present and voting. A notice of intention to terminate membership, stating the grounds on which such a motion will be based, shall be given in writing to the president or chancellor of the member institution.~~

~~3.6.5.2 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the provisional member shall cease on any termination of provisional membership.~~

~~3.6.5.3 Noncompliance. If a provisional member, during its compliance period, no longer meets the requirements of the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of this Association, it shall be reclassified immediately as a corresponding member.~~

~~3.6.5.4 Discipline of Member Conference. During the provisional member's compliance period, disciplinary or corrective actions other than termination of membership may be effected on a member conference that contains provisional members that fail to fulfill conditions and obligations of provisional membership.~~

~~3.6.5.5 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any provisional member whose membership is terminated may reapply for membership after a period of one year by a two-thirds vote of the Leadership Council members present and voting.~~

### 3.76 DUES OF MEMBERS

3.76.1 Determination of Dues. The annual dues of the various classes of membership shall be recommended to the membership by the Executive Committee.

3.76.2 Current Annual Dues. The annual dues for various classes of membership shall be:

Active Members*	\$1,800.00
Member Conferences	\$900.00
Affiliated Members	\$225.00
Corresponding Members	\$225.00

~~\*See Constitution 3.6.3.1 for provisional membership.~~



3.76.3 Payment Deadline. Dues are payable September 1 of each year. A member shall not be permitted to vote at a Convention of the Association if its dues are not paid for that year. To be eligible to compete in NCAA championships, dues shall be paid in accordance with Bylaw 31.2.1.2. Membership is terminated if a member fails to pay dues for one year (see Constitution 3.2.5.3, 3.3.5.3, 3.4.5.2 and 3.5.5.2).

**B. Constitution:** Amend 5.1.3, as follows:

5.1.3 Annual Special Convention Delegates.

[5.1.3.1 through 5.1.3.1.2 unchanged.]

5.1.3.2 Corresponding, **and** Affiliated ~~and Provisional~~ Delegates. Each corresponding, **and** affiliated ~~and provisional~~ member shall be entitled to one accredited delegate without voting privilege.

[5.1.3.3 through 5.1.3.4 unchanged.]

5.1.3.5 Delegate Participation in Conventions and Meetings.

5.1.3.5.1 Active Delegate. Privileges of the floor and the right to active participation in the business proceedings of any annual or special Convention of the Association is accorded to the following:

[5.1.3.5.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The single accredited delegate authorized in Constitution 5.1.3.1.2 to represent a member conference without voting privileges or in Constitution 5.1.3.2 to represent an affiliated, **or** corresponding ~~or provisional member~~,

[5.1.3.5.1-(c) through 5.1.3.5.1-(d) unchanged.]

[5.1.3.5.2 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 20, as follows:

20 Division Membership

[20.01 unchanged.]

20.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

20.02.1 Multidivision Classification. Multidivision classification is the ~~procedure~~ **classification** in which ~~a member institution may petition to have a certain~~ sport ~~or sports~~ **is** classified in a division other than the division in which ~~it~~ **an institution** holds membership (see Bylaw 20.4).

[20.02.2 unchanged.]

~~20.02.3 Provisional Membership. Provisional membership is a prerequisite for active membership. The standard provisional membership process requires a seven-year period before becoming eligible for active membership.~~

[20.02.4 through 20.02.6 renumbered as 20.02.3 through 20.02.5, unchanged.]

**20.02.6 Multisport Conference.** A Division I multisport conference shall satisfy the requirements of this section.

**20.02.6.1 Minimum Number of Members.** A multisport conference shall be composed of at least seven active Division I members. The member conference shall include at least seven active Division I members that sponsor both men's and women's basketball.

**20.02.6.2 Sports Sponsorship.** A multisport conference shall satisfy the following requirements:

**(a) The conference shall sponsor a minimum of 12 Division I sports;**

**(b) The conference shall sponsor a minimum of six men's sports, one of which shall be men's basketball. In addition to men's basketball, the conference shall sponsor football or two other men's team sports. A minimum of seven members shall sponsor men's basketball. A minimum of six members shall sponsor five other sports, including football or two additional men's team sports; and**

**(c) The conference shall sponsor a minimum of six women's sports, one of which shall be women's basketball. In addition to women's basketball, the conference shall sponsor two other women's team sports. A minimum of seven members shall sponsor women's basketball. A minimum of six members shall sponsor five other sports, including two additional women's team sports; (or a minimum of five members for an emerging sport for women).**

**20.02.6.3 Regular Season Conference Competition.** Multisport conference members shall participate in regular-season conference competition, subject to the following requirements:

**(a) Basketball teams shall participate in a regular season conference schedule of a double round robin, in-season competition, or a minimum of 14 regular season conference contests;**

**(b) In football or in a minimum of two men's team sports other than men's basketball [as required in Bylaw 20.02.6.2-(b)], teams shall compete in a minimum regular season conference schedule of five contests. A minimum of five regular season conference contests must be hosted by one of the two competing teams at its home venue; and**

**(c) In a minimum of two women's team sports other than women's basketball (as required in Bylaw 20.02.6.2), teams shall compete in a minimum regular season conference schedule of five contests. A minimum of five regular season conference contests must be hosted by one of the two competing teams at its home venue.**

**20.02.6.4 Continuity.** A multisport conference shall establish continuity. To establish continuity, a multisport conference must meet the requirements of Bylaw 20.02.6.1. In addition, the conference must meet the requirements of Bylaws 20.02.6.2 and 20.02.6.3 for a period of eight consecutive years.

**20.02.6.5 Grace Period.** A conference shall continue to be considered a multisport conference for two years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's noncompliance with the minimum multisport conference requirements.



## ~~20.1 DETERMINATION OF DIVISIONS~~

~~20.1.1 Designation of Division by Active and Provisional Members. Each active and provisional member institution shall be designated as a member of Division I, Division II or Division III for certain legislative and competitive purposes.~~

~~20.1.1.1 Men's and Women's Programs in Different Divisions. An institution shall not classify its women's athletics program in a division other than the institution's membership division, unless its women's program was so classified prior to January 11, 1991; further, for those institutions so classified, the Executive Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may permit the institution's women's athletics program to be classified in a division other than its membership division, provided it determines every three years that unusual circumstances warrant such action.~~

~~20.1.1.2 Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Championship Subdivision Football. In football, Division I shall be divided into the Bowl Subdivision and the NCAA Championship Subdivision.~~

~~20.1.1.3 Multidivision Classification. A member may request classification and eligibility in more than one division in accordance with provisions permitting multidivision classification, eligibility and voting (see Bylaw 20.4).~~

~~20.1.2 Designation of Division by Member Conference. Each member conference shall determine the membership division it desires for legislative and/or competitive purposes. When designating the division, at least 50 percent or a minimum of 25 of the conference's institutions must hold membership in that division. The Executive Committee shall determine the membership division of a member conference not meeting these criteria.~~

[20.2 unchanged.]

## ~~20.3 PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP~~

~~20.3.1 Provisional Membership Proposal. A provisional member shall be eligible to apply for active membership only after the successful completion of specified requirements set forth in this bylaw. The Administration Cabinet may deny referral of a provisional member to the Leadership Council for election to active membership if any of the institution's sport programs are subject to penalties pursuant to the Division I Academic Performance Program.~~

~~20.3.1.1 Exploratory Period. An exploratory period will begin from the time the prospective institution's provisional membership application has been approved until the following September 1. During the exploratory period, a provisional member shall receive all publications and mailings received by active member of the Association. In addition, during the exploratory period, the institution is required to satisfy the following:~~

~~(a) Attendance at an orientation session conducted at the NCAA Convention and a regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session and regional compliance seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(b) Compliance with all minimum sport sponsorship and financial aid membership requirements; and~~

~~(c) Submit a formal confirmation of its intent to become an active Division I member and present a basic strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9) and certification operating principles (see Bylaw 22.2) not later than June 1.~~

~~20.3.1.1.1 Application of Infractions and Reinstatement Processes. During the exploratory period, a provisional member shall not be subject to the NCAA enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes.~~

~~20.3.1.2 First Year. During the first year of provisional membership, an institution is required to satisfy the following requirements:~~

~~(a) Attendance at an orientation session conducted by the NCAA national office staff related to basic Division I operating rules and membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention and at least one regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA or a member conference. Institutional representatives required to attend the NCAA Convention and regional compliance seminar are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(c) Fulfillment of other selected NCAA requirements set forth in Constitution 3 and 6 (e.g., faculty athletics representative, student-athlete advisory committee) at the beginning of the first year of provisional membership; and~~

~~(d) Submit an annual report by June 1 with an updated strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement and certification operating principles.~~

~~20.3.1.2.1 Applications of Infractions and Reinstatement Processes. During the first year of provisional membership, an institution shall not be subject to the NCA enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes.~~

~~20.3.1.3 Second Year. During the second year of provisional membership, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:~~

~~(a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements (see Bylaw 20.9) at the beginning of the second year of provisional membership;~~

~~(b) Attendance at an orientation session conducted by the NCAA staff related to the application of Division I legislation to various issues impacting Division I. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(c) Attendance at the NCAA Convention and at least one regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA or a member conference. Institutional representatives required to attend the NCAA Convention and regional compliance seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(d) Process institutional and individual student athlete violations of NCAA legislation through the NCAA enforcement and student athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of NCAA legislation; and~~

~~(e) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback received from the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report.~~

~~20.3.1.4 Third Year. During the third year of provisional membership, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:~~

~~(a) Attendance at a meeting conducted at the NCAA Convention to discuss issues impacting Division I members. Institutional representatives required to attend the meeting are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention and at least one regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA or a member conference. Institutional representatives required to attend the NCAA Convention and regional compliance seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(c) Engage in a compliance review conducted by the national office staff;~~

~~(d) Process institutional and individual student athlete violations of NCAA legislation through the NCAA enforcement and student athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of NCAA legislation; and;~~

~~(e) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback from the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report.~~

~~20.3.1.5 Fourth Year. During the fourth year of provisional membership, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:~~

~~(a) Attendance at a meeting conducted at the NCAA Convention to discuss issues impacting Division I members. Institutional representatives required to attend the meeting are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(b) Attendance at one regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA or a member conference. Institutional representatives required to attend the regional compliance seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(c) Attendance by appropriate institutional representatives at the NCAA Gender Equity Issues Forum and an NCAA Diversity Workshop;~~

~~(d) Completion of an NCAA certification orientation;~~

~~(e) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of NCAA legislation through the NCAA enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of NCAA legislation; and~~

~~(f) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 based on the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report.~~

~~20.3.1.6 Fifth Year. During the fifth year of provisional membership, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:~~

~~(a) Attendance at a meeting conducted at the NCAA Convention to discuss impacting Division-I members. Institutional representatives required to attend the meeting are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(b) Attendance at one regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA or a member conference. Institutional representatives required to attend the regional compliance seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(c) Successfully complete an NCAA athletics certification self-study and evaluation visit;~~

~~(d) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of NCAA legislation through the NCAA enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of NCAA legislation; and~~

~~(e) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 based on the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report.~~

~~20.3.1.7 Sixth Year. During the sixth year of provisional membership, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements;~~

~~(a) Attend a meeting conducted at the NCAA Convention to discuss issues impacting Division-I members. Institutional representatives required to attend the meeting are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~



~~(b) Process institutional and individual student athlete violations of NCAA legislation through the NCAA enforcement and student athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of NCAA legislation; and~~

~~(c) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 based on the previous plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report.~~

## 20.4 MULTIDIVISION CLASSIFICATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF FOOTBALL SUBDIVISION

~~20.4.1 Multidivision Classification Options. A member institution may have a sport classified in a division other than the one in which it is a member only in the following circumstances: (See Constitution 3.1.1.)~~

~~20.4.1.1 Division I Member. A member of Division I may petition to be classified in football in the Bowl Subdivision or the NCAA Championship Subdivision. **A member of Division II or Division III may have a sport classified in Division I, provided the sport was so classified during the 2010-11 academic year. Such a classification shall continue until the institution fails to conduct the sport in Division I in any following academic year.**~~

~~20.4.1.2 Divisions II and III Members — Classification of a Sport in Division I. A member of Division II or Division III may petition to be classified in Division I in any one men's sport, other than football or basketball, and in any one women's sport, other than basketball, and in any single sport in which the only NCAA championships opportunity is the National Collegiate Championship. In addition, a member of Division II may be classified in Division I in a sport in which there is a Division I and a Division III championship, but no Division II championship.~~

~~20.4.1.3 Women's Multidivision Classification Limitation. A member institution that has its women's program classified in a division other than its membership division (per Bylaw 20.1.1.1) shall not be eligible to petition for the multidivision classification opportunities available to a women's program that is classified in the same division as the institution's men's program.~~

~~20.4.1.4 National Collegiate Championship. A member institution may petition to be classified in a division other than its membership division in a single sport in which the only NCAA championships opportunity is a National Collegiate Championship for which all divisions are eligible.~~

~~20.4.2 Requesting Multidivision Classification:~~

~~20.4.2.1 Deadline for Submission of Approved Form. When petitioning for multidivision classification, a member shall submit its request to the Administration Cabinet on a form approved by the cabinet. The form must be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 preceding the year in which the institution will begin complying with the applicable division or subdivision criteria. The application forms shall be accompanied by a \$5,000 fee and a strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9) and certification operating principles (see Bylaw 22.2). Any form received after June 1 shall be postmarked not later than May 25. If the institution fails to qualify for active membership, the application fee shall be refunded, less any expenditure for educational costs related to the membership process.~~

**20.4.2 Football Subdivision Reclassification Options. A member of Division I may petition to be classified in football in the Football Bowl Subdivision or the Football Championship Subdivision.**

20.4.2.1-~~4~~ Reclassification from Football Championship Subdivision to Football Bowl Subdivision. —

**20.4.2.1.1 Eligibility for Reclassification. Before a Football Championship Subdivision institution may apply for reclassification to the Football Bowl Subdivision, the institution must receive a bona fide invitation for membership from a Football Bowl Subdivision conference or a conference that previously met the definition of a Football Bowl Subdivision conference (see Bylaw 20.02.5).**

**20.4.2.1.2 Notification/Application Requirement.** The chancellor or president from a Football Championship Subdivision institution that intends to petition for reclassification to the Football Bowl Subdivision, per Bylaw 20.4.2, shall submit to the ~~NCAA president~~ **national office** written notice of the institution's intention to reclassify **and a completed application**. The notice **and application** shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 two years prior to the ~~September~~ **August** 1 when the institution intends to reclassify to the Football Bowl Subdivision. **Any form received after June 1 shall be postmarked not later than May 25. The notice and application shall be accompanied by a \$5,000 fee and a strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9) and the athletics certification program operating principles (see Bylaw 22.2). If the institution fails to qualify for membership in the Football Bowl Subdivision, the application fee shall be refunded, less any expenditure for educational costs related to the reclassification process.**

20.4.2.2-~~1.3~~ Compliance with Criteria. If the member has met all applicable division membership criteria of this article (other than scheduling requirements during the first year of reclassification) and has complied for the two years preceding June 1 with all other bylaw requirements as they pertain to ~~the sport in question (other than the Division III financial aid requirements set forth in Division III Bylaw 15.4, except that athletically related financial aid may not be awarded to incoming freshmen or transfer students)~~ **the Football Bowl Subdivision**, the member shall be eligible for participation in the ~~division in that sport~~ **Football Bowl Subdivision** effective the ~~September~~ **August** 1 that the institution selects as its effective date.

20.4.2.2-~~1.4~~ **Additional Reclassification** Requirements.

20.4.2.2-~~1.4.1~~ First Year. During the first year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Attend an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to the application of ~~Division I or~~ Football Bowl Subdivision membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 at the end of the first academic year based on feedback received from the previous year's report; and

(c) Report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the required annual report.

20.4.2.2-1.4.2 Second Year. During the second year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Full compliance with all ~~Division I or~~ Football Bowl Subdivision legislation and membership requirements; ~~and~~

(b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan confirming compliance with all ~~Division I or~~ Football Bowl Subdivision legislation and membership requirements; and

**(c) Report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the required annual report.**

20.4.2.2-1.4.3 Compliance Review Requirement. The institution must engage in a compliance review (at the institution's expense) during the ~~multidivision~~ reclassification period. The review must be conducted by an authority outside the athletics department (e.g., multisport conference, outside consultant), subject to approval by the Administration Cabinet. A copy of the report of the compliance review must be kept on file at the institution and a copy must be submitted to the Administration Cabinet.

~~20.4.2.2-1.4 Application of Infractions and Reinstatement Process. During the reclassification process, an institution:~~

~~(a) Shall process institutional and individual violations in the particular sport through the Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes;~~

~~(b) Shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and~~

~~(c) Shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the required annual report.~~

20.4.3 Championships Eligibility. ~~To be eligible for the NCAA championship in the sport in the new division on the effective September 1, the institution shall comply with all championships eligibility requirements, as prescribed by Bylaw 31, and otherwise shall be eligible for participation in that championship. In addition, a member of Division II or Division III that has been approved for classification in one sport in Division I shall comply with the championships eligibility provisions of Bylaw 18.4.2.2.~~

~~20.4.3.1 Championship Eligibility.~~ A member of Division I that has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its football membership classification from Championship Subdivision to Bowl Subdivision per Bylaw 20.4.2.1 no longer shall be eligible for participation in the Division I Football Championship.

[20.4.4 unchanged.]

## 20.5 CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP

20.5.1 **Eligibility for** ~~Reclassification Options.~~ ~~A member institution may request a change of division membership according to the provisions of this section. A member of Division I may petition to change its membership to Division II or Division III, and a member of Division II may petition to change its membership to either Division I or Division III. (See Constitution 3.1.1.)~~ **subject to the following prerequisites:**



(a) The institution shall have been an active Division II member for the preceding five years;

(b) The institution shall be in compliance with all Division I minimum sports sponsorship and financial aid membership requirements; and

(c) The institution shall have received a bona fide offer of membership by an active Division I multisport conference.

20.5.2 Requesting Reclassification. In order to petition to change its membership to Division I, the institution and its sponsoring conference shall complete an application and submit it to the Administration Cabinet on a form approved by the cabinet.

20.5.2.1 Deadline for Submission of Petition Application. ~~When petitioning for change of division membership, a member shall notify the Administration Cabinet on an application approved by the cabinet.~~ The application shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 prior to the academic year ~~that~~ **in which** the institution ~~begins~~ **is seeking to begin** its ~~one-year exploratory period in~~ **first year of** the reclassification process. Any application received after that date shall be postmarked not later than May 25. ~~A fee of \$15,000 shall accompany the application. If the applicant fails to qualify for active membership, the application fee shall be refunded, less any expenditure for educational costs related to the membership process.~~

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

20.5.2.3 Initial Strategic Plan. The institution's application shall include an initial strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9) and the athletics certification operating principles (see Bylaw 22.2). The initial strategic plan must be approved by the sponsoring conference.

20.5.2.4 Notification of Infractions Matters. The institution's application shall include notification whether it is, at the time of application, involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.5.2.25 Compliance with Criteria. The Administration Cabinet shall monitor the institution's progress and compliance with the criteria of the reclassification process. The cabinet shall have the authority to deny advancement to the next year of the process if it determines that deficiencies warrant a requirement that the institution repeat a particular year. If the ~~member~~ **institution** has met ~~all applicable membership~~ **the reclassification** criteria of this article ~~for the division to which it intends to transfer~~ and has complied for the four years preceding June 1 with all other requirements set forth in this bylaw, the Administration Cabinet shall refer the member institution's request for active Division I membership shall be transferred to the new division effective the September 1 that the institution selects as its effective date to the Leadership Council for election effective August 1 following such election. However, the Administration Cabinet may deny referral of

a reclassifying institution to the Leadership Council for advancement to active Division I status if any of the institution's sport programs are subject to penalties pursuant to the Division I Academic Performance Program (APP). **An institution shall not be elected to active membership in Division I if it is subject to an Academic Performance Program historical penalty.**

~~20.5.2.2.1 Exploratory Year. During the exploratory year, an institution that has petitioned for a change of division or subdivision membership shall satisfy the following requirements:~~

~~(a) Attendance at the NCAA Convention and a regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend the Convention and compliance seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(b) Attendance at an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to basic Division I membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(c) Compliance with all minimum sport sponsorship and financial aid membership requirements; and~~

~~(d) Submit a formal confirmation of its intent to reclassify to Division I and a skeleton strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9) and athletics certification operating principles (see Bylaw 22.2) by June 1. During the exploratory year, an institution that has petitioned for a change of division shall start receiving all NCAA mailings relating to the new division~~

~~20.5.2.2.1.1 Application of Infractions and Reinstatement Processes. During the exploratory year, a Division II member reclassifying to Division I shall continue to process institutional and individual student athlete violations through the Division II enforcement and student athlete reinstatement processes~~

**20.5.2.25.21** First Year. During the first year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:

~~(a) Compliance with all minimum contests and participation requirements for sports sponsorship as set forth in Bylaw 20.9.4.3;~~

~~(b) Submit a strategic plan based on feedback from the previous plan;~~

~~(c) Apply all Division I legislation except scheduling requirements and continuing eligibility requirements (e.g., progress toward degree, five-year rule) for student athletes who are completing their final season of competition and were enrolled at the institution at least one year prior to the institution's petition for exploratory membership;~~

~~(d) Attendance at the NCAA Convention and a regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend the Convention and compliance~~

~~seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(e) Attendance at an orientation session conducted by the national office related to the application of Division I legislation and issues impacting Division I. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(f) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and~~

~~(g) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback from the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report.~~

**(a) Attendance at an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to basic Division I operating rules and membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;**

**(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I Issues Forum and Business Session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;**

**(c) Attendance at the Regional Rules Seminar Conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;**

**(d) Apply all Division I legislation, except scheduling requirements and continuing eligibility requirements (e.g., progress-toward-degree, five year rule) for student-athletes who are completing their final season of competition and were enrolled at the institution at least one year prior to the institution entering year one of the reclassification process;**

**(e) Completion of a preliminary NCAA athletics certification orientation, which shall require attendance by representatives from the sponsoring conference.**

**(f) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I**

legislation; and

**(g) Submit an annual report and a strategic plan by June 1. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.**

20.5.2.25.32 Second Year. During the second year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:

~~(a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements;~~

~~(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention and a Regional Compliance Seminar Conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend the Convention and compliance seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(c) Attendance at a meeting to be conducted at the NCAA Convention to discuss issues impacting Division I members. Institutional representatives required to attend the meeting are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(d) Completion of a compliance review conducted by the national office and submission of a report with an institutional response to findings.~~

~~(e) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement process. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and~~

~~(f) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback received from the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report.~~

**(a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements;**

**(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I Issues Forum and Business Session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior woman administrator.**

**(c) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar Conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;**

**(d) Completion of a compliance review conducted by the national office and submission of a report with an institutional response to the findings and recommendations.**

**(e) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and**

**(f) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violation.**

20.5.2.25.43 Third Year. During the third year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:

~~(a) Attendance at the NCAA Convention and regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend the Convention and compliance seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(b) Attendance at a meeting to be conducted at the NCAA Convention to discuss issues impacting Division I members. Institutional representatives required to attend the meeting are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;~~

~~(c) Completion of an NCAA athletics certification orientation.~~

~~(d) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and~~

~~(e) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback received from the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report.~~

**(a) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I Issues Forum and Business Session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior woman administrator;**

**(b) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar Conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;**

**(c) Completion of an NCAA athletics certification orientation;**



**(d) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violation of Division I legislation through Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and**

**(e) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.**

20.5.2.25.54 Fourth Year. During the fourth year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:

~~(a) Successfully complete an NCAA athletics certification self-study and evaluation visit;~~

~~(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention and a regional compliance seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend the Convention and compliance seminar are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior woman administrator;~~

~~(c) Attendance at a meeting conducted at the NCAA Convention to discuss issues impacting Division I members. Institutional representatives required to attend the annual meeting are the president or chancellor (or an individual appointed by the president or chancellor with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior woman administrator;~~

~~(d) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and~~

~~(e) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback received from the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report.~~

**(a) Successfully complete an NCAA athletics certification self-study and evaluation visit;**

**(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I Forum and Business Session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;**

**(c) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar Conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;**

(d) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and

(e) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

**20.5.3 Athletics Certification Progress Report.** The institution shall submit a report to the Committee on Athletics Certification regarding the progress of any plans for improvement (as recommended by the committee) not later than the conclusion of its second year of active Division I membership.

**20.5.4 Timing of Monetary Distributions.** The institution shall qualify to begin receiving revenue distributions related to sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid after three calendar years as an active Division I member. The institution shall qualify to receive the Student-Athlete Opportunity, Special Assistance and Academic Enhancement Funds, and basketball grant funds, as determined by its sponsoring conference, beginning with the first year of active membership.

~~20.5.35~~ **Championships Eligibility.** To be eligible for NCAA championships in ~~the new division~~ **Division I as of** the effective ~~September~~ **August** 1, the institution shall comply with all championships eligibility requirements, as prescribed by Bylaw 31, and otherwise shall be eligible for participation in those championships. In addition, a member of Division I shall comply with the provisions of Bylaw 18.4.2.2.

## 20.7 DIVISION LEGISLATION

**20.7.1 Applicable Legislation.** A member institution shall observe the applicable legislation and requirements of its membership division. However, if the institution is eligible to participate in a sport in ~~another division~~ **Division I** (see Bylaw 20.4 for multidivision-classification privileges), it shall apply the rules of ~~the other division~~ **Division I** that govern the sport in question.

[20.7.1.1 unchanged.]

**20.7.1.2 Division III Application.** A Division III member institution that has a sport classified in Division I must apply the rules of both divisions, or the more stringent rule if both divisions have a rule concerning the same issue except that in either instance, the Division III institution may apply the Division I playing and practice season regulations of Bylaw 17 in the Division I sport.

**20.7.1.2.1 Waivers.** If a member institution conducts a men's or women's sport that was classified in Division I during the 1982-83 academic year, the Administration Cabinet by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the application of the Division III regulations to such a sport. ~~This provision also applies to such an institution that later reclassifies a sport for the opposite gender to Division I. This waiver provision is subject to the following additional conditions:~~



~~(a) The opportunity is available only to an institution that obtained the waiver prior to January 1, 2004, and used it during the 2002-03 academic year; and~~

~~(b) An institution that obtained a waiver for a sport for one gender prior to January 1, 2004, and used it during the 2002-03 academic year, may later request that the waiver be applied to a sport for the other gender only on the approval of the Administration Cabinet, by a two-thirds majority vote of its members present and voting. The institution must demonstrate that it is necessary to do so to attain gender equity within the program.~~

[20.8 unchanged.]

## 20.9 DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

[20.9.1 through 20.9.4 unchanged.]

20.9.5 Scheduling -- Sports Other Than Football, Basketball, Men's Swimming and Diving and Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field.

20.9.5.1 Scheduling Requirement. In sports other than football, basketball, men's swimming and diving and men's indoor and outdoor track and field that a member institution uses to meet the Division I sports-sponsorship criteria, an institution shall schedule and play 100 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to meet the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.9.4.3. The institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests beyond the number specified in Bylaw 20.9.4.3 against Division I opponents.

[20.9.5.1.1 through 20.9.5.1.4 unchanged.]

~~20.9.5.1.5 Provisional Member Opponents. A Division I provisional institution shall be counted as a Division I opponent in the year the Division I provisional institution must comply with Division I scheduling requirements (year two of the provisional process).~~

[20.9.5.1.6 renumbered as 20.9.5.1.5, unchanged.]

20.9.6 Basketball Scheduling.

20.9.6.1 Four-Game Limit. An institution may schedule and play not more than four basketball games in an academic year against institutions that are not members of Division I.

~~20.9.6.1.1 Two-Game Limit for Provisional Members. A provisional member shall schedule and play not more than two basketball games in an academic year against institutions that are not members of Division I. A provisional member is required to apply scheduling criteria beginning with year two of the provisional process.~~

~~20.9.6.1.1.1 Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico. Contests played in Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico shall not be counted for purposes of meeting the division's scheduling requirement if such games are exempt from counting toward the playing-season limitation.~~

20.9.6.2 One-Third of Men's Contests in Home Arena. An active **or reclassifying** member ~~or a provisional member~~ must play at least one-third of its regular-season men's basketball contests in the arena regularly used for the institution's home games. ~~A provisional member is required to apply scheduling criteria beginning with year two of the provisional process.~~

[20.9.6.2.1 unchanged.]

### 20.9.6.3 Counting Contests.

20.9.6.3.1 Membership Classification of Opponents. In determining whether an institution meets the scheduling criteria, each opponent shall be counted as it was classified on September 1 of the academic year involved.

[20.9.6.3.1.1 unchanged.]

~~20.9.6.3.1.2 Provisional Member Opponents. A Division I provisional institution shall be counted as a Division I opponent in the year the Division I provisional institution must comply with Division I scheduling requirements (year two of the provisional process).~~

[20.9.6.3.1.3 renumbered as 20.9.6.3.1.2, unchanged.]

[20.9.7 unchanged.]

20.9.8 Football Championship Subdivision Requirements. An institution classified as a Football Championship Subdivision member shall meet the additional requirements listed below.

[20.9.8.1 unchanged.]

20.9.8.2 Football Scheduling Requirement. The institution shall schedule and play more than 50 percent of its football games against Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision members.

20.9.8.2.1 Membership Classification of Opponents. In determining whether an institution meets the scheduling criteria of the Football Championship Subdivision, each opponent shall be counted as it was classified on September 1 of the academic year.

[20.9.8.2.1.1 unchanged.]

~~20.9.8.2.1.2 Provisional Member Opponents. A Football Championship Subdivision provisional institution shall be counted as a Football Championship Subdivision opponent in the year the provisional institution must comply with Football Championship Subdivision scheduling requirements (year two of the provisional process).~~

[20.9.8.2.1.3 renumbered as 20.9.8.2.1.2, unchanged.]

[20.9.8.2.2 through 20.9.8.2.4 unchanged.]

**D. Administrative:** Amend 31.02, as follows:

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[31.02.1 through 31.02.2 unchanged.]

**31.02.3 Core Conference. A core conference is a multisport conference that has been elected to membership and, as a result of legislation, is identified in the applicable sections of Constitution 4 related to representation in the NCAA governance structure.**

[31.02.3 renumbered as 31.02.4, unchanged.]

**E. Administrative:** Amend 31.3.4, as follows:

31.3.4 Automatic Qualification. Each governing sport committee shall forward annually to the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet those conferences that should receive automatic qualification for their teams or individual student-athletes into NCAA championships. Prior to forwarding the list of conferences to receive automatic qualification, a governing sport committee shall ensure that the member conference meets the requirements specified in Bylaws 31.3.4.1 through 31.3.4.7. A member conference may appeal to the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet the automatic-qualification review of the sport committee and the committee's decision to find, or not find, a conference qualified for automatic-qualification status. The decision of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet on such appeals will be final.

[31.3.4.1 unchanged.]

31.3.4.2 Requirements -- National Collegiate Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in a National Collegiate Championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements:

(a) Have at least six active members that sponsor the applicable sport in any division (~~Note: a provisional member in the process of becoming an NCAA member cannot be used to meet the requisite number~~);

[31.3.4.2-(b) through 31.3.4.2-(d) unchanged.]

[31.3.4.3 unchanged.]

31.3.4.4 Additional Requirements -- Sports Other Than Men's Basketball.

31.3.4.4.1 Multisport Conference. To be considered eligible for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a multisport conference must **be a core conference (see Bylaw 31.02.3), must meet the requirements of Constitution 3.3.1.3 and must** include six ~~core~~ institutions **that sponsor the sport.** ~~satisfy continuity of membership. For the purposes of this legislation, core refers to an institution that has been an active member of Division I the eight preceding years. Further, the continuity of membership requirement shall be met only if a minimum of six core institutions have conducted conference competition together in Division I the preceding two years in the applicable sport. There shall be no exceptions to the two-year period. Any new member added to a conference that satisfies the continuity of membership requirements shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier.~~

[31.3.4.4.1.1 unchanged.]

[31.3.4.4.2 unchanged.]

31.3.4.3 Grace Period. A conference shall remain eligible for automatic qualification for two years following the date of the withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's **noncompliance with Constitution 3.3.1.3** ~~membership to fall below six institutions, or below six members with continuity of membership provided the conference maintains at least five Division I members.~~

~~31.3.4.4.4 Exception -- 2002-03 Academic Year. After September 1, 2003, a member conference that met the requirements for automatic qualification during the 2002-03 academic year may continue to receive automatic qualification provided the conference~~

~~composition does not change (unless the change results in the addition of a core member).~~

31.3.4.5 Additional Requirements -- Men's Basketball. The member conference must **be a core conference (see Bylaw 31.02.3) and must meet the requirements of Constitution 3.3.1.3** ~~include seven core institutions. For the purposes of this legislation, core refers to an institution that has been an active member of Division I the eight preceding years. Further, the continuity of membership requirement shall be met only if a minimum of six core institutions have conducted conference competition together in Division I the preceding five years in men's basketball. There shall be no exception to the five year waiting period. Any new member added to a member conference that satisfies these requirement shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier.~~

31.3.4.5.1 Grace Period. A conference shall remain eligible for automatic qualification for two years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's **noncompliance with Constitution 3.3.1.3** ~~membership to fall below seven institutions, or below six members with continuity of membership, provided the conference maintains at least six Division I members.~~

~~31.3.4.5.2 Exceptions:~~

~~(a) Prior to September 1, 2003, the eight year core principle does not apply to an institution that was a Division I active member, provisional member or a member in the process of reclassifying to Division I as of April 27, 2000. Such an institution would be subject to the provisions in effect on April 27, 2000. The institution may continue to be considered a core institution after September 1, 2003, even if the institution has not been an active member of Division I the eight preceding years.~~

~~(b) Men's Basketball. After September 1, 2003, a member conference as of September 1, 1999, may continue to apply the automatic qualification requirements in effect September 1, 1999, until any change (e.g., adding or losing any member) in its men's basketball membership occurs. Thereafter, the automatic qualification regulations in effective September 1, 2003, shall be applicable.~~

[Remainder of 31.3.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Leadership Council)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011; applicable to institutions that begin the process during the 2011-12 academic year or thereafter.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Division Membership

**Rationale:** This proposal is the result of a three-year examination of the impact of membership migration and development of reasonable philosophical expectations and legislative requirements for membership in Division I. The legislation is designed to better prepare prospective new members for a move to Division I. The resulting structure will ensure that reclassifying members are committed to the Division I philosophy and operating principles. In addition, this legislation will increase the likelihood that such institutions will operate successful, competitive programs at the Division I level.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary based on the number of institutions that seek reclassification.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Administration Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Aug 03, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 12, 2010 Board of Directors, Sponsored

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Oct 28, 2010 Board of Directors, Modified the Proposal Modified the proposal to specify that before a Football Championship Subdivision institution may apply for reclassification to the Football Bowl Subdivision, the institution must receive a bona fide invitation for membership from a Football Bowl Subdivision conference or a conference that previously met the definition of a Football Bowl Subdivision conference.

No. 2010-101 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- REMOVAL OF SQUASH

**Intent:** To remove squash as an emerging sport for women and to eliminate other specified legislation associated with the sport (e.g., playing and practice season regulations, sports-sponsorship minimum contest and participant requirements).

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.4, as follows:

11.7.4 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus at any one time in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit on Number of Coaches	Limit on Off-Campus Recruiters
<del>Squash, Women's</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>2</del>
[All other sports unchanged.]		

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.3.1.2, as follows:

15.5.3.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following women's sports:

~~Squash~~ ~~12~~

[All other sports unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 17.02.12, as follows:



17.02.12 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions:

[17.02.12-(a) through 17.02.12-(c) unchanged.]

[17.02.12.1 unchanged.]

17.02.12.2 Individual Sports. The following are classified as individual sports for purposes of this bylaw:

*Squash Women's*

[All other sports unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 17.21, as follows:

~~17.21 SQUASH, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the squash playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)~~

~~17.21.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in squash shall be limited to a 144-day season which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.~~

~~17.21.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in squash prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.~~

~~17.21.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in squash prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.~~

~~17.21.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in squash by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.~~

~~17.21.5 Number of Dates of Competition:~~

~~17.21.5.1 Maximum Limitations. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in squash during the institution's playing season to 15 dates of competition (including not more than three tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.21.5.3 and 17.21.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.4.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).~~

~~17.21.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in squash in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.~~

~~17.21.5.2 Maximum Limitations. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 15 dates of competition in squash (including not more than three~~

~~tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition) (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).~~

~~17.21.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in squash shall exclude the following:~~

~~(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in squash;~~

~~(b) National Governing Body Championship. Competition in the squash national governing body championship;~~

~~(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;~~

~~(d) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;~~

~~(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;~~

~~(f) Fundraising Activity. Any squash activities in which student athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and~~

~~(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student athletes from a member institution's squash team who participate in local celebrity squash activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:~~

~~(1) The student athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;~~

~~(2) The involvement of the student athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and~~

~~(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main~~

~~17.21.5.4 Once In Four Years Exemption. An institution may exempt the dates of competition on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).~~

~~17.21.6 Out of Season Athletically Related Activities. Student athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.21.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.~~

~~17.21.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.~~



~~17.21.6.1.1 Summer Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student athlete.~~

~~17.21.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student athletes in squash who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.~~

~~17.21.8 Other Restrictions.~~

~~17.21.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.~~

~~17.21.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student athlete in squash who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 14.7.3 for exceptions).~~

~~17.21.8.1.1.1 Violation Period Exception. A student athlete may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog.~~

~~17.21.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.21.8.1.1.1).~~

~~17.21.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3, 17.1.1.1 and 17.29.~~

~~17.21.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student athlete from the same institution, provided:~~

~~(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the development program;~~

~~(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and~~

~~(c) The NGB or the selected coaches select the involved participants.~~

~~17.21.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures, No Limitations.~~

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 20.02.5, as follows:

20.02.5 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women and countable for purposes of revenue distribution (for sports sponsorship and grants-in-

aid):

[20.02.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Individual Sports: equestrian ~~and squash~~.

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 20.9.4.3, as follows:

20.9.4.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
<del>Women's Squash</del>	8	9

[All other sports unchanged.]

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.4.3.1 through 20.9.4.3.7 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 14 and 17.)

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council (Administrative Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Division Membership

**Rationale:** The emerging sports for women program began in 1994 as a result of recommendations from the NCAA Gender-Equity Task Force. NCAA regulations require that emerging sports for women gain championship status (minimum of 40 varsity-sponsored NCAA programs) within 10 years or show steady progress toward that goal to remain on the emerging sports for women list. Nine sports were on the original list, including squash. In the past 14 years, four of those sports became championship sports (rowing, ice hockey, water polo and bowling). In 2009, four sports were removed from the list due to a lack of steady progress toward championship status (archery, badminton, synchronized swimming and team handball). In 2009, the number of institutions sponsoring squash as a varsity program was 28 and this number has been constant since 2007. Squash has not been able to demonstrate progress being made toward the goal of 40 varsity programs. If squash is removed from the list, institutions may still sponsor the sport as varsity and include it in their gender-equity efforts. (A waiver would be required to use the sport to satisfy sport sponsorship requirements.) Any sport may pursue renewal to emerging sport status by following the required procedures, including submission of a proposal and 15 letters of institutional commitment.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Impact on institutional budget if the sport has been used for revenue distribution purposes.

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

## Position Statement(s)

*Administration Cabinet.* The cabinet supports the proposal and the sponsor's rationale.

### History:

May 24, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

May 25, 2010 Committee on Women's Athletics, Recommends Approval

Jun 09, 2010 Legislative Council Administrative Committee, Sponsored

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

## No. 2010-102 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS -- ELIMINATION OF TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that, in those sports in which two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring the sport are members of the same division, an institution is required to meet that division's and its own division's institutional and individual eligibility requirements (or the more stringent rule if both divisions' rules address the same issue).

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.8.1, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

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

Women's bowling

Men's and women's rifle

Men's and women's fencing

Men's and women's skiing

Men's gymnastics

Men's volleyball

Women's gymnastics

Men's water polo

Women's ice hockey

Women's water polo

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 *normally* is required to meet only the institutional and individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question. ~~However, in those sports in which two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring the sport are members of the same division, an institution participating in the championship is required to meet that division's and its own division's institutional and individual eligibility requirements (or the more stringent rule if both divisions' rules address the same issue).~~

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Division Membership

**Rationale:** In determining eligibility for National Collegiate Championships, if two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring a sport are members of a particular division, members of other divisions that sponsor the sport are required to certify student-athletes using the rules of the majority division. If Division I or II is the majority division, incoming student-athletes in Division III must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center and all continuing students-athletes must be certified in accordance with Division I progress-toward-degree regulations. Currently, at least two-thirds of the institutions that sponsor three national collegiate championship sports [men's gymnastics, women's gymnastics and women's ice hockey (Divisions I and II only)] are Division I members. It is possible that Division III institutions will comprise at least two-thirds of the institutions that sponsor men's volleyball in the near future, which would require Divisions I and II members to follow Division III rules, including the prohibition on awarding athletically related financial aid. This proposal recognizes that it is not appropriate to require student-athletes from one division to meet requirements that were designed to apply to student-athletes of another division. This proposal would permit institutions to determine the eligibility of student-athletes for championships based on the requirements for their particular division.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Administration Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jun 15, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-103 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- SWIMMING AND DIVING

**Intent:** In swimming and diving, to reduce, from 10 to six, the minimum number of contests required to satisfy sports-sponsorship requirements.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.9.4.3, as follows:

20.9.4.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
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Swimming and Diving	<del>10</del> <b>6</b>	11
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[All other sports unchanged.]

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.4.3.1 through 20.9.4.3.7 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 14 and 17.)

[Remainder of 20.9.4.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Division Membership

**Rationale:** As scheduling practices have changed and participation in multi-team invitational swimming and diving meets has increased, it has become increasingly difficult to schedule 10 or more contests. Reducing the required minimum to six will provide needed flexibility in scheduling, while still maintaining a significant commitment to support a swimming and diving program.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** May result in reduced costs due to fewer contests.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Administration Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The committee supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-104 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS -- WRESTLING

**Intent:** In wrestling, to specify that an institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent (as opposed to 100 percent) of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests specified to meet sports sponsorship criteria.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.9.5.1, as follows:

20.9.5.1 Scheduling Requirement. In sports other than football, basketball, men's swimming and diving, ~~and~~ men's indoor and outdoor track and field **and wrestling** that a member institution uses to meet the Division I sports sponsorship criteria, an institution shall schedule and play 100 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to meet the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.9.4.3. The institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests beyond the number specified in Bylaw 20.9.4.3 against Division I opponents.

20.9.5.1.1 Men's Swimming and Diving, ~~and~~ Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field **and Wrestling**. In men's swimming and diving, ~~and~~ men's indoor and outdoor track and field **and wrestling**, an institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.9.4.3.

[Remainder of 20.9.5.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet (Wrestling Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Division Membership

**Rationale:** Current legislation requires an institution to schedule and play 100 percent of its wrestling contests against Division I opponents to meet the minimum number of contests legislation (13 wrestling contests with a minimum of seven student-athletes). Beyond this minimum number of contests, an institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its wrestling contests against Division I opponents. A current exception specifies that, in men's swimming and diving and men's indoor and outdoor track and field, an institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests specified to meet sports sponsorship criteria. The addition of wrestling to this exception will ease the budgetary burden many sponsoring institutions face when scheduling wrestling contests. In many regions of the country, nearby institutions are classified in a different division or are members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Specifically, institutions will have the ability to schedule contests against nearby institutions, regardless of their division or organizational affiliation, in order to decrease travel costs. Furthermore, this change would provide many institutions the budgetary relief needed to maintain sponsorship of wrestling.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Varies. May decrease travel costs in some cases.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Administration Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Apr 12, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Apr 15, 2010 Wrestling Committee, Recommends Approval



Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

No. 2010-105 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- BASKETBALL SCHEDULING -- ONE-THIRD OF CONTESTS IN HOME ARENA AND ONE-THIRD OF CONTESTS AWAY FROM HOME -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**Intent:** In women's basketball, to specify that an active or provisional member must play at least one-third of its regular-season basketball contests in the arena regularly used for the institution's home games and that one-third of its regular-season basketball contests must be played away from home or at a neutral site.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.9.6, as follows:

20.9.6 Basketball Scheduling.

[20.9.6.1 unchanged.]

20.9.6.2 One-Third of ~~Men's~~ Contests in Home Arena. An active member or a provisional member must play at least one-third of its regular-season ~~men's~~ basketball contests in the arena regularly used for the institution's home games. A provisional member is required to apply scheduling criteria beginning with year two of the provisional process.

[20.9.6.2.1 unchanged.]

**20.9.6.3 One-Third of Women's Contests Away from Home or at a Neutral Site. An active member or a provisional member must play at least one-third of its regular-season women's basketball contests away from home or at a neutral site. A provisional member is required to apply scheduling criteria beginning with year two of the provisional process.**

[20.9.6.3 renumbered as 20.9.6.4, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Women's Basketball Issues Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Division Membership

**Rationale:** There has been an increase in the number of women's basketball teams that receive guaranteed payments to play a large number of away-from-home contests before their conference schedule begins. As a result, student-athletes are missing additional classes. Requiring each institution to have a minimum number of home and away-from-home contests will result in competitive balance. Further, the portion of this recommendation relating to an institution playing at least one-third of its regular season basketball contests in the arena regularly used for the institution's home games currently exists for men's basketball. For women's basketball, this component and requiring one-third of the institution's regular-season contests to be played away



from home or at a neutral site would emphasize the importance of a balanced schedule and assist with the management of guarantee games. This proposal was initiated and supported by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Potential for student-athletes at affected institutions to miss fewer classes.

### **Position Statement(s)**

*Administration Cabinet.* The cabinet opposes the proposal. Concern expressed that the minimum requirements will not achieve the proposal's objective to decrease the number of guaranteed games before the conference schedule begins. The proposal does not address concerns or provide solutions for those institutions that may have difficulty scheduling home contests. Consideration should be given to establishing a maximum number of home contests.

### **History:**

May 03, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

May 11, 2010 Women's Basketball Issues Committee, Recommends Approval

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Modified the Proposal Proposal modified to include a requirement that an active or provisional member must schedule one-third of its women's basketball regular-season contests away from home or at neutral sites. Previously, the proposal only specified that an institution must play at least one-third of its regular-season basketball contests in the arena regularly used for the institution's home games.

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

### **Committees**

No. 2010-107 COMMITTEES -- DIVISION I CABINETS AND COMMITTEES -- MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE -- NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS FROM THE SAME REGION

**Intent:** To specify that not more than two members of the men's soccer committee may be appointed from the same region.

**Bylaws:** Amend 21.7.5.5.3.19, as follows:

21.7.5.5.3.19 Men's Soccer Committee. The Men's Soccer Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the eight Division I men's soccer regions and two members selected at large. **Not more than two members may be appointed from the same region.** Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship and Division I Subdivision institutions.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Men's Soccer Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Committees

**Rationale:** With approximately sixty percent of the membership sponsoring men's soccer, precluding more than two men's soccer committee members from serving from the same region will help to maintain balanced representation among the eight regions.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Administration Cabinet:* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale.

**History:**

Feb 08, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Feb 10, 2010 Men's Soccer Committee, Recommends Approval

Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

Sep 16, 2010 Administration Cabinet, Recommends Approval

**Executive Regulations**

No. 2010-108 EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- SITES AND DATES -- NONREVENUE CHAMPIONSHIPS SITE ASSIGNMENT

**Intent:** To specify that in championships that do not generate revenue and for which only 25 percent of the bracket is seeded, seeded teams shall have the opportunity to host preliminary rounds and that conference opponents shall be avoided in the first two rounds of the championship.

**A. Administrative:** Amend 31.1.3, as follows:

31.1.3 Sites and Dates. The governing sports committees recommend to the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet the sites and dates for all NCAA championships.

[31.1.3.1 unchanged.]

31.1.3.2 Site Selection. The governing sports committees shall evaluate prospective sites for NCAA championships in terms of the specific criteria approved by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. The division championships committees may assign specific priorities to these criteria for their respective championships. These shall be specified in the appropriate championships handbooks. A governing sports committee that desires to use additional criteria shall obtain Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approval before doing so.

[31.1.3.2.1 through 31.1.3.2.4 unchanged.]

31.1.3.2.5 Nonrevenue Championships Site Assignment. In championships that do not generate revenue **and for which only 25 percent of the bracket is seeded**, ~~pairings shall be~~

~~based primarily on the teams' geographical proximity to one another, regardless of their region, in order to avoid air travel in preliminary rounds whenever possible. Teams' seeding relative to one another may be taken into consideration when establishing pairings if such a pairing does not result in air travel that otherwise could be avoided. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet shall have the authority to modify its working principles related to the championship site assignment on a case-by-case basis~~ **seeded teams shall have the opportunity to host preliminary rounds.**

[31.1.3.3 unchanged.]

**B. Administrative:** Amend 31.1.3, as follows:

31.1.3 Sites and Dates. The governing sports committees recommend to the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet the sites and dates for all NCAA championships.

[31.1.3.1 unchanged.]

31.1.3.2 Site Selection. The governing sports committees shall evaluate prospective sites for NCAA championships in terms of the specific criteria approved by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. The division championships committees may assign specific priorities to these criteria for their respective championships. These shall be specified in the appropriate championships handbooks. A governing sports committee that desires to use additional criteria shall obtain Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approval before doing so.

[31.1.3.2.1 through 31.1.3.2.4 unchanged.]

31.1.3.2.5 Nonrevenue Championships Site Assignment. In championships that do not generate revenue, pairings shall be based primarily on the teams' geographical proximity to one another, regardless of their region, in order to avoid air travel in preliminary rounds whenever possible. Teams' seeding relative to one another may be taken into consideration when establishing pairings if such a pairing does not result in air travel that otherwise could be avoided. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet shall have the authority to modify its working principles related to the championship site assignment on a case-by-case basis. **Conference opponents shall be avoided in the first two rounds of the championship.**

[31.1.3.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** Pacific-10 Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2011

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Executive Regulations

**Rationale:** In sports in which championships do not generate revenue, current policies give preference to seeded teams for hosting preliminary rounds at non-predetermined sites only insofar as such bracketing does not create additional air travel. As a result, geographically-isolated institutions rarely, if ever, get the opportunity (and the advantages) of hosting NCAA championship competition. Such a policy is unfair to those institutions, their student-athletes and their fans. In addition, the policy of avoiding first and second round conference match-ups, which is in place for

some championships, should be extended to all sports. In geographically-isolated areas, the closest institutions are likely other conference members, making the bracket less fair and diminishing the student-athlete experience for those participants who compete against conference opponents in the early rounds. Beyond the seeded teams, geography would still be taken into account when creating the brackets. These changes would give sports committees more flexibility and enable them to maintain the integrity of the bracket to a much greater degree. Funding for this change could be allocated from the increased revenues from the new NCAA television agreement. Greater integrity of the championship brackets seems a most appropriate use of these funds and aligns with NCAA principle of competitive equity.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Could significantly increase travel costs primarily in softball, volleyball and tennis. Five or six additional flights per sport (at \$25,000 per flight) would be needed to permit all seeded teams to host, which is estimated to increase the Association budget by \$300,000 to cover volleyball and softball.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Could potentially require more travel and missed class time for student-athletes to participate in NCAA preliminary-round competitions by geographically isolated institutions.

#### **Position Statement(s)**

*Championships/Sports Management Cabinet:* The cabinet opposes the proposal. Because of the budget impact, it may be more appropriate to consider this proposal after the NCAA Division I Revenue Distribution Task Force completes its work. Avoiding conference matchups as specified in the proposal may not be possible with each of the impacted championships (e.g., small bracket championships).

*Women's Soccer Committee:* The committee supports the proposal. The committee notes that if adopted, the proposal may significantly increase travel costs and missed class time for student-athletes; however, these concerns are outweighed by the prospect of enhancing the student-athletes' athletics experience.

#### **History:**

Jul 14, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Sep 15, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Defeat

Sep 23, 2010 Women's Soccer Committee, Recommends Approval

### No. 2010-109-A EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- RESTRICTED ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES -- PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS OR TEAMS

**Intent:** To eliminate the prohibition on sponsorship of NCAA championship activities or promotions by professional sports organizations or teams.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.6.1.1, as follows:

12.6.1.1 To Intercollegiate Event. A professional sports organization may not serve as a financial sponsor of intercollegiate competition, **other than NCAA championship competition**. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

[12.6.1.1.1 unchanged.]

**B. Administrative:** Amend 31.1.14, as follows:

31.1.14 Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities. The following activities are restricted when they occur in conjunction with NCAA championships. Other restrictions are set forth in the championships handbooks.

31.1.14.1 Advertising. Advertising policies of the Association are designed to exclude those advertisements that do not appear to be in the best interests of higher education. The NCAA president shall have the authority to rule in cases where doubt exists concerning acceptable advertisers and advertising copy of game programs, broadcasts and telecasts of NCAA championships; however, the following expressly are prohibited:

[31.1.14.1-(a), unchanged.]

(b) Cigarettes and other tobacco products; **and**

~~(c) Professional sports organizations or personnel (except as specified in the championships handbooks) in games other than licensed postseason football games; and~~

[31.1.14.1-(d) relettered as 31.1.14.1-(c) , unchanged.]

[31.1.14.1.1 unchanged.]

31.1.14.1.2 Sponsorships. A championships activity or promotion may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer or wine companies ~~or by professional sports organizations or teams~~ at any time.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Executive Regulations

**Rationale:** Current NCAA regulations specify that a championships activity or promotion may not be sponsored by professional sports organizations or teams at any time. This regulation can limit the opportunities for the NCAA staff and/or local organizing committee, host institution and/or conference that administers a championship event in promoting the NCAA championship or related activities. Professional sports teams have been interested in advertising the NCAA championship through their promotional channels (e.g., e-mail to season-ticket holders, team website, newsletters), during their contests (e.g., public address announcements, video/message boards, promotional booth) or with their media partners. The NCAA president authorized a waiver for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years to permit the NCAA staff, local organizing committees, host institutions and/or conferences to partner with professional sports organizations to promote championships in all sports other than football and men's basketball. This change

would permit the NCAA staff responsible for administering championship activities and promotions to make judgments about the appropriate involvement of professional sports organizations. Partnering with professional sports organizations can help to increase exposure and fan interest for NCAA championships without compromising the Association's principle of amateurism.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

*Amateurism Cabinet.* The cabinet supports the proposal and agrees with the sponsor's rationale. However, the cabinet recommended that consideration be given to eliminating the prohibition for conference championships, as well. Such an opportunity would increase the exposure of conference championship events.

**History:**

- Jun 01, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.
- Jun 16, 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored
- Sep 30, 2010 Amateurism Cabinet, Recommends Approval
- Sep 30, 2010 Amateurism Cabinet, Recommends Modification (See position statement.)
- Oct 19, 2010 Proposal renumbered as Proposal No. 2010-109-A. An alternative is Proposal No. 2010-109-B.

No. 2010-109-B EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- RESTRICTED ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES -- PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS OR TEAMS -- FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP OF NCAA OR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Intent:** To specify that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of NCAA or conference championship competition; further, to eliminate the prohibition on sponsorship of NCAA championship activities or promotions by professional sports organizations or teams.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.6.1.1, as follows:

12.6.1.1 To Intercollegiate Event. A professional sports organization may not serve as a financial sponsor of intercollegiate competition, **other than NCAA and conference championship competition**. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

[12.6.1.1.1 unchanged.]

**B. Administrative:** Amend 31.1.14, as follows:

31.1.14 Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities. The following activities are restricted when they occur in conjunction with NCAA championships. Other restrictions are set forth in the championships handbooks.



31.1.14.1 Advertising. Advertising policies of the Association are designed to exclude those advertisements that do not appear to be in the best interests of higher education. The NCAA president shall have the authority to rule in cases where doubt exists concerning acceptable advertisers and advertising copy of game programs, broadcasts and telecasts of NCAA championships; however the following expressly are prohibited:

[31.1.14.1-(a), unchanged.]

(b) Cigarettes and other tobacco products; **and**

~~(c) Professional sports organizations or personnel (except as specified in the championship handbooks) in games other than licensed postseason football games; and~~

[31.1.14.1-(d) relettered as 31.1.14.1-(c), unchanged.]

[31.1.14.1.1 unchanged.]

31.1.14.1.2 Sponsorships. A championships activity or promotion may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer or wine companies ~~or by professional sports organizations or teams~~ at any time.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Legislative Council

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Executive Regulations

**Rationale:** This alternative proposal would permit professional sports teams and organizations to be financial sponsors of and promote both NCAA and conference championships. Many conference championships already occur in venues used by professional teams. The adoption of this provision would permit conferences to take advantage of opportunities with the professional teams to promote their championships without compromising the Association's principle of amateurism.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**

**History:**

Oct 19, 2010 Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Oct 19, 2010 Legislative Council, Sponsored Sponsored as an alternative to Proposal No. 2010-109-A.

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**NCAA Division I 2010-11 Legislative Cycle Voting Chart**  
**January 2011 NCAA Division I Legislative Council Meeting**

The following chart lists the proposals set forth in the 2011 NCAA Official Notice in the order in which the NCAA Division I Legislative Council will vote on them at its January 12-13, 2011 meeting.

Please note that a position of preliminary support for a proposal reflects that the Legislative Council supported the sponsor's rationale statement and any additional rationale for support expressed in the position statements for the particular proposal. Further, a position of preliminary opposition reflects that it is likely the Legislative Council agreed with opposition expressed in position statements for the particular proposal. If no preliminary position is noted for a particular proposal, the Legislative Council took no position, but noted comments and points for membership consideration in preparation for the council's initial formal review of the legislation in January 2011.

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A. NCAA Membership.

<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Preliminary Positions/Points to Consider/Comments/Mootnicity Issues</b>
2010-7  Page No. 4	NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- APPLICATION OF RULES TO ALL RECOGNIZED VARSITY SPORTS -- ELIMINATION OF EMERGING SPORTS TIMETABLE	To eliminate the timetable for application of legislation to emerging sports for women.	Preliminary support.

<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Preliminary Positions/Points to Consider/Comments/Mootnicity Issues</b>
2010-8  Page No. 6	NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- DRUG TESTING PROGRAM -- DESIGNATION OF ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT RESOURCE AND EDUCATION RELATED TO BANNED DRUGS AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS	To specify that an institution shall designate an individual (or individuals) as the athletics department resource for questions related to NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements; further, to specify that an institution shall educate athletics department staff members who have regular interaction with student-athletes that: (1) the NCAA maintains a list of banned drug classes and provides examples of banned substances in each drug class on the NCAA website; (2) any nutritional supplement use may present risks to a student-athlete's health and eligibility; and (3) questions regarding NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution's designated department resource individual (or individuals).	Preliminary opposition.  Noted the many institutions currently designate an individual or individuals to serve as a resource for questions/education related to banned drugs and nutritional supplements and questioned the necessity of additional legislation in this area.

<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Preliminary Positions/Points to Consider/Comments/Mootnicity Issues</b>
2010-9  Page No. 8	NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE OR CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- USE OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S NAME OR LIKENESS -- CONTRACTS AND COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS -- WRITTEN POLICIES	To specify that institutions and conferences shall include language in all licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that outlines a commercial entity's obligation to comply with NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness; further, that each institution and conference shall maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements, which shall be made available for examination upon request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA.	Preliminary support.  Expressed preliminary support, regardless of the membership vote on Proposal No. 2010-26.
2010-117  Page No. 10	NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- AFFILIATED AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP - REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP AND ELIMINATION OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP	To eliminate corresponding membership; further to modify the requirements for affiliated membership, as specified.	NCAA Division I Board of Directors sponsored Proposal No. 2010-117 at its October Meeting.

B. Legislative Authority and Process.

<p>2010-11 Page No. 18</p>	<p>LEGISLATIVE PROCESS -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS -- FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION DOMINANT PROVISIONS</p>	<p>To establish a "Football Championship Subdivision Dominant" legislative provision category, which shall be defined as a regulation that applies only to the Football Championship Subdivision and requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption or to be amended pursuant to the established legislative process.</p>	<p>NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) only.  Preliminary support.  The defeat of Proposal No. 2010-11 renders Proposal No. 2010-77 moot.</p>
<p>2010-12 Page No. 19</p>	<p>LEGISLATIVE PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- MEMBERSHIP OVERRIDE OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES -- LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW - - OVERRIDE VOTING</p>	<p>To eliminate the requirement that the override voting process on actions taken by the Legislative Council or the Board of Directors must occur at the annual Convention of the Association.</p>	<p>No position.  Noted the importance of maintaining an opportunity for full discussion by the membership related to important override votes.</p>



C. Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel.

<p>2009-19-A Page No. 20</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL</p>	<p>To specify that an institution that sponsors only women's sand volleyball shall have a limit of two coaches who may be employed and a limit of two coaches who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus at any one time; further, to specify that an institution that sponsors women's sand volleyball and women's volleyball shall have a limit of four coaches who may be employed and a limit of two coaches who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus at any one time.</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-19-A renders Proposal No. 2010-19-B moot.</p>
<p>2009-19-B Page No. 22</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL</p>	<p>In women's sand volleyball, to specify that the limit on the number of coaches who may be employed is two and the limit on the number of coaches who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus at any one time is two.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.  Proposal No. 2010-19-B rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-19-A.</p>
<p>2010-14 Page No. 23</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL AND WOMEN'S ROWING -- INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND LICENSED BOWL GAMES</p>	<p>In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, to permit a graduate assistant coach to receive cash to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or licensed postseason bowl contests in accordance with the parameters by which student-athletes may receive such expenses.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

<p>2010-15-B Page No. 26</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION -- INCOME IN ADDITION TO INSTITUTIONAL SALARY -- CONSULTANT FOR OR ENDORSEMENT OF NONINSTITUTIONAL ATHLETICS EVENTS INVOLVING PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- ENDORSEMENT OF TEAM, COACH OR FACILITY</p>	<p>To specify that an athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes and may not endorse or promote such an event; further, to specify that an athletics department staff member shall not promote or endorse a prospective student-athlete's team or coach, or an athletics facility that is primarily used by prospective student-athletes.</p>	<p>The Legislative Council sponsored Proposal No. 2010-15-B at its October meeting and expressed preference for Proposal No. 2010-15-B instead of Proposal No. 2010-15-A.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-15-B renders Proposal No. 2010-15-A moot.</p>
<p>2010-15-A Page No. 24</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION -- INCOME IN ADDITION TO INSTITUTIONAL SALARY -- CONSULTANT FOR OR ENDORSEMENT OF NONINSTITUTIONAL ATHLETICS EVENTS INVOLVING PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES</p>	<p>To specify that an athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes and may not endorse or promote such an event in any way, including permitting the use of his or her name, picture or quotations.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p> <p>Prefer Proposal No. 2010-15-B instead of Proposal No. 2010-15-A.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-15-A rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-15-B.</p>

<p>2010-16-C Page No. 31</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS -- BASKETBALL -- LIMIT OF TWO</p>	<p>In basketball, to specify that there shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members (two for men's basketball and two for women's basketball) whose duties include support of the basketball program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to basketball, but who do not directly support the basketball program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.</p>	<p>The Legislative Council sponsored alternative Proposal No. 2010-16-C at its October meeting.</p> <p>The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-16-C renders Proposal Nos. 2010-16-A and 2010-16-B moot.</p>
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<p>2010-16-A Page No. 27</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- BASKETBALL -- LIMIT OF TWO</p>	<p>In basketball, to specify that there shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members (two in men's basketball and two in women's basketball) whose responsibilities are specific to basketball and who work directly for the basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the men's or women's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Expressed concern as to whether the proposal as written can effectively address the identified concerns related to the proliferation of noncoaching sport-specific personnel, inasmuch as there are inherent difficulties in managing, enforcing and interpreting the legislation.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-16-A renders Proposal No. 2010-16-B moot as it relates to the limit of noncoaching staff members, but not to the exemption of video coordinators from the application of the numerical limits.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-16-A rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-16-C.</p>
<p>2010-16-B Page No. 29</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- BASKETBALL -- LIMIT OF ONE</p>	<p>In basketball, to specify that there shall be a limit of one noncoaching staff member (one in men's basketball and one in women's basketball) whose responsibilities are specific to basketball and who works directly for the basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the men's or women's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Expressed competitive equity concerns resulting from the absence of any limitations on the number of video coordinators who may be employed.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-16-B rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-16-C and moot as it relates to the limits of noncoaching staff members by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-16- A.</p>

<p>2010-17 Page No. 33</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF COACHES -- FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION - FOUR GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACHES</p>	<p>In bowl subdivision football, to increase, from two to four, the limit on graduate assistant coaches.</p>	<p>No position.  Noted that support, or lack thereof, may be contingent on the subdivision vote related to noncoaching staff members.</p>
<p>2010-18-C Page No. 36</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS -- LIMIT OF SIX</p>	<p>In bowl subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of six noncoaching staff members whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.</p>	<p>The Legislative Council sponsored alternative Proposal No. 2010-18-C at its October meeting.  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-18-C renders Proposal Nos. 2010-18-A and 2010-18-B moot.</p>

<p>2010-18-A Page No. 34</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES --BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- LIMIT OF SIX</p>	<p>In bowl subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of six noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Expressed concern as to whether the proposal as written can effectively address the identified concerns related to the proliferation of noncoaching sport-specific personnel, inasmuch as there are inherent difficulties in managing, enforcing and interpreting the legislation.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-18-A renders Proposal No. 2010-18-B moot as it relates to the limit of noncoaching staff members, but not to the exemption of video coordinators from the application of the numerical limits.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-18-A rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-18-C.</p>
<p>2010-18-B Page No. 35</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES --BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- LIMIT OF FIVE</p>	<p>In bowl subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of five noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to bowl subdivision football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Expressed competitive equity concerns resulting from the absence of any limitations on the number of video coordinators who may be employed.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-18-B rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-18-C and moot as it relates to the limits of noncoaching staff members by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-18- A.</p>

<p>2010-19 Page No. 38</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION -- WEIGHT OR STRENGTH COACH -- LIMIT OF FIVE</p>	<p>In bowl subdivision football, to specify that not more than five weight or strength coaches are permitted to work with a football program in any capacity, including all workouts (required or voluntary), practices and game-related activities.</p>	<p>No position.  Expressed some concern as to whether sufficient data exists to support the proposed numerical limitation.</p>
<p>2010-20-C Page No. 42</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS -- LIMIT OF FOUR</p>	<p>In championship subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of four noncoaching staff members whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.</p>	<p>The Legislative Council sponsored alternative Proposal No. 2010-20-C at its October meeting.  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-20-C renders Proposal Nos. 2010-20-A and 2010-20-B moot.</p>



<p>2010-20-A Page No. 39</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- LIMIT OF FOUR</p>	<p>In championship subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of four noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further to specify that clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Expressed concern as to whether the proposal as written can effectively address the identified concerns related to the proliferation of noncoaching sport-specific personnel, inasmuch as there are inherent difficulties in managing, enforcing and interpreting the legislation.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-20-A renders Proposal No. 2010-20-B moot as it relates to the limit of noncoaching staff members, but not to the exemption of video coordinators from the application of the numerical limits.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-20-A rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-20-C.</p>
<p>2010-20-B Page No. 41</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- LIMIT OF THREE</p>	<p>In championship subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of three noncoaching staff members whose responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the football program are exempt from the application of this limitation.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Expressed competitive equity concerns resulting from the absence of any limitations on the number of video coordinators who may be employed.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-20-B rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-20-C and moot as it relates to the limits of noncoaching staff members by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-20-A.</p>

<p>2010-21 Page No. 43</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS AT ANY ONE TIME - EXCEPTION -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL -- JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST</p>	<p>In sports other than basketball, to specify that during June, July and August, a coach replaced for the purpose of off-campus recruiting activities is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than the permissible number of off-campus recruiters in the particular sport engage in recruiting activities each day.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.  Prefer Proposal No. 2010-21 instead of Proposal No. 2010-22 as it relates to all sports (other than basketball).  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-21 renders Proposals No. 2010-22 moot.</p>
<p>2010-22 Page No. 45</p>	<p>PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS AT ANY ONE TIME - EXCEPTION -- BASEBALL -- JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST</p>	<p>In baseball, to specify that during June, July and August, a coach replaced for the purpose of off-campus recruiting activities is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than two coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.  Prefer Proposal No. 2010-21 instead of Proposal No. 2010-22 as it relates to all sports (other than basketball).  Proposal No. 2010-22 rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-21.</p>

D. Amateurism.

<p>2010-24 Page No. 46</p>	<p>AMATEURISM -- INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS -- PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL DRAFT -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- MEN'S BASKETBALL</p>	<p>In men's basketball, to specify that the date by which a student-athlete must request that his name be removed from a professional league's draft list in order to retain his eligibility shall be the day before the first day of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period for the applicable year.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted the current rule (May 8 withdrawal date) has only been in effect for one year.</li> <li>• Noted that the earlier date will provide greater opportunity for coaches to address roster issues, but expressed concern as to whether student-athletes would have adequate time to gather sufficient information related to their draft status.</li> <li>• Expressed concern that the earlier date may create unnecessary distractions at the end of the student-athlete's regular season.</li> <li>• Noted that the proposal's withdrawal date precedes the National Basketball Association's (NBA) application deadline so some student-athletes may not have declared for the NBA as of the day before the first day of the spring National Letter of Intent signing date.</li> </ul>
<p>2010-25 Page No. 47</p>	<p>AMATEURISM AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- USE OF AGENTS -- BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES -- CAREER COUNSELING AND INTERNSHIP/JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES</p>	<p>To permit a student-athlete to use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed concern regarding additional monitoring associated with internship/job placement exclusively for student-athletes and potential involvement of third parties (e.g., agents).</li> <li>• Noted that sufficient opportunities exist to use services available to the general student body.</li> </ul>

2010-26 Page No. 49	AMATEURISM -- PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES -- USE OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S NAME OR LIKENESS	To revise the regulations related to use of a student-athlete's name or likeness for promotions, advertisements and media activities, as specified.	No position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acknowledged the work of the NCAA Task Force on Commercial Activity in Division I Intercollegiate Athletics and their goal to help achieve balance with regard to commercial activities and the use of student-athlete's names or likenesses.</li><li>• Noted the importance of the student-athlete's consent related to the use of his/her name/likeness by commercial entities, but some expressed concern as to whether the proposal sufficiently protects student-athletes from commercial exploitation.</li></ul>
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E. Recruiting

<p>2009-39 Page No. 55</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS -- EVALUATION DAYS -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL</p>	<p>To specify that (a) an institution that sponsors only women's sand volleyball is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31); (b) an institution that sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball is limited to 80 evaluation days for women's volleyball and 20 additional evaluation days specific to sand volleyball competition only (no evaluations of practice or other athletics activities, no academic evaluations); (c) if an institution sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball, a coach's involvement outside a volleyball contact or evaluation period with a local sports club (volleyball or sand volleyball) per Bylaw 13.11.2.3 shall count toward the limit; and (d) women's sand volleyball shall be subject to the women's volleyball recruiting calendar.</p>	<p>Preliminary Support.</p>
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<p>2009-100-B Page No. 59</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- NONSCHOLASTIC PRACTICE OR COMPETITION AND NONINSTITUTIONAL CAMPS OR CLINICS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- EXCEPTION FOR LONGSTANDING EVENTS</p>	<p>In men's basketball, to specify that an institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs; further, to specify that the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospect-aged participants shall be limited to the months of June, July and August and that an institution may host basketball-related events that are part of state-sponsored multisport events and longstanding contests or events, as specified.</p>	<p>The adoption of Proposal No. 2009-100-B renders Proposal No. 2009-100-A moot.</p>
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<p>2009-100-A  Page No. 57</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- NONSCHOLASTIC PRACTICE OR COMPETITION AND NONINSTITUTIONAL CAMPS OR CLINICS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL</p>	<p>In men's basketball, to specify that an institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs; further, to specify that an institution may host basketball-related events that are part of state-sponsored multisport events and that the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospect-aged participants shall be limited to the months of June, July and August.</p>	<p>The Board of Directors modified Proposal No. 2009-100-A consistent with the feedback provided by the Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2009-100-A rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2009-100-B.</p>
<p>2010-27  Page No. 61</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE CALLS -- TIME PERIOD FOR OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE CALLS</p>	<p>To permit off-campus recruiting contacts with and telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) on or after July 1 following completion of his or her junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>



<p>2010-28 Page No. 62</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- HEAD COACH RESTRICTIONS -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON ASSISTANT COACH PUBLICLY DESIGNATED AS NEXT HEAD COACH</p>	<p>In bowl subdivision football, to eliminate the restriction that specifies that an institution's assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach shall be subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach.</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-28 renders Proposal No. 2010-29 moot.</p>
<p>2010-29 Page No. 64</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- HEAD COACH RESTRICTIONS -- ASSISTANT COACH PUBLICLY DESIGNATED AS NEXT HEAD COACH -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- APPLICATION TO PRIOR DESIGNATIONS</p>	<p>In bowl subdivision football, to specify that an assistant coach who was publicly designated before August 14, 2009, by the institution to become its next head coach is not subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach.</p>	<p>No position.  Noted the affected institutions were provided a one-year grace period to address any potential issues related to the reassignment of the assistant coach's responsibilities.  Proposal No. 2010-29 rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-28.</p>

<p>2010-30 Page No. 65</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- TIME PERIOD FOR TELEPHONE CALLS -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL</p>	<p>In sports other than football, to specify that an institution may make one telephone call per month to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school through July 31 after the individual's junior year in high school, two telephone calls per week beginning August 1 prior to the individual's senior year in high school, and one telephone call per week to a two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians); further, in sports other than football for which a defined recruiting calendar applies, to specify that during a contact period that occurs on or after August 1 before an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
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<p>2010-31 Page No. 69</p>	<p>RECRUITING AND PERSONNEL --  RECRUITING COORDINATION  FUNCTIONS -- CONTACTS,  TELEPHONE CALLS AND  RECRUITING MATERIALS --  EXCEPTIONS --  COMMUNICATION AFTER  COMMITMENT</p>	<p>To specify that the restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) shall no longer apply beginning the calendar day after: (1) the prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or, for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), a signed acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement; or (2) the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Some expressed concern regarding the impact of differences in institutional admissions standards and potential pressure placed on a prospect to pay the financial deposit.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-31 renders Proposal No. 2010-32 moot as it relates to the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members in the following situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A prospect who signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI);</li> <li>(2) For those institutions not using the NLI in a the prospect's sport, a prospect who has signed a written offer of admission and/or financial aid; and</li> <li>(3) A prospect who has provided a financial deposit to an institution in response to the institution's offer of admission.</li> </ol> <p>Proposal No. 2010-31 does not render Proposal No. 2010-32 moot as it relates to telephone calls and all forms of electronically transmitted correspondence to a prospect whose only commitment is the acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid from an institution that uses the NLI in the prospect's sport.</p> <p>Note: The Legislative Council may wish to consider sponsoring an amendment to Proposal No. 2010-31 to specify that the restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members shall not apply beginning the calendar day after the prospect signs a written offer of admission and/or financial aid [regardless of whether the institution uses an NLI in the prospect's sport]. Such an amendment, if adopted, would render the remainder of Proposal No. 2010-32 moot.</p>
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<p>2010-32  Page No.  77</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS AND ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- AFTER WRITTEN COMMITMENT OR RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL DEPOSIT -- ON OR AFTER SECOND WEDNESDAY OF NOVEMBER</p>	<p>To specify that on or after the second Wednesday of November of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by an institution to the prospective student-athlete and there shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent by an institution to the prospective student-athlete, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Some expressed concern regarding the impact of differences in institutional admissions standards and potential pressure placed on a prospect to pay the financial deposit.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-32 is rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-31 as it relates to the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members in the following situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A prospect who signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI);</li> <li>(2) For those institutions not using the NLI in a the prospect's sport, a prospect who has signed a written offer of admission and/or financial aid; and</li> <li>(3) A prospect who has provided a financial deposit to an institution in response to the institution's offer of admission.</li> </ol> <p>Proposal No. 2010-32 is not rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-31 moot as it relates to telephone calls and all forms of electronically transmitted correspondence to a prospect whose only commitment is the acceptance of a written offer of admission and/or financial aid from an institution that uses the NLI in the prospect's sport.</p> <p>Note: The Legislative Council may wish to consider sponsoring an amendment to Proposal No. 2010-31 to specify that the restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members shall not apply beginning the calendar day after the prospect signs a written offer of admission and/or financial aid (regardless of whether the institution uses an NLI in the prospect's sport). Such an amendment, if adopted, would render the remainder of Proposal No. 2010-32 moot.</p>
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<p>2010-33 Page No. 78</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- SEVEN OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p>In women's basketball, to increase, from five to seven, the number of recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations).</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-34 Page No. 79</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS -- CERTIFIED NONSCHOLASTIC EVENTS DURING APRIL CONTACT PERIOD</p>	<p>In men's basketball, to specify that a coaching staff member may evaluate prospective student-athletes at certified nonscholastic events on Saturdays and Sundays during the April contact period.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted the Collegiate Commissioners Association plans to request that the Board of Directors sponsor a proposal eliminating the summer evaluation period.</li> <li>• Noted that there may be merit in conducting a more comprehensive review of the men's basketball recruiting calendar.</li> </ul> <p>The sponsors have indicated their intent to request the Legislative Council to refer Proposal No. 2010-34 to the Leadership Council as part of its review of the men's basketball recruiting model.</p>

<p>2010-35  Page No. 82</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- NONSCHOLASTIC EVALUATIONS DURING ACADEMIC YEAR -- NATIONAL STANDARDIZED TESTING WEEKENDS</p>	<p>In women's basketball, to specify that evaluations at nonscholastic events during the academic year evaluation period shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered; further, to specify that if such a test is administered on a date that conflicts with the fall nonscholastic evaluation weekend, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall/winter evaluation period; and that if such a test is administered on a date that conflicts with the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend, the five day evaluation period in April shall shift to the second Friday following the initial date of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period through the following Tuesday.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-37  Page No. 86</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL EVALUATIONS -- SCHOLASTIC AND NONSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES -- OTHER EVALUATION EVENTS ORGANIZED OR SANCTIONED SCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL</p>	<p>In championship subdivision football, to specify that an institutional staff member may attend a recruiting event in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available, provided the event is organized or sanctioned by the applicable state high school athletics association, state preparatory school association or state or national junior college athletics association.</p>	<p>FCS only.  Preliminary support.  Prefer Proposal No. 2010-37 instead of Proposal No. 2010-36 as it includes appropriate oversight by a scholastic entity.  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-37 renders Proposal No. 2010-36 moot.</p>

<p>2010-36  Page No. 85</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL EVALUATIONS -- SCHOLASTIC AND NONSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES -- OTHER EVALUATION EVENTS -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL</p>	<p>In championship subdivision football, to specify that an institutional staff member may attend a recruiting event in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine videos) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available.</p>	<p>FCS only.  Preliminary support.  Prefer Proposal No. 2010-37 instead of Proposal No. 2010-36 as it includes appropriate oversight by a scholastic entity.  Proposal No. 2010-36 rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-37.</p>
<p>2010-39  Page No. 91</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- MEDIA GUIDES AND VIDEO/AUDIO MATERIALS - - METHODS OF DELIVERY TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES</p>	<p>To specify that an institution may only provide a media guide and permissible video or audio material to a prospective student-athlete via an electronic mail attachment or hyperlink.</p>	<p>The sponsors modified Proposal No. 2010-39 after the conclusion of the Legislative Council's October meeting.  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-39 renders Proposal Nos. 2010-38-A and 2010-38-B moot.</p>
<p>2010-38-B  Page No. 89</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ATHLETICS PUBLICATIONS -- MEDIA GUIDES TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES VIA E-MAIL</p>	<p>To specify that an institution may only provide a media guide to a prospective student-athlete via an electronic mail attachment or hyperlink.</p>	<p>Proposal No. 2010-38-B rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No.2010-39.  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-38-B renders Proposal No. 2010-38-A moot.</p>
<p>2010-38-A  Page No. 87</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ATHLETICS PUBLICATIONS -- NO MEDIA GUIDES TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES VIA DIGITAL STORAGE DEVICE OR E-MAIL</p>	<p>To prohibit an institution from providing a media guide to a prospective student-athlete via digital media storage device or as an attachment to electronic mail.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.  Proposal No. 2010-38-A rendered moot by the adoption of either Proposal Nos. 2010-38-B or 2010-39.</p>



<p>2010-40 Page No. 93</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- LIMITATIONS ON OFFICIAL VISITS -- NO VISIT AFTER NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT OR OTHER WRITTEN COMMITMENT</p>	<p>To specify that after signing a National Letter of Intent, a prospective student-athlete shall not make an official visit to the institution with which he or she has signed; further, to specify that for an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), the prospective student-athlete shall not make an official visit to the institution after he or she has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.</p> <p>Noted that an official visit even after the prospect has committed to the institution can be valuable in assisting a prospect with the adjustment to college life. Some prospects (e.g. international prospects) commit to an institution prior to making any visit.</p>
<p>2010-41-B Page No. 95</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL (NONPAID) VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS -- GENERAL RESTRICTIONS -- FIVE COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS</p>	<p>To specify that an institution may provide up to five complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete to attend a home athletics event during an unofficial visit.</p>	<p>Proposal No. 2010-41-B renders Proposal No. 2010-41-A moot.</p>
<p>2010-41-A Page No. 94</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL (NONPAID) VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS -- GENERAL RESTRICTIONS -- NONTRADITIONAL FAMILY</p>	<p>To specify that if a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), an institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the parents accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event during an unofficial visit.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Engaged in some discussion about eliminating references to nontraditional family and establishing a set number of complimentary admissions (i.e., five), however expressed concern regarding potential pressure to accommodate the prospect and those accompanying the prospect on a regular basis.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-41-A rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-41-B.</p>

<p>2010-42 Page No. 96</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- REQUIREMENTS FOR VERBAL OFFER OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID</p>	<p>To specify that an institution shall not make a verbal offer of athletically related financial aid to an individual, directly or indirectly, before July 1 following his or her junior year in high school; further, to specify that an institution must have a high school transcript (official or unofficial) on file that includes the results of the individual's first five semesters or seven quarters of high school enrollment before extending a verbal offer of financial aid.</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.</p> <p>Noted the concerns regarding the practice of extending early verbal offers of athletically related financial aid, but expressed concern regarding difficulties in monitoring/enforcing such legislation.</p> <p>Some expressed concern that the proposed date may have the unintended consequence of increasing the nonscholastic influences in the recruiting process.</p>
<p>2010-43 Page No. 98</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES -- COMPETITION AGAINST PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- SERVICE ACADEMY EXCEPTION</p>	<p>In bowl subdivision football, to specify that a national service academy's subvarsity team may compete against a two-year college team, a high school team or a preparatory school team, provided no payment or other inducement (e.g., guarantee) is provided to such a team and no recruiting activities occur with members of such a team in conjunction with the competition.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-44 Page No. 100</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- TRYOUT EVENTS -- PROHIBITION ON HOSTING, SPONSORING OR CONDUCTING NONINSTITUTIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS -- FOOTBALL</p>	<p>In football, to specify that an institution or conference shall not host, sponsor or conduct a noninstitutional camp, clinic, group workout or combine event, at any location, that provides instruction to prospective student-athletes.</p>	<p>Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) – no position.</p> <p>Noted potential competitive equity issues, but also expressed concerns regarding unintended consequences of limiting access to instructional opportunities for football prospects based on limited availability of adequate facilities.</p> <p>FCS – preliminary opposition.</p>

<p>2010-45 Page No. 101</p>	<p>RECRUITING AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TRYOUT EXCEPTIONS AND OUT-OF-SEASON RESTRICTIONS -- RECOGNIZED TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</p>	<p>To specify that in order for an athletics department staff member or coach to participate in state, regional, national and international training programs involving prospective student-athletes, the staff member must be selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution; further, to specify that Olympic and national team development programs may involve a coach and current student-athletes from the same institution, provided (in addition to existing criteria) a committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants and the national governing body funds the program.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-46 Page No. 109</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- TRYOUT EXCEPTIONS -- HIGH SCHOOL, PREPARATORY-SCHOOL AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGE CONTESTS -- CONDUCTED BY INSTITUTION OR SPONSORED WITH AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>To revise the requirements by which a high school, preparatory school or two-year college athletics contest or match, conducted by a member institution or sponsored jointly with an outside organization and held on the campus of a member institution, shall not be considered a tryout, as specified.</p>	<p>No position.  Noted that the current criteria (the event appears on the prospects' schedule, the event must be approved prior to the season) are not realistic in today's environment.</p>

2010-47 Page No. 111	RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- VIDEO-ONLY SERVICES	To specify that an institution is permitted to use or subscribe to a video service that only provides video of prospective student-athletes and does not provide information about or analysis of prospective student-athletes, subject to the criteria that permits an institution to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service, except that the video-only service is not required to disseminate information about prospective student-athletes at least four times a year and is not required to provide individual analysis for each prospective student-athlete in the information it disseminates.	Preliminary support.
2010-48 Page No. 113	RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- LIST OF PERMISSIBLE RECRUITING SERVICES -- MEN'S BASKETBALL	In men's basketball, to specify that the NCAA national office shall publish a list, on a quarterly basis, of men's basketball recruiting or scouting services deemed to meet the required standards for subscription.	Preliminary support.

<p>2010-49 Page No. 114</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- APRIL CONTACT PERIOD</p>	<p>In men's basketball, to revise the recruiting calendar by extending the contact period in April by nine days, but designating the weekends in April after the Division I Men's Basketball Championship as quiet periods.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted the potential conflict in adopting both Proposal No. 2010-34 and Proposal No. 2010-49.</li> <li>• Noted the Collegiate Commissioners Association plans to request that the Board of Directors sponsor a proposal eliminating the summer evaluation period.</li> <li>• Noted that there may be merit in conducting a more comprehensive review of the men's basketball recruiting calendar.</li> </ul> <p>The sponsors have indicated their intent to request the Legislative Council to refer Proposal No. 2010-49 to the Leadership Council as part of its review of the men's basketball recruiting model.</p>
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F. Eligibility.

<p>2010-51-A Page No. 116</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION -- NONTRADITIONAL COURSES</p>	<p>To specify that enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided specified conditions are met.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p> <p>Agreed that a student-athlete should be provided similar access to nontraditional courses as all students at his/her institution, but also noted the value of campus integration associated with the traditional classroom environment.</p> <p>The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-51-A renders Proposal No. 2010-51-B moot.</p>
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<p>2010-51-B  Page No. 118</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION -- NONTRADITIONAL COURSES -- UP TO 50 PERCENT OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENT</p>	<p>To specify that enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy up to 50 percent of the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided specified conditions are met.</p>	<p>The Legislative Council sponsored alternative Proposal No. 2010-51-B at its October meeting.  Proposal No. 2010-51-B rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-51-A.</p>
<p>2010-52  Page No. 119</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY -- NONRENEWAL OF ATHLETICS AID AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION -- BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL AND MEN'S ICE HOCKEY</p>	<p>In baseball, basketball, football and men's ice hockey, to permit a student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student-athlete meets the conditions of the one-time transfer exception (other than the sport restrictions), has at least one season of competition remaining and the student-athlete's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.</p>	<p>FBS - preliminary support.  FCS - preliminary Support.  All other Division I (applicable to baseball, basketball, ice hockey) - preliminary support.</p>

<p>2010-53  Page No. 121</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: FIVE YEAR RULE - - DELAYED ENROLLMENT -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION -- SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S ICE HOCKEY AND SKIING -- EXCEPTION -- NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION</p>	<p>In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, to exempt a prospective student-athlete's participation in organized national/international competition from the application of the delayed enrollment, seasons of competition legislation for a maximum of one year after his or her first opportunity to enroll following the one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, as specified.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-54  Page No. 123</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: FIVE-YEAR RULE -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- FIRST HALF OF PLAYING SEASON CALCULATION -- TENNIS</p>	<p>In tennis, to specify that the first half of the season calculation is based on the number of days in the season that concludes with the NCAA championship, as declared by the institution, between the first date of competition used by any individual on the team after the conclusion of the institution's fall term and the last date of competition used by any individual on the team at the end of the declared playing season.</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.</p>
<p>2010-55  Page No. 125</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- INITIAL ELIGIBILITY -- COMMON PROVISIONS -- DIVISION I AND DIVISION II</p>	<p>To change the voting line for bylaws related to initial eligibility from federated to common for Division I and Division II, as specified.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>



<p>2010-56 Page No. 128</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- CORE-CURRICULUM TIME LIMITATION -- LEAVING EXAMINATIONS</p>	<p>To specify that the eligibility of an international prospective student-athlete whose prescribed educational path culminates with a leaving examination shall be determined based on the leaving examination, regardless of a delay in graduation or completion of the leaving examination.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-57 Page No. 129</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- PARTICIPATION PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION -- RECRUITED STUDENT-ATHLETE -- 21-DAY PERIOD</p>	<p>To increase the temporary certification period for a recruited student-athlete from 14 days to 21 days.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-58-B Page No. 137</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- SIX HOURS REQUIREMENT FOR INCOMING STUDENT-ATHLETES</p>	<p>In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified.</p>	<p>The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-58-B renders Proposal No. 2010-58-A moot and Proposal No. 2010-58-C moot as it relates to the minimum credit-hour requirement for an incoming men's basketball student-athlete.</p>

<p>2010-58-A  Page No. 131</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL</p>	<p>In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledged the work of the Basketball Academic Enhancement Group in developing a summer academic preparation model and college acclimatization model in an effort to improve the academic performance of men's basketball student-athletes.</li> <li>• Some expressed concern that the institutional assessment may result in a de facto conclusion in order to gain access to the summer athletics development activities.</li> <li>• Some expressed concern regarding potential costs associated with such an initiative.</li> </ul> <p>Proposal No. 2010-58-A rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-58-B.</p>
<p>2010-58-C  Page No. 141</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- NATIONAL SERVICE ACADEMY EXCEPTION</p>	<p>In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified, including exceptions for national service academies.</p>	<p>Proposal No. 2010-58-C rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-58-B as it relates to the minimum credit-hour requirement for an incoming men's basketball student-athlete.</p>

<p>2010-59-B Page No. 149</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS -- FALL TERM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE COMPETITION -- POTENTIAL TO REGAIN FULL ELIGIBILITY -- FOOTBALL</p>	<p>In football, to specify that a student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season; further, to specify that the student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.</p>	<p>FCS – preliminary opposition. FBS- no position. The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-59-B renders Proposal Nos. 2010-59-A and 2010-59-C moot.</p>
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<p>2010-59-C  Page No. 150</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS -- FALL TERM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE COMPETITION -- ONE-TIME EXCEPTION TO REGAIN FULL ELIGIBILITY -- FOOTBALL</p>	<p>In football, to specify that a student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season; further, to specify that the student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term; finally, to specify that one time during a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, a student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.</p>	<p>FCS – preliminary opposition.  FBS- no position.  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-59-C rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-59-B.  Proposal No. 201-59-C renders Proposal No. 2010-59-A moot.</p>
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<p>2010-59-A  Page No. 147</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS -- FALL TERM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE COMPETITION -- POTENTIAL TO REGAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR TWO CONTESTS -- FOOTBALL</p>	<p>In football, to specify that a student-athlete who does not successfully complete nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season; further, to specify that the student-athlete may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term.</p>	<p>FCS – preliminary support.  FBS – no position.  Acknowledged the work of the Football Academic Working Group in developing the proposal to improve the academic performance of football student-athletes.  Proposal No. 2010-59-A rendered moot by the adoption of either Proposal Nos. 2010-59-B or 2010-59-C.</p>
<p>2010-60  Page No. 152</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE -- NONTRADITIONAL COURSES</p>	<p>To specify that nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the certifying institution, may be used to meet credit-hour and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided specified conditions are met.</p>	<p>No position.  Agreed that a student-athlete should be provided similar access to nontraditional courses as all students at his/her institution, but also noted the value of campus integration associated with the traditional classroom environment.</p>

G. Financial Aid.

<p>2009-70-A Page No. 154</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL -- MULTISPORT PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>In women's sand volleyball, to establish the maximum equivalency and counter limitations, as specified; further, to specify that a student-athlete who was a counter in women's sand volleyball during her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participates (practices or competes) in women's volleyball during her second year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be a counter in women's volleyball for her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Noted that the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund currently is used to provide financial aid for summer school.</p> <p>The adoption of Proposal No. 2009-70-A renders Proposal No. 2009-70-B moot.</p>
<p>2009-70-B Page No. 156</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL</p>	<p>In women's sand volleyball, to establish the maximum equivalency and counter limitations, as specified.</p>	<p>The Legislative Council sponsored alternative Proposal No. 2009-70-B at its October meeting.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2009-70-B rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-70-A.</p>
<p>2010-61 Page No. 157</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- GENERAL PRINCIPLES -- ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID - EXCEPTION -- PART TIME ENROLLMENT AFTER EXHAUSTED ELIGIBILITY</p>	<p>To specify that an institution may provide financial aid to a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in his or her sport and is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student-athlete is carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete degree requirements, or the student-athlete is carrying for credit all the degree-applicable courses necessary to complete his or her degree requirements that are offered by the institution during that term.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

<p>2010-62 Page No. 159</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- FEDERAL NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID</p>	<p>To specify that federal government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need are considered exempted institutional financial aid and are not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-63 Page No. 160</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- STATE NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID</p>	<p>To specify that state government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously-determined recipient is not included in determining the institution's financial aid limitations, provided the aid is administered in accordance with the federal methodology for determining a student's financial need and has no relationship to athletics ability; however, such aid is not exempt in determining a student-athlete's counter status for purposes of applying the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>



<p>2010-64 Page No. 161</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- STATE MERIT-BASED FINANCIAL AID</p>	<p>To specify that state government merit-based grants are considered exempted institutional financial aid and are not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously-determined recipient, provided the aid is awarded consistent with the criteria of the legislative requirements of an academic honor award or institutional academic scholarship and has no relationship to athletics ability; however, such aid is not exempt in determining a student-athlete's counter status for purposes of applying the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-65 Page No. 163</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- RECRUITED STUDENT-ATHLETE</p>	<p>To establish a definition of "recruited student-athlete" for purposes of Bylaw 15, as specified.</p>	<p>FBS - preliminary support. FCS - preliminary support. All other Division I sports - preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-66 Page No. 168</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- TRAINING-TABLE MEALS -- ONE MEAL PER DAY -- STUDENT-ATHLETES NOT RECEIVING FULL BOARD</p>	<p>To permit an institution to provide one training-table meal per day to a student-athlete who does not receive athletically related institutional financial aid that covers the full cost of board; further, to specify that the provision of the one training-table meal per day to such a student-athlete shall not be considered financial aid.</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.</p>

<p>2010-67 Page No. 169</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- GOVERNMENT GRANTS -- EXEMPTED GOVERNMENT GRANTS -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- POST-9/11 G.I. BILL</p>	<p>To exempt benefits received by student-athletes under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, including payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program, from counting toward a student-athlete's individual limit; further, to specify that matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program are not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-68 Page No. 171</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- ELEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AID -- FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES -- UNRELATED TO ATHLETIC ABILITY -- ESTABLISHED FAMILY FRIEND</p>	<p>To specify that a student-athlete may receive financial aid from an established family friend, provided specified conditions are met.</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.</p>
<p>2010-69-A Page No. 173</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES -- FINANCIAL AID FROM AN ESTABLISHED AND CONTINUING PROGRAM</p>	<p>To specify that a student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided: (a) the recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid; (b) there is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution; and (c) if the total value of the aid received by the student-athlete exceeds ten percent of the value of the institution's full grant-in-aid, documentation of the aid received by the student-athlete must be kept on file with the institution's conference office.</p>	<p>No position.  The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-69-A renders Proposal No. 2010-69-B moot.</p>

<p>2010-69-B Page No. 177</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES -- FINANCIAL AID FROM AN ESTABLISHED AND CONTINUING PROGRAM -- NO DOCUMENTATION TO CONFERENCE REQUIRED</p>	<p>To specify that a student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided the recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid and there is not direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution.</p>	<p>The Legislative Council sponsored alternative Proposal No. 2010-69-B at its October meeting.  Proposal No. 2010-69-B rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-69-A.</p>
<p>2010-70 Page No. 181</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- SUMMER FINANCIAL AID -- ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES -- EXCEPTION FOR FIRST-TIME RECIPIENT IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR</p>	<p>To specify that a student-athlete who has not received athletically related aid from the certifying institution during a previous academic year may receive athletically related financial aid to attend the institution's summer term or summer school, provided the student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following academic year and the aid is awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid the student will receive for the following academic year.</p>	<p>No position.  Noted that the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund currently is used to provide financial aid for summer school.</p>
<p>2010-71 Page No. 183</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- PERIOD OF INSTITUTIONAL AWARD -- ONE-YEAR PERIOD -- EXCEPTIONS -- GRADUATED DURING PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR AND WILL EXHAUST ELIGIBILITY DURING THE FOLLOWING FALL TERM</p>	<p>To specify that a student-athlete who graduated during the previous academic year (including summer) and will exhaust his or her athletics eligibility during the following fall term may be awarded athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

<p>2010-72 Page No. 184</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDING INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID - REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION PERMITTED -- RELEASE OF OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID</p>	<p>To specify that before becoming a counter for an academic year, if a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics that is of equal or greater value than his or her signed award of athletically related financial aid, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may, on his or her initiative, release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletically related financial aid.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that institutions currently can structure financial aid agreements to permit the replacement of athletically related aid with non-athletics aid.</li> <li>• Expressed concern regarding the requirement that the prospect or student-athlete, "on his or her initiative" may release the institution of its obligation to provide athletically related aid and sought additional input from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on that issue.</li> <li>• Noted that a prospect's National Letter of Intent will become void if he/she no longer will be receiving any athletically related financial aid.</li> </ul>
<p>2010-73 Page No. 185</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- COUNTERS AND EQUIVALENCY COMPUTATIONS -- REQUIRED GRADE-POINT AVERAGE TO QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTIONS OF COUNTER STATUS AND COUNTABLE INSTITUTIONAL AID -- REDUCTION FROM 3.300 TO 3.000</p>	<p>To reduce the necessary cumulative transferable grade-point to exempt institutional financial aid awarded to transfer student-athletes (and the grade-point average at the certifying institution for renewals) and institutional academic scholarships based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution from team limits from 3.300 to 3.000; further, in football and basketball, to reduce the necessary cumulative grade-point average at the certifying institution to meet the "institutional academic aid only" exception to counter status from 3.300 to 3.000.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

<p>2010-74 Page No. 188</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- EXECUTED FINANCIAL AID AWARDS AND WRITTEN OFFERS EXCEEDING MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AWARDS -- BASEBALL</p>	<p>In baseball, to specify that for an ensuing academic year, the combination of executed athletically related financial aid awards and outstanding written offers of athletically related financial aid to prospective student-athletes and student-athletes shall not exceed the maximum number of permissible awards by more than one equivalency; further, to specify that the overage may be divided among not more than two individuals (student-athletes or prospective student-athletes).</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.</p>
<p>2010-75 Page No. 189</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- EQUIVALENCY COMPUTATIONS - CALCULATION OF BOOKS</p>	<p>To increase the financial aid equivalency figure for calculation purposes for books from \$400 to \$800; further, to specify that if a student-athlete receives any portion of a book allowance, \$800 shall be used in the numerator and denominator of the equivalency calculation.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that the proposal could result in an increase or decrease in a student-athlete's equivalency value depending on the element of financial aid being awarded to the student-athlete.</li> <li>• Discussed, but took no action, to delay the effective date.</li> </ul>
<p>2010-76 Page No. 191</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</p>	<p>In women's basketball, to reduce the annual limit on the number of counters at each institution from 15 to 13.</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.</p>
<p>2010-77 Page No. 192</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATION -- FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION DOMINANT PROVISIONS</p>	<p>To change the voting line of NCAA Bylaw 15.5.6.2 from federated (FCS) to Football Championship Subdivision dominant (FCSD) and to change the voting line of Bylaw 20.9.8 and its subsections from federated (FCS) to Football Championship Subdivision (FCSD).</p>	<p>FCS only.</p> <p>Preliminary support.</p> <p>Proposal No. 2010-77 rendered moot by the defeat of Proposal No. 2010-11.</p>

<p>2010-78 Page No. 194</p>	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS -- FOOTBALL LIMITATIONS -- INITIAL COUNTERS -- MIDYEAR REPLACEMENT -- OPTION TO COUNT IN INITIAL YEAR OF AWARD</p>	<p>In football, to specify that an initial counter who replaces a midyear graduate may be counted against the initial limit for the year in which the aid is awarded (if the institution's annual limit has not been reached) or for the following academic year.</p>	<p>FBS - preliminary support. FCS - preliminary support.</p>
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H. Awards, Benefits and Expenses.

<p>2010-79 Page No. 196</p>	<p>AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS TO INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS BANQUETS -- ONE-TIME EXCEPTION -- PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS</p>	<p>To specify that, on one occasion during the final academic year of a student-athlete's athletics eligibility, an institution may provide complimentary admissions for the student-athlete's parents or legal guardians to attend an institutional awards banquet at which the student-athlete is being honored.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-80 Page No. 197</p>	<p>AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE -- SWIMMING AND DIVING -- EXCEPTION FOR PLATFORM DIVING</p>	<p>In swimming and diving, to specify that if an institution does not have access to a diving platform within the mileage limitations of Bylaw 16.8.1.1, the institution may provide expenses for diving practice sessions at the closest available site that includes a diving platform.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

<p>2010-82-A Page No. 198</p>	<p>AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- TRAVEL TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EMERGING SPORTS AND POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES DURING VACATION PERIOD -- EXCEPTIONS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES</p>	<p>To specify that if an student-athlete does not use team travel to NCAA championships, NGB championships in emerging sports and postseason bowl games during a vacation period, the institution may only provide actual and necessary transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from: campus to the event site and back to campus; campus to the event site and then to the student-athlete's home; the student-athlete's home to the event site and back home; or the student-athlete's home to the event site and then to campus; further, to specify that reimbursement for automobile mileage shall not exceed the rate provided to institutional staff members and shall be limited to not more than 400 miles one-way; finally, to increase, from \$20 to \$55, the amount of money that an institution may provide to each member of the squad to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for such events.</p>	<p>Preliminary support for subparagraph-a.</p> <p>No position on subparagraph-b.</p> <p>Expressed concern regarding the purpose for the increase in the incidental expenses in subparagraph-b and how such an amount was established.</p> <p>The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-82-A renders Proposal No. 2010-82-B moot.</p>
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<p>2010-82-B Page No. 201</p>	<p>AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- TRAVEL TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EMERGING SPORTS AND POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES DURING VACATION PERIOD -- EXCEPTIONS</p>	<p>To specify that if a student-athlete does not use team travel to NCAA championships, national governing body championships in emerging sports and postseason bowl games during a vacation period, the institution may only provide actual and necessary transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from: campus to the event site and back to campus; campus to the student-athlete's home and back to campus; or the student-athlete's home to the event site and back home; further, to specify that reimbursement for automobile mileage shall not exceed the rate provided to institutional staff members and shall be limited to not more than 400 miles one way.</p>	<p>Proposal No. 2010-82-B rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-82-A.</p>
<p>2010-83 Page No. 202</p>	<p>AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- NONPERMISSIBLE -- LODGING IN CONJUNCTION WITH A REGULAR-SEASON HOME CONTEST -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL</p>	<p>In championship subdivision football, to specify that an institution shall not provide lodging (e.g., hotel, motel) to any student-athlete in conjunction with a regular-season home contest.</p>	<p>FCS only. Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-84 Page No. 204</p>	<p>AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PARTICIPATION AWARDS -- MAXIMUM VALUE OF AWARD -- INCREASE TO MAXIMUM VALUES</p>	<p>To increase the limitation on the maximum value of the annual participation award for a senior by \$100 and to increase the limitation on the maximum value for all other participation awards by \$50, as specified.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

I. Playing and Practice Seasons.

<p>2009-83 Page No. 205</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- REGULATIONS FOR PLAYING SEASON AND MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL</p>	<p>In women's sand volleyball, to establish the playing and practice season and the minimum number of contests necessary for sports sponsorship purposes, as specified.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p> <p>Sponsors modified the proposal on the recommendation of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to specify that an institution and a student-athlete may participate in not more than 16 dates of competition, with no more than two dates of competition occurring during the nonchampionship segment.</p>
<p>2010-85 Page No. 212</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING -- VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS -- STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH FIRST AID/CPR CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORITY OF SPORTS MEDICINE STAFF -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL</p>	<p>In sports other than football, to specify that a strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation; further, to specify that if a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

<p>2010-86 Page No. 214</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- NO MISSED CLASS TIME IN CONJUNCTION WITH NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT COMPETITION -- BASEBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, LACROSSE, SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL</p>	<p>In baseball, men's and women's cross country (without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's volleyball, to specify that no class time shall be missed in conjunction with competition during the nonchampionship segment, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities).</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed concerns over potential lost competitive opportunities depending on the institution's geographic location.</li> <li>• Noted that spring sports use the nonchampionship fall segment to determine their squad for the spring championship season.</li> </ul>
<p>2010-87 Page No. 216</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL -- HAWAII OR ALASKA EXCEPTION -- ONCE IN FOUR YEARS</p>	<p>In men's and women's cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, men's and women's soccer, softball and men's and women's volleyball, to specify that, once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p> <p>Noted that if Proposal No. 2010-86 is adopted, an amendment would be necessary to permit missed class time in conjunction with competition.</p>
<p>2010-88 Page No. 219</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, WOMEN'S LACROSSE, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL -- TWO DATES OF COMPETITION -- ONE AWAY-FROM HOME DATE</p>	<p>In men's and women's cross country, field hockey, women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, and men's and women's volleyball, to specify that an institution is limited to two dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, of which only one date may be an away-from-home date of competition.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed concerns over potential lost competitive opportunities.</li> <li>• Noted that spring sports use the nonchampionship fall segment to determine their squad for the spring championship season.</li> </ul>

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2010-89 Page No. 222	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- LOCATION OF QUALIFYING REGULAR-SEASON MULTIPLE-TEAM EVENT -- THE BAHAMAS	In basketball, to specify that a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event may occur in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.	Preliminary support.
2010-90 Page No. 223	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BOWLING - PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION -- OCTOBER 1	In women's bowling, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to October 1.	Preliminary support.
2010-91 Page No. 224	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BOWLING - NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION	In women's bowling, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to, and that an individual student-athlete may participate in, each academic year, 32 dates of competition; further, to include all dates of competition of a tournament in the maximum limitation.	Preliminary support.
2010-92 Page No. 225	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	In championship subdivision football, to increase the number of participants who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, whichever is earlier, from 90 to 95.	FCS only.  Preliminary support.

<p>2010-93 Page No. 226</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- RIFLE -- DATES OF COMPETITION -- MULTIPLE-DAY CONTESTS</p>	<p>In rifle, to specify that an institution that participates in a match that exceeds one day in duration may count the multiple-day contest as a single date of competition; further, to specify that if a student-athlete fires more than one score for either smallbore rifle or air rifle during a multiple-day contest, such participation will result in a second date of competition for the institution.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-94 Page No. 228</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S SOCCER -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- 12-WEEK SEASON</p>	<p>In men's soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the Friday prior to the 12th weekend prior to the start of the applicable Division I soccer championship, except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that proposed increases to the length of both the men's and women's soccer playing season have been approved in recent years.</li> <li>• Noted that the proposal does make consistent the length of men's and women's soccer seasons based on the current date for conducting the men's and women's championship.</li> <li>• Received information regarding on-going discussion to conduct the men's and women's championship at the same site on the same weekend, but the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet has not made any final decision on that matter.</li> </ul> <p>Proposal No. 2010-94 renders Proposal No. 2010-95 moot as it relates to men's soccer.</p>

<p>2010-95 Page No. 229</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- CROSS COUNTRY AND SOCCER -- 10-WEEK CROSS COUNTRY SEASON AND 11-WEEK SOCCER SEASON</p>	<p>In cross country, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday before the 10th weekend before the weekend of the NCAA Division I cross country regional competition; further, in soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the Friday before the 11th weekend before the start of the applicable NCAA Division I Soccer Championship.</p>	<p>No position. Noted that the length of the cross country and soccer playing seasons may be voted on separately. The adoption of Proposal No. 2010-94 renders Proposal No. 2010-95 moot as it relates to men's soccer.</p>
<p>2010-96 Page No. 231</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- 21 UNITS</p>	<p>In women's volleyball, to reduce, from 29 to 21, the number of units used to determine the start of preseason practice.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-97 Page No. 232</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND ELIGIBILITY -- WRESTLING -- FIRST DATE OF PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- NO OUTSIDE COMPETITION BEFORE NOVEMBER 1</p>	<p>In wrestling, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to October 10 and shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to November 1; further, to specify that a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition (on a team or as an individual) between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

<p>2010-98 Page No. 234</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WRESTLING -- NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- NATIONAL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION NATIONAL DUALS</p>	<p>In wrestling, to specify that the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) National Duals shall be exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-99 Page No. 235</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- NO INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE FOREIGN TOURS</p>	<p>To specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour; further, to specify that competition in a U.S. territory shall be restricted to once every four years on one trip during the prescribed playing season.</p>	<p>Preliminary opposition.</p>
<p>2010-110 Page No. 259</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION -- SICKLE CELL SOLUBILITY TEST -- WRITTEN RELEASE</p>	<p>To eliminate the opportunity for an individual to decline and sign a written release for the sickle cell solubility test as part of the required medical examination or evaluation for student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team must undergo prior to participation in voluntary summer conditioning or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception, practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities.</p>	<p>The Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Legislative Council, agreed to sponsor Proposal No. 2010-110 to permit the Division I membership to consider its merits during the 2010-11 legislative cycle.</p>



J. Division Membership

<p>2010-100 Page No. 262</p>	<p>DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ELIMINATION OF PROVISIONAL AND MULTIDIVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP -- RECLASSIFICATION PROCESS AND MULTISPORT CONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>To eliminate provisional and multidivisional membership, as specified; further to establish a four-year process for an institution that wishes to reclassify membership from Division II to Division I.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.  Received information that language in the Leadership Council's final report that was endorsed by the Board of Directors related to the automatic qualification tie-in for multisport conferences will be included in the proposal that will appear in the Official Notice.</p>
<p>2010-101 Page No. 288</p>	<p>DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- REMOVAL OF SQUASH</p>	<p>To remove squash as an emerging sport for women and to eliminate other specified legislation associated with the sport (e.g., playing and practice season regulations, sports-sponsorship minimum contest and participant requirements).</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-102 Page No. 293</p>	<p>DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS -- ELIMINATION OF TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT</p>	<p>To eliminate the requirement that, in those sports in which two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring the sport are members of the same division, an institution is required to meet that division's and its own division's institutional and individual eligibility requirements (or the more stringent rule if both divisions' rules address the same issue).</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-103 Page No. 294</p>	<p>DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- SWIMMING AND DIVING</p>	<p>In swimming and diving, to reduce, from 10 to six, the minimum number of contests required to satisfy sports-sponsorship requirements.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

<p>2010-104 Page No. 295</p>	<p>DIVISION MEMBERSHIP --          DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP          REQUIREMENTS -- SCHEDULING          REQUIREMENTS -- WRESTLING</p>	<p>In wrestling, to specify that an institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent (as opposed to 100 percent) of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests specified to meet sports sponsorship criteria.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
<p>2010-105 Page No. 297</p>	<p>DIVISION MEMBERSHIP --          DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP          REQUIREMENTS -- BASKETBALL          SCHEDULING -- ONE-THIRD OF          CONTESTS IN HOME ARENA AND          ONE-THIRD OF CONTESTS AWAY          FROM HOME -- WOMEN'S          BASKETBALL</p>	<p>In women's basketball, to specify that an active or provisional member must play at least one-third of its regular-season basketball contests in the arena regularly used for the institution's home games and that one-third of its regular-season basketball contests must be played away from home or at a neutral site.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>

K. Committees.

<p>2010-107 Page No. 298</p>	<p>COMMITTEES -- DIVISION I          CABINETS AND COMMITTEES --          MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE --          NOT MORE THAN TWO          MEMBERS FROM THE SAME          REGION</p>	<p>To specify that not more than two members of the men's soccer committee may be appointed from the same region.</p>	<p>Preliminary support.</p>
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L. Executive Regulations.

<p>2010-108 Page No. 299</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- SITES AND DATES -- NONREVENUE CHAMPIONSHIPS SITE ASSIGNMENT</p>	<p>To specify that in championships that do not generate revenue and for which only 25 percent of the bracket is seeded, seeded teams shall have the opportunity to host preliminary rounds and that conference opponents shall be avoided in the first two rounds of the championship.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that the sponsor has modified the proposal to address separately the issues of hosting preliminary rounds and avoiding conference opponents in the first two rounds of the championship.</li> <li>Noted that it is not realistic in every championship to avoid conference match-ups in the first two rounds.</li> </ul>
<p>2010-109-B Page No. 303</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- RESTRICTED ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES -- PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS OR TEAMS -- FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP OF NCAA OR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS</p>	<p>To specify that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of NCAA or conference championship competition; further, to eliminate the prohibition on sponsorship of NCAA championship activities or promotions by professional sports organizations or teams.</p>	<p>The Legislative Council sponsored alternative Proposal No. 2010-109-B at its October meeting.</p> <p>The adoption of Proposal 2010-109-B renders Proposal No. 2010-109-A moot.</p>
<p>2010-109-A Page No. 301</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- RESTRICTED ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES -- PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS OR TEAMS</p>	<p>To eliminate the prohibition on sponsorship of NCAA championship activities or promotions by professional sports organizations or teams.</p>	<p>No position.</p> <p>Proposal 2010-109-A rendered moot by the adoption of Proposal No. 2010-109-B.</p>

**NCAA Division I 2010-11 Legislative Proposals**  
**Points to Consider**

**(Updated: November 16, 2010)**

**NCAA Proposal No. 2009-19-A**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters -- Women's Sand Volleyball and Women's Volleyball**

- Competitive equity concerns between institutions that sponsor both sports and institutions that only sponsor one – 3 versus 4.
- Increased costs for hiring an additional coach.
- Consider work/life balance for coaches.
- AVCA assisted with proposal development.

**Proposal No. 2009-19-B**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters -- Women's Sand Volleyball**

- Institutions that sponsor both sports will not gain competitive advantage in number of coaches over those that sponsor only one sport.
- Not required to hire additional coaches in order to sponsor sport.
- Consider implementation of sand volleyball recruiting calendar since there may be separate coaching limits for each sport.

**Proposal No. 2009-39**

**Title: Recruiting -- Limitations on Number of Evaluations -- Evaluation Days -- Women's Sand Volleyball**

- Addresses potential competitive or recruiting advantages for institutions that sponsor both sports if limits are separate for coaching and evaluation days.
- Consider change to current recruiting calendar to establish May as an evaluation period for sand volleyball events only.
- Involvement with local sports club outside contact or evaluation period counts toward limit.
- AVCA recommended unlimited evaluations days.

**Proposal No. 2009-70-A**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport -- Women's Sand Volleyball**

- Competition would be five two-person units.
- Likely crossover with women's volleyball in the early years.
- Attempts to address competitive balance with women's volleyball.
- May need to adjust after a few years.

**Proposal No. 2009-70-B**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport -- Women's Sand Volleyball**

- Eliminates provision that would specify that a student-athlete who was a counter in women's sand volleyball during her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and who participates (practices or competes) in women's volleyball during her second year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution is a counter in women's volleyball for initial year of full-time enrollment at the institution.
- Does current legislation related to multisport participants provides adequate and effective safeguards to address stockpiling?

**Proposal No. 2009-83**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons and Division Membership -- Regulations for Playing Season and Minimum Contest Requirements for Sports Sponsorship -- Women's Sand Volleyball**

- The Collegiate Commissioners Association of Compliance Administrators working group supported the minimum contest requirements (i.e., eight) necessary for sports sponsorship recommended in section B.
- The proposed minimum contest requirement of eight appears appropriate to establish sand volleyball as a sport and is based on trends in the number and dates of competition completed at the club level.

**Proposal No. 2009-100-A**

**Title: Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Nonscholastic Practice, Contest or Event -- Men's Basketball**

- Referred to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee.
- How does this fit with the NCAA Basketball Focus Group (BFG) legislation?
- Intended to eliminate recruiting advantages.
- Potential loss of revenue.
- If adopted, actions contrary to the legislation that are taken pursuant to contracts signed on or after October 29, 2009 will result in violations.

**Proposal No. 2009-100-B**

**Title: Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Nonscholastic Practice or Competition and Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Men's Basketball -- Exception for Longstanding Events**

- Recognizes that some institutions may have hosted longstanding contests or events on their campuses unrelated to recruiting interests.
- Sources of revenue for institutions.
- Limited recruiting advantages.
- Could such events be addressed through the waiver process?

**Proposal No. 2010-6**

**Title: NCAA Membership -- Active Membership -- Election Procedures -- Board of Directors**

- NCAA Division I Leadership Council currently has this responsibility.
- Leadership Council will still maintain oversight over membership processes and benchmarks.
- Since joining Division I results in significant status and privileges (e.g., financial benefits, increased program exposure), election to the active divisional membership status should be vested with the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, the Division I presidential body.
- Recommended as noncontroversial legislation.

**Proposal No. 2010-7**

**Title: NCAA Membership -- Active Membership -- Conditions and Obligations of Membership -- Application of Rules to All Recognized Varsity Sports -- Elimination of Emerging Sports Timetable**

- Current timetable is a three-year "phase-in" period for the application of specified legislation from the date sport is added to the list of emerging sports for women.
- The "phase-in" period for applying legislation has created some confusion among institutions contemplating sponsorship of the sport once it is added to the emerging sport list.
- Supports competitive equity among institutions that sponsor an emerging sport.
- NCAA regulations governing the operation of the new emerging sport (e.g., recruiting, amateurism and playing seasons) must be in place prior to the effective date for adding the sport to the list of emerging sports.
- The proposal will provide greater transparency and information related to budgets and allocation of resources.
- Similar legislation being considered in Division II and Division III.

**Proposal No. 2010-8**

**Title: NCAA Membership -- Active Membership -- Conditions and Obligations of Membership -- Drug Testing Program -- Designation of Athletics Department Resource and Education Related to Banned Drugs and Nutritional Supplements**

- In some drug-test appeal cases, student-athletes have provided mitigation for a positive test by noting that an athletics department staff member approved their use of a supplement or medication that contained NCAA banned substances.
- Current NCAA rules require that institutions educate student-athletes about NCAA banned drugs and the products that may contain them.
- Intended to ensure that staff members who regularly interact with student-athletes are educated.
- Failure to follow these steps would result in an institutional violation.
- How often does the institution need to educate?
- Legislative versus best practices?
- May increase compliance monitoring.
- Many institutions are already providing education about NCAA banned drugs to staff members.



**Proposal No. 2010-9**

**Title: NCAA Membership -- Active or Conference Membership -- Conditions and Obligations of Membership -- Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness -- Contracts and Commercial Agreements -- Written Policies**

- From the Task Force on Commercial Activities.
- Prevents negative exploitation of student-athletes.
- Policy can be requested in order to verify policy is in place.
- Failure to include required language in contracts and commercial agreements will result in institutional violation.
- Many institutions may already have the requisite language in existing contracts and agreements.

**Proposal No. 2010-10**

**Title: Organization -- Division I Legislative Council -- Voting Method -- Results of Roll-Call Votes**

- Proposal reflects current practice.
- Maintains the integrity of the process.
- Nonlegislative actions include hearing appeals of interpretations and approving waiver policies and procedures.
- Recommended as noncontroversial legislation.

**Proposal No. 2010-11**

**Title: Legislative Process -- Definitions and Applications -- Legislative Provisions -- Football Championship Subdivision Dominant Provisions**

- NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Governance (FCS) only.
- Creates a supermajority voting provision for FCS items.

**Proposal No. 2010-12**

**Title: Legislative Process -- Amendment Process -- Membership Override of Legislative Changes -- Legislative Council or Board of Directors Review -- Override Voting**

- Cost-savings initiative.
- Conduct of override votes will be determined by the NCAA Division I Administration Cabinet.

- Provides opportunity for a more accurate representation of the "one institution/one vote" principle.
- Many attended convention solely for the override vote.
- May affect Division I attendance at Convention.
- Eliminates an opportunity for SAAC to speak in front of the membership on key issues affecting student-athletes.

**Proposal No. 2010-14**

**Title: Personnel -- Definitions and Applications -- Graduate Assistant Coach -- Bowl Subdivision Football and Women's Rowing -- Incidental Expenses at NCAA Championships and Licensed Bowl Games**

- Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and Division I, divided vote.
- Currently, graduate assistant coaches must pay own incidental expenses.
- Student-athletes currently provided \$20 per day for up to 10 days.
- Additional costs will be minimal since there is a limit on the number of graduate assistant coaches.

**Proposal No. 2010-15-A**

**Title: Personnel -- Compensation and Remuneration -- Income in Addition to Institutional Salary -- Consultant For or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes**

- Intended to minimize recruiting advantages.
- Would still be permissible for staff to consult or endorse noninstitutional camps and clinics, pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 13.12.2.3.

**Proposal No. 2010-15-B**

**Title: Personnel -- Compensation and Remuneration -- Income in Addition to Institutional Salary -- Consultant For or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes -- Endorsement of Team, Coach or Facility**

- Intent is to minimize potential or perceived recruiting advantages related to endorsing or promoting teams, coaches and facilities used by prospective student-athletes.
- Coaches may feel pressure to provide promotions or endorsements in order to gain access to prospective student-athletes.

**Proposal No. 2010-16-A**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Basketball -- Limit of Two**

- Intended to address concern regarding the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity.
- The work of noncoaching staff members frees up time for the head coach to do other things.
- What is the appropriate percentage of responsibilities?
  - 100 percent?
  - More than 50 percent?
- Potential cost savings.
- Basketball may use noncoaching staff members differently than football.
- Limit does not include those who report to another department (e.g., academic advisor, trainer, SID) even though responsibilities are specific to basketball.
- Noncoaching basketball-specific positions provide opportunities to develop new coaches.

**Proposal No. 2010-16-B**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Basketball -- Limit of One**

- Same points as Proposal No. 2010-16-A.
- Also exempts video coordinators from the proposed limitation.

**Proposal No. 2010-16-C**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff Members -- Basketball -- Limit of Two**

- Intended to address potential circumvention of the application of the original concept (Proposals No. 2010-16-A and 2010-16-B).
- Any noncoaching staff member whose duties include support of the basketball program in any capacity would be included in limitation.
- Clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to basketball, but who do not directly support the basketball program are exempt from the limitation.
- Does not require the institution to specify if an individual's responsibilities are specific to basketball and who work directly for the basketball program.

**Proposal No. 2010-17**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number of Coaches -- Football Bowl Subdivision -- Four Graduate Assistant Coaches**

- Intended to create two additional opportunities for individuals to obtain a postgraduate education and pursue career goals.
- May add coaching opportunities for minorities.
- Will be increasing costs during a time when institutions are trying to save money and to reduce costs.

**Proposal No. 2010-18-A**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Limit of Six**

- Intended to address concern regarding the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity.
- The work of noncoaching staff members frees up time for the head coach to do other things.

**Proposal No. 2010-18-B**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Limit of Five**

- Same points as Proposal No. 2010-18-A.
- Also exempts video coordinators from the proposed limitation.

**Proposal No. 2010-18-C**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Noncoaching Staff Members -- Limit of Four**

- Intended to address potential circumvention of the application of the original concept (Proposals No. 2010-18-A and 2010-18-B).
- Any noncoaching staff member whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity would be included in limitation.
- Clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program are exempt from the limitation.

- Does not require the institution to specify if an individual's responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program.

**Proposal No. 2010-19**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitation on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Football Bowl Subdivision -- Weight or Strength Coach -- Limit of Five**

- Issue related to competitive equity.
- Potential health and safety issue.
- Potential cost-savings.

**Proposal No. 2010-20-A**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Championship Subdivision Football -- Limit of Four**

- Intended to address concern regarding the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity.
- The work of noncoaching staff members frees up time for the head coach.
- What is the appropriate percentage of responsibilities?
  - 100 percent?
  - More than 50 percent?
- Potential cost savings.
- Limit does not include those that report to another department (e.g., academic advisor, trainer, SID) even though responsibilities are specific to football.

**Proposal No. 2010-20-B**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Championship Subdivision Football -- Limit of Three**

- Same points as Proposal No. 2010-20-A.
- Also exempts video coordinators from the proposed limitation.

**Proposal No. 2010-20-C**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Championship Subdivision Football -- Noncoaching Staff Members -- Limit of Four**

- Intended to address potential circumvention of the original proposal.
- Intended to address potential circumvention of the application of the original concept (Proposals No. 2010-18-A and 2010-18-B).
- Any noncoaching staff member whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity would be included in limitation.
- Clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to football, but who do not directly support the football program are exempt from the limitation.
- Does not require the institution to specify if an individual's responsibilities are specific to football and who work directly for the football program.

**Proposal No. 2010-21**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on Number of Off-Campus Recruiters at Any One Time -- Exception -- Sports Other Than Basketball -- June, July and August**

- Some sports compete into June.
- Cost-savings initiative.
- Would be able to use the general rule (Bylaw 11.7.4.3) or this exception.
- Would there be conflicts with institutional camps?

**Proposal No. 2010-22**

**Title: Personnel -- Limitations on Number of Off-Campus Recruiters at Any One Time -- Exception -- Baseball -- June, July and August**

- Potential scheduling conflicts as the baseball season extends into June for most institutions.
- Cost-savings initiative.
- Would be able to use the general rule (Bylaw 11.7.4.3) or this exception.
- Would there be conflicts with institutional camps?

**Proposal No. 2010-23**

**Title: Amateurism -- Amateur Status -- Exception for Payment Based on Team Performance -- Actual and Necessary Expenses -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing**

- Based on the team's receipt of payment for place finish or performance.
- Extends concept in Proposal No. 2009-22 to nonprofessional teams (e.g., Olympic or national teams, amateur teams).
- Recommended as noncontroversial legislation.

**Proposal No. 2010-24**

**Title: Amateurism -- Involvement with Professional Teams -- Professional Basketball Draft -- Four-Year College Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball**

- Currently must withdraw name by May 8.
- Reduces uncertainty as to who will be coming back next year and would assist coaches in roster planning.
- Will force student-athletes to make a decision earlier.
- Earlier date may create distractions at the end of the regular season.
- Effective date: Immediate if adopted in January?

**Proposal No. 2010-25**

**Title: Amateurism and Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Use of Agents -- Benefits, Gifts and Services -- Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services**

- Promotes student-athlete well-being.
- Currently cannot use student-athlete exclusive services until eligibility is exhausted.
- Use of service not exclusive to student-athletes is currently permitted.

**Proposal No. 2010-26**

**Title: Amateurism -- Promotional Activities -- Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness**

- From the Task Force on Commercial Activities.
- Prevents negative exploitation of student-athletes.
- Defines "name" and "likeness."
- Companion to Proposal No. 2010-9.



- Balances commercial activity with use of student-athlete name and likeness.
- Student-athlete still may not promote a commercial product or service.

**Proposal No. 2010-27**

**Title: Recruiting -- Contacts and Telephone Calls -- Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts and Telephone Calls**

- Takes into consideration prospects on nontraditional academic calendars and in foreign countries.
- Contacts and telephone calls may occur earlier than July 1 based on when senior year begins.

**Proposal No. 2010-28**

**Title: Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Head Coach Restrictions -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Elimination of Restrictions on Assistant Coach Publicly Designated as Next Head Coach**

- FBS only.
- Legislation changed in previous cycle (January 2010).
- The designation of an assistant coach as the next head coach may occur several years before the departure of the current head coach.
- No real burden with the delegation of additional duties to other coaching staff members.

**Proposal No. 2010-29**

**Title: Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Head Coach Restrictions -- Assistant Coach Publicly Designated as Next Head Coach -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Application to Prior Designations**

- FBS only.
- Legislation changed in previous cycle (January 2010).
- Potential recruiting advantage for institutions that have designated their next head coach before August 14, 2009?

**Proposal No. 2010-30**

**Title: Recruiting -- Telephone Calls -- Time Period for Telephone Calls -- Sports Other Than Football**

- First affects the summer of 2011.
- Applies current men's basketball rule to all sports other than football.
- Earlier access to prospects facilitates sound recruiting decisions.
- Not tied to date of verbal and written offers.
- Football not included due to specific to spring evaluation period.

**Proposal 2010-31**

**Title: Personnel and Recruiting -- Recruiting Coordination Functions -- Contacts, Telephone Calls and Recruiting Materials -- Exceptions -- Communication After Commitment**

- Deregulates communications after prospect has committed.
- End of the recruiting process.
- Gives financial deposit in response to an admissions offer the same standing as National Letter of Intent (NLI).
  - Would allow unlimited contact prior to signing of NLI or other written commitment.

**Proposal No. 2010-32**

**Title: Recruiting -- Telephone Calls and Electronic Transmissions -- After Written Commitment or Receipt of Financial Deposit -- On or After Second Wednesday of November**

- Concepts similar to Proposal No. 2010-31.
- Gives financial deposit in response to an admissions offer the same standing as NLI.
- Gives institutions flexibility.
- Second Wednesday of November lines up with early signing period.
  - Would allow unlimited communication prior to signing of NLI or other written commitment.
- Specific to communication and not contacts.

**Proposal No. 2010-33**

**Title: Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Recruiting Opportunities -- Women's Basketball -- Seven Opportunities**

- Similar proposal was defeated in 2007 (Proposal No. 2006-34) and withdrawn in 2008 (Proposal No. 2007-38).
- Support work/life balance for coaches?
- Five recruiting opportunities sufficient?
- Promotes equity among sports.
- Does not increase the number of recruiting in-person days.
- Supported and requested by the Woman's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

**Proposal No. 2010-34**

**Title: Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Men's Basketball Evaluations -- Certified Nonscholastic Events during April Contact Period**

- Presented as a cost-savings initiative.
- Prospects will miss less class.
- Current legislation was intended to get away from the nonscholastic environment.
- Undoing some of the work of the Recruiting and Access Committee (Proposal No. 2004-119-B).
- Similar proposal was defeated in 2008 (Proposal No. 2007-41).
- Need to consider coach work/life balance.

**Proposal No. 2010-35**

**Title: Recruiting -- Basketball Evaluations -- Women's Basketball -- Nonscholastic Evaluations during Academic Year -- National Standardized Testing Weekends**

- Similar proposal was withdrawn in 2009 (Proposal No. 2009-36).
- Maintains the same amount of evaluation days.
- First conflict with be in April 2012.
- Prospects feel pressure to compete in events rather than taking the standardized test.
- Initiated and supported by the WBCA.

**Proposal No. 2010-36**

**Title: Recruiting -- Football Evaluations -- Scholastic and Nonscholastic Activities -- Other Evaluation Events -- Championship Subdivision Football**

- FCS only.
- More efficient and a cost-savings for FCS.
- Legislation was changed in previous cycle (Proposal No. 2008-20-A).
- Original issues were in FBS.
- Moves evaluations away from live athletic activities.
- Inviting back nonscholastic influences into the recruiting process.
- Proposal No. 2010-37 requires that recruiting events be sanctioned by athletics association.

**Proposal No. 2010-37**

**Title: Recruiting -- Football Evaluations -- Scholastic and Nonscholastic Activities -- Other Evaluation Events Organized or Sanctioned Scholastic Athletics Association -- Championship Subdivision Football**

- FCS only.
- More efficient and a cost-savings for FCS.
- Legislation was changed in previous cycle (Proposal No. 2008-20-A).
- Original issues were in FBS.
- Moves evaluations away from live athletic activities.
- Proposal No. 2010-36 does not require that recruiting events be certified by athletics association.
- Athletic associations may feel pressure by nonscholastic entities to sanction their event.

**Proposal No. 2010-38-A**

**Title: Recruiting -- Recruiting Materials -- Athletics Publications -- No Media Guides to Prospective Student-Athletes via Digital Storage Device or E-Mail**

- Intent is to remove media guides from the recruiting process.
- Institutions feel compelled to produce media guides for recruiting purposes, rather than to meet the needs of the media.
- Potential cost-savings (e.g., costs of media storage devices, postage, and media staff production time).
- NCAA Division I Legislative Council previously considered this concept, but it was defeated.

**Proposal No. 2010-38-B**

**Title: Recruiting -- Recruiting Materials -- Athletics Publications -- Media Guides to Prospective Student-Athletes via E-Mail**

- Potential cost-savings (e.g., costs of media storage devices, postage).
- Institutions are using current technologies (e.g., website) to provide information to prospects.

**Proposal No. 2010-39**

**Title: Recruiting -- Recruiting Materials -- Media Guides and Video/Audio Materials -- Methods of Delivery to Prospective Student-Athletes**

- Cost-savings to institutions (e.g., costs of media storage devices, postage).
- Applies to video/audio material, in addition to media guides.
- Institutions are using current technologies (e.g., website) to provide information to prospects.

**Proposal No. 2010-40**

**Title: Recruiting -- Official (Paid) Visit -- Limitations on Official Visits -- No Visit after National Letter of Intent or Other Written Commitment**

- Once NLI is signed, recruiting process is over.
- Should this apply to post-high school visits?
- Potential cost savings.
- Unofficial visits still permitted.
- Official visits are often used to meet with academic advisors, setting up class schedules, orientation activities and physical exams.

**Proposal No. 2010-41-A**

**Title: Recruiting -- Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit -- Entertainment/Tickets -- General Restrictions -- Nontraditional Family**

- Would make it consistent with official visits (Proposal No. 2007-50-B).
- Was it intended to include any individual with child-rearing duties?
- Is "nontraditional" too vague?

- Provides flexibility.
- Other options:
  - Extend to all "family" members (defined broadly).
  - Increase permissible number of complimentary admissions to five.

**Proposal No. 2010-41-B**

**Title: Recruiting -- Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit -- Entertainment/Tickets -- General Restrictions -- Five Complimentary Admissions**

- Does not require the institution to determine what is the prospect's family situation.
- May reduce compliance monitoring.
- Is it important to legislate who may accompany the prospect?

**Proposal No. 2010-42**

**Title: Recruiting -- Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements -- Requirements for Verbal Offer of Athletically Related Financial Aid**

- Need to tie academic evaluations to financial aid offers.
- Issue with prospects committing while in junior high.
- Not tied to telephone calls in order for coaches to have time to make informed recruiting decisions.
- High schools have from January to July 1 to provide transcripts.

**Proposal No. 2010-43**

**Title: Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Prohibited Activities -- Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Service Academy Exception**

- FBS only.
- "Redshirting" is not a viable option at service academies. All service academy students are expected to complete their undergraduate degree in four years and then serve on active duty in the armed forces.
- Many service academy football student-athletes participate on a subvarsity team for one year and on the varsity team for three years.
- Legislation was changed in previous cycle (Proposal No. 2009-49).

**Proposal No. 2010-44**

**Title: Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Tryout Events -- Prohibition on Hosting, Sponsoring or Conducting Noninstitutional Instructional Events -- Football**

- Intended to address concern related to hosts gaining recruiting advantage.
- Potential loss of revenue for host institutions.
- Football only.
- Potential antitrust legal concerns.
- Is this an issue of national significance?

**Proposal No. 2010-45**

**Title: Recruiting and Playing and Practice Seasons -- Tryout Exceptions and Out of Season Restrictions -- Recognized Training and Development Programs**

- Intended to address concerns related to training programs.
  - Increases involvement of applicable governing body.
  - Involvement of more than just institution's coach.
- Applies consistent standards for all sports.

**Proposal No. 2010-46**

**Title: Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Tryout Exceptions -- High School, Preparatory-School and Two-Year College Contests -- Conducted by Institution or Sponsored with an Outside Organization**

- Current legislation viewed as somewhat outdated.
- Would establish separate standards for team and individual sports.
- Intended to simplify the application of the legislation.

**Proposal No. 2010-47**

**Title: Recruiting -- Use of Recruiting Funds -- Recruiting or Scouting Services -- Video-Only Services**

- Potential cost and time savings.
- Minimal competitive advantage.
- Current restriction viewed as unintended consequence of recruiting/scouting service legislation (Proposal No. 2009-56).
- Such services do not provide analysis of prospects.



**Proposal No. 2010-48**

**Title: Recruiting -- Use of Recruiting Funds -- Recruiting or Scouting Services -- List of Permissible Recruiting Services -- Men's Basketball**

- Potential legal concerns.
  - Perception of and impact on services not listed.
  - Inconsistent information provided.
- Intended to remove burden from institutions.
- Would result in additional costs to the national office.
- NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee (MBIC) opposed.
  - Institutions should make more responsible decisions as to the number of services to which they subscribe.
  - Current legislation was not designed to require a clearinghouse.

**Proposal No. 2010-49**

**Title: Recruiting -- Recruiting Calendars -- Men's Basketball -- April Contact Period**

- Intended to provide more evaluation opportunities at educational institutions.
- Does not increase recruiting person days.
- Would it add distractions for prospects?
- Emphasizes scholastic evaluations.

**Proposal No. 2010-50**

**Title: Recruiting -- Basketball Event Certification -- Women's Events and Men's Summer Events -- Price of Admission**

- Will help coaches to plan which events to attend.
- Information was already being requested by the basketball certification staff.
- Initiated and supported by the WBCA.
- Recommended as noncontroversial legislation.

**Proposal No. 2010-51-A**

**Title: Eligibility -- General Eligibility Requirements -- Full-Time Enrollment -- Requirement for Competition -- Nontraditional Courses**

- Similar proposal was defeated in 2009 (Proposal No. 2008-32-A).
- Provides flexibility and institutional autonomy.

**Proposal No. 2010-51-B**

**Title: Eligibility -- General Eligibility Requirements -- Full-Time Enrollment -- Requirement for Competition -- Nontraditional Courses -- Up to 50 Percent of Minimum Requirement**

- Similar proposal was defeated in 2009 (Proposal No. 2008-32-B).
- Provides flexibility and institutional autonomy.
- Proposed limit recognizes the benefits of the classroom environment and establishes safeguards against potential abuse.

**Proposal No. 2010-52**

**Title: Eligibility -- Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation -- One-Time Transfer Exception -- Final Year of Eligibility -- Nonrenewal of Athletics Aid at Previous Institution -- Baseball, Basketball, Football and Men's Ice Hockey**

- Promotes student-athlete well-being.
- Potential decrease in the number of legislative relief waivers.
- Intended to address situations in which a student-athlete wanted to continue at previous institution, but his or her athletics aid was not renewed.

**Proposal No. 2010-53**

**Title: Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: Five Year Rule -- Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing -- Exception -- National/International Competition**

- Competitive and recruiting equity concerns versus Olympic/national/international movement considerations.
- Provides an additional year following the current grace year for delayed enrollment and seasons of competition.
- Student-athletes may feel pressure to choose between enrolling full time at a collegiate institution or to continue with training, tryout competition, and qualifying competition.

**Proposal No. 2010-54**

**Title: Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule -- Hardship Waiver -- First Half of Playing Season Calculation -- Tennis**

- Changes the first half of the season calculation.

- May apply retroactively if the student-athlete is still in his or her five-year period of eligibility.
- Calculation is currently consistent for all individual sports.
- Consider change to championships selection instead?
  - Golf has similar issue.

**Proposal No. 2010-55**

**Title: Eligibility -- Initial Eligibility -- Common Provisions -- Division I and Division I**

- Allows the NCAA Eligibility Center to be more efficient.
- Each division will still maintain autonomy to establish its own initial-eligibility requirements (e.g., number of core courses, minimum grade-point average and standardized test score).
- Decreases flexibility in making changes to the legislation.

**Proposal No. 2010-56**

**Title: Eligibility -- Freshman Academic Requirements -- Core-Curriculum Time Limitation -- Leaving Examinations**

- Waiver process is available if a prospect is negatively affected.
- Does not affect amateurism.
- Recognizes unique nature of examination-based countries.
- Treats all prospects from the same country the same, regardless of delay.
- Transcripts are difficult to obtain.
- Eases administrative burden on the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Prospects who delay high school graduation will not be permitted to complete one additional core course following high school graduation.
- Is this a widespread problem?

**Proposal No. 2010-57**

**Title: Eligibility -- Freshman and Transfer Academic Requirements -- Participation Prior to Certification -- Recruited Student-Athlete -- 21-Day Period**

- Currently 14 consecutive days.
- Is seven additional days appropriate?
- Intended to address issues with workload at the NCAA Eligibility Center during peak times.
- Promotes student-athlete well-being.

**Proposal No. 2010-58-A**

**Title: Eligibility, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons -- Summer Academic Preparation and College Acclimatization -- Men's Basketball**

- Intended to address NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) retention issues.
- Early assessments and interventions will improve graduation.
- Enhance student-athlete's connection to the institution.
- Athletics access intended to address retention concerns.
- Resources and competitive equity concerns.
- Is three/six credit hours enough to place the student-athlete on track for graduation in five years?
- Are the credit hour requirements appropriate for quarter institutions?
- Potential conflicts with additional core-course following high school graduation legislation as prospects completing the additional core course may not be able to enroll in summer school.

**Proposal No. 2010-58-B**

**Title: Eligibility, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons -- Summer Academic Preparation and College Acclimatization -- Men's Basketball -- Six Hours Requirement for Incoming Student-Athletes**

- Contention is that six hours will provide incoming student-athletes with a more appropriate academic foundation.

**Proposal No. 2010-58-C**

**Title: Eligibility, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons -- Summer Academic Preparation and College Acclimatization -- Men's Basketball -- National Service Academy Exception**

- Includes three hours requirement of Proposal No. 2010-58-A.
- Recognizes the unique organization and curriculum of service academies.
- Summer months are generally set aside for required military training.

**Proposal No. 2010-59-A**

**Title: Eligibility -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Eligibility for Competition -- Fulfillment of Credit Hour Requirements -- Fall Term Academic Requirement for Future Competition -- Football**

- Football has the lowest APR eligibility rates.
- Many lose the eligibility point during the fall term, while competing.
- Football student-athlete who earns nine credit hours during the fall term earns more APR points during his academic career, is more likely to graduate and is less likely to become an "0/2" student-athlete.
- 27 semester/40 quarters hours put the student-athlete on a four-and-a half years graduation track.
- Currently, many use the summer to regain eligibility.
- Intended to facilitate a cultural change.
- First eligibility requirement that is tied to the awarding of APR points.

**Proposal No. 2010-59-B**

**Title: Eligibility -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Eligibility for Competition -- Fulfillment of Credit Hour Requirements -- Fall Term Academic Requirement for Future Competition -- Potential to Regain Full Eligibility -- Football**

- Allows football student-athletes to regain full eligibility if 27-semesters/40-quarter hours are earned by the following fall.

**Proposal No. 2010-59-C**

**Title: Eligibility -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Eligibility for Competition -- Fulfillment of Credit Hour Requirements -- Fall Term Academic Requirement for Future Competition -- One-Time Exception to Regain Full Eligibility -- Football**

- Recognizes that a student-athlete may experience a difficult academic term.
- Is a one-time exception a reasonable allowance?

**Proposal No. 2010-60**

**Title: Eligibility -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree -- Nontraditional Courses**

- Similar proposal was defeated in 2009 (Proposal No. 2008-35-A).
- Provides flexibility and institutional autonomy.

**Proposal No. 2010-61**

**Title: Financial Aid -- General Principles -- Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Institutional Financial Aid -- Exception -- Part Time Enrollment After Exhausted Eligibility**

- Promotes student-athlete well-being.
- Minimal competitive equity as proposal only relates to student-athletes who have exhausted eligibility.
- Potential cost-savings as institutions will not have to pay for courses in order for the student-athlete to be a full-time student and to be enrolled in courses not needed for graduation.
- Student-athletes may be taking class seats away from students in classes they do not need to graduate.
- No requirement that the student-athlete has to graduate following the term.

**Proposal No. 2010-62**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Definitions and Applications -- Exempted Institutional Financial Aid -- Federal Need-Based Financial Aid**

- Would still count in individual limits.
- Promotes student-athlete well-being, especially for those in financial need.
- Safeguards are already in place to prevent abuse.
- Reduces compliance monitoring.
- Similar proposal related to state need-based aid (Proposal No. 2010-63).

**Proposal No. 2010-63**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Definitions and Applications -- Exempted Institutional Financial Aid -- State Need-Based Financial Aid**

- Would still count in individual limits.
- Promotes student-athlete well-being, especially for those in financial need.
- Safeguards are already in place to prevent abuse.
- Reduces compliance monitoring.
- Why not exempt for counter status for basketball and football varsity competition?
- Similar proposal related to federal need-based aid (Proposal No. 2010-62).

**Proposal No. 2010-64**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Definitions and Applications -- Exempted Institutional Financial Aid -- State Merit-Based Financial Aid**

- Would still count in individual limits.
- Promotes student-athlete well-being, especially for those in financial need.
- Reduces compliance monitoring.
- Why not exempt for counter status for basketball and football varsity competition?

**Proposal No. 2010-65**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Definitions and Applications -- Recruited Student-Athlete**

- Is there a need to have two separate definitions?
- Will this affect the definition of the APR cohort for institutions that use recruited status to define its cohort?
- More difficult to become a counter.

**Proposal No. 2010-66**

**Title: Financial Aid and Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Training-Table Meals -- One Meal per Day -- Student-Athletes Not Receiving Full Board**

- Similar proposal was defeated in 2007 (Proposal No. 2006-71).
- Institutions may feel pressure to provide training-table meals.
- Potential to increase costs based on the number of student-athletes.
- Intended to promote team unity.

**Proposal No. 2010-67**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Government Grants -- Exempted Government Grants -- Exempted Institutional Financial Aid -- Post-9/11 G.I. Bill**

- Blanket waiver approved through the 2010-11 academic year.
- Promotes student-athlete well-being.



**Proposal No. 2010-68**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Elements of Financial Aid -- Financial Aid from Outside Sources -- Unrelated to Athletics Ability -- Established Family Friend**

- Potentially more restrictive than current application.
- Takes into consideration nontraditional family structures.
- Parameters will prevent abuse.
- Is it too vague?

**Proposal No. 2010-69-A**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Financial Aid from Outside Sources -- Financial Aid from an Established and Continuing Program**

- Promotes student-athlete well being – student-athlete does not have to choose between outside aid and athletics aid.
- Still included in individual limit.
- Reduces compliance monitoring.
- Deregulates outside aid legislation.

**Proposal No. 2010-69-B**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Financial Aid from Outside Sources -- Financial Aid from an Established and Continuing Program -- No Documentation to Conference Office Required**

- Is the documentation required by Proposal No. 2010-69-A necessary or just additional paperwork?

**Proposal No. 2010-70**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Summer Financial Aid -- Enrolled Student-Athletes -- Exception for First-Time Recipient in the Next Academic Year**

- Help student-athletes to get ahead academically.
- Using it to help student-athletes remain eligible.
- May increase costs based on the number of student-athletes.
- Will student-athletes feel compelled to stay on campus during the summer?
- Consider immediate effective date.

**Proposal No. 2010-71**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Terms and Conditions -- Period of Institutional Award -- One-Year Period -- Exceptions -- Graduated During Previous Academic Year and Will Exhaust Eligibility During the Following Fall Term**

- Institution can decide to award athletics aid for the rest of the year.
- Mainly affects fall sports.
- Potential cost savings.
- May affect quarter institutions differently.
- Is another exception watering down the intent of the original legislation?
- Is this necessary? Currently, non-athletics reasons may be placed into the financial aid agreement.

**Proposal No. 2010-72**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Terms and Conditions of Awarding Institutional Financial Aid -- Reduction or Cancellation Permitted -- Release of Obligation to Provide Athletically Related Financial Aid**

- Many times, student-athletes are eligible for more nonathletics aid than athletics aid.
- Promotes student-athlete well-being as it allows the student-athlete to accept the financial package that is most beneficial to finance the student-athlete's education.
- In its practical application, student-athletes may not be aware that they are eligible for nonathletics aid until contacted by financial aid or athletics office.
- If the student-athlete relinquishes his or her athletics aid for the current year but athletics aid is not offered for the following academic year, there is no appeals process for the student-athlete.
- Does this encourage oversigning?
- Student-athlete is getting equal or greater than the amount of the original award – no reduction.
- Eliminates the need to put contingency in financial aid agreements.

**Proposal No. 2010-73**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Counters and Equivalency Computations -- Required Grade-Point Average to Qualify for Exemptions of Counter Status and Countable Institutional Aid -- Reduction from 3.300 To 3.000**

- Promotes student-athlete well-being.
- Student-athletes will not have to choose between accepting athletics aid or academic scholarships.

- Makes the standard consistent with three other financial aid exemptions (renewal of award based on high school record, transfer award, and institutional academic scholarships).
- Will still be included in the student-athlete's individual limit.

**Proposal No. 2010-74**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport -- Executed Financial Aid Awards and Written Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards -- Baseball**

- Intended to discourage over-signing.
- Promotes student-athlete well-being.
- Emphasizes better recruitment and assessments.
- Reduces flexibility for institution in uncertain situations.

**Proposal No. 2010-75**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport -- Equivalency Computations -- Calculation of Books**

- Last change was in 1996.
- Will have differing effect based on whether books is an element of grants-in-aid.
- Is \$800 the appropriate figure?

**Proposal No. 2010-76**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport -- Women's Basketball**

- Most institutions do not award the maximum (average of 13.08 in 2009).
- Could reallocate funds to women's basketball summer school or other women's sports.
- Potential increase in transfer rates and improved APRs.
- Increase parity as the talent pool is spread out.
- Would make it the same as men's basketball.
- Delayed effective date provides institutions with notice.
- Reduces scholarship opportunities for female student-athletes.

**Proposal No. 2010-77**

**Title: Financial Aid and Division Membership -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitation -- Football Championship Subdivision Dominant Provisions**

- FCS only.
- Creates a supermajority voting provision for FCS items.
- Works in conjunction with Proposal No. 2010-11.
- Helps to preserve the stability of the subdivision by requiring membership and financial aid initiatives that could diminish or escalate the level of commitment to be approved by a super-majority.

**Proposal No. 2010-78**

**Title: Financial Aid -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations -- Football Limitations -- Initial Counters -- Midyear Replacement -- Option to Count in Initial Year of Award**

- FBS and FCS, divided vote.
- Provides flexibility.
- Contrary to intent of original rule?
- Potential issues with an immediate effective date?

**Proposal No. 2010-79**

**Title: Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Permissible Expenses for Student-Athlete's Friends and Relatives -- Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Awards Banquets -- One-Time Exception -- Parents/Legal Guardians**

- Current legislation permits the student-athlete's spouse and children to receive complimentary admissions.
- Should consider consistency among the legislation when referencing parents and legal guardians and take into account nontraditional family structures.
- Promotes student-athlete well-being.

**Proposal No. 2010-80**

**Title: Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice -- Swimming and Diving -- Exception for Platform Diving**

- Safety issue as some institutions do not having a diving platform.
- Waivers have been granted.

**Proposal No. 2010-82-A**

**Title: Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition -- Travel to NCAA Championships, NGB Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games During Vacation Period -- Exceptions and Incidental Expenses**

- Why was \$55 chosen as the proposed per diem rate?
- Student-athletes are making money by travelling individually to championships.
- Competitive equity issue?
- Student-athletes go home twice due to later bowl games.

**Proposal No. 2010-82-B**

**Title: Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition -- Travel to NCAA Championships, NGB Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games During Vacation Period -- Exceptions**

- Maintains current amount (\$20 per day) to cover unitemized expenses during travel and practice.

**Proposal No. 2010-83**

**Title: Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition -- Nonpermissible -- Lodging in Conjunction with a Regular-Season Home Contest -- Championship Subdivision Football**

- Limited to regular season contests only.
- Intended as a cost-savings measure and to more fully integrate student-athletes with the student body.
- Potential savings of \$140,000 to \$150,000 per institution.
- Why not for all sports?
- Rationale for providing such housing is to remove student-athletes from distractions on campus (particularly on Friday or Saturday nights), which supports student-athlete well-being.
- Similar proposal in the 2009-10 legislative cycle (Proposal No. 2009-73), which applied to all sports, was withdrawn by the sponsor.

**Proposal No. 2010-84**

**Title: Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Participation Awards -- Maximum Value of Award -- Increase to Maximum Values**

- Current award limits have not been adjusted for inflation since 2003.
- Value of gold has increased significantly since 2003 (\$350/oz versus \$1150/oz). This is the primary raw material in rings.
- Not all institutions purchase rings as awards for their senior student-athletes.

**Proposal No. 2010-85**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons and Recruiting -- Voluntary Workouts -- Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff -- Sports Other Than Football**

- Promotes health and safety of student-athletes.
- Sports medicine staff not required to be present at voluntary workouts.
- Why not all coaches, especially in those sports with a safety exception?

**Proposal No. 2010-86**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing Season Regulations -- No Missed Class Time in Conjunction with Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Baseball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer and Volleyball**

- Emphasizes importance of academics.
- Potential costs savings for travel.
- Softball already has missed class time provision.

**Proposal No. 2010-87**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Nonchampionship Segment -- Travel Restrictions -- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball -- Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Once in Four Years**

- Current exceptions exist for departure/return restrictions, contest exemptions, qualifying regular-season multiple-team event, and the start of playing and practice seasons.
- Cost savings for institutions located in Hawaii and Alaska.
- Increased costs for those travelling to Hawaii and Alaska.

**Proposal No. 2010-88**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Nonchampionship Segment -- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Women's Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball -- Two Dates of Competition -- One Away-From Home Date**

- Presented as a cost-savings initiative.
- Diminishing the student-athlete experience.
- Minimize missed class time.
- Competition is not used for championship selection.

**Proposal No. 2010-89**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Basketball -- Location of Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- The Bahamas**

- Opportunity to grow the sport abroad.
- Does not increase the overall number of contests.
- Still limited to one team per conference every four years.
- For many institutions, the Bahamas is closer in proximity than locations in Canada and Mexico.
- Will this lead to other locations in future years?

**Proposal No. 2010-90**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Preseason Practice and First Date of Competition -- October 1**

- Currently September 1 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier.
- May reduce the length of the preseason practice period.
- Establishes a consistent start date for practice and competition for all institutions.

**Proposal No. 2010-91**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Number of Dates of Competition**

- Potential for less missed class time and cost savings.
- May diminish the student-athlete experience.
- Softball took similar action (Proposal No. 2006-89) to reduce time demands on student-athletes.
- Standardizes the total dates of competition for institutions and student-athletes.



**Proposal No. 2010-92**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Championship Subdivision Football -- Preseason Practice -- Limit on Number of Participants**

- FCS only.
- Current limit is 90.
- Estimated \$250 a day per institution for meals and lodging.
- Helps to maintain quality practice experiences as student-athletes become unable to practice.
- Will increase costs during a time when institutions are trying to save money and to reduce costs.
- Why was 95 chosen?
- Are there Title IX and gender equity concerns?

**Proposal No. 2010-93**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Rifle -- Dates of Competition -- Multiple-Day Contests**

- Potential decrease in costs and missed class time.
- Permits one competition that occurs over multiple days to count as a single date of competition.
- Similar provision in tennis and track and field.
- Allows participating institutions to accumulate countable contests for sports sponsorship in one road trip and use one date of competition.

**Proposal No. 2010-94**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Men's Soccer -- First Contest or Date of Competition -- 12-Week Season**

- Makes the length of the men's season consistent with women's soccer.
- Last change was in 2007.
- Total playing season would still be limited to 132 days.
- Eliminates need for midweek games, resulting in less missed class time.

**Proposal No. 2010-95**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- First Contest or Date of Competition -- Cross Country and Soccer -- 10-Week Cross Country Season and 11-Week Soccer Season**

- Cost-savings initiative.

- Why only soccer and cross-country?
- Similar proposal for soccer (Proposal No. 2008-55-B) was defeated in 2009.
- Would still be limited to 21 practice units in the preseason period.
- Diminishes the student-athlete experience?
- Potential health and safety issue as student-athletes are competing in the same number of contests in a shorter period of time.
- Potential for more missed class time due to scheduling compression.

**Proposal No. 2010-96**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Volleyball -- Preseason Practice -- 21 Units**

- Currently 29 units.
- Women's volleyball is the only fall sport, except football, that begins preseason practice based on 29 units.
- Cost-savings initiative.
- Does not impact the first date of competition.

**Proposal No. 2010-97**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons and Eligibility -- Wrestling -- First Date of Practice and Competition -- No Outside Competition Before November 1**

- Shortens the season so that student-athletes may focus on academics.
- May diminish the student-athlete experience.

**Proposal No. 2010-98**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Wrestling -- Number of Dates of Competition -- Annual Exemptions -- National Wrestling Coaches Association National Duals**

- Invitations are sent one month prior to the event.
- Prestigious wrestling event that occurs annually in January (January 8-9, 2011).

**Proposal No. 2010-99**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Foreign Tours and Competition -- No Institutional or Conference Foreign Tours**

- Similar proposal (Proposal No. 2003-67) was defeated in 2007 and withdrawn by the sponsor (Proposal No. 2009-87) in 2009.

- Do foreign tours still serve their original purpose?
- Presented as a cost-savings initiative.

**Proposal No. 2010-100**

**Title: Division Membership -- Elimination of Provisional and Multidivisional Membership -- Reclassification Process and Multi-Sport Conference Requirements**

- Leadership Council has been examining membership requirements for three years.
- Will ensure that institutions are prepared for Division I.
- Must spend five years in Division II.
- Defines requirements for a multisport conference.
- FCS may reclassify to FBS.
- Must have an invitation from a conference.
- Administration Cabinet will oversee the process.
- Greater conference involvement.
- Time period for reclassification is shortened by one year compared to the current process, thus ensuring that no group of student-athletes will be forgo the opportunity to participate in an NCAA Division I championship at least once during their five year eligibility period.
- Proposal requires some level of demonstrated stability after being elected to Division I status before becoming eligible for some of the Division I financial benefits (e.g., revenue distribution).

**Proposal No. 2010-101**

**Title: Division Membership -- Definitions and Applications -- Emerging Sports for Women -- Removal of Squash**

- In 2009, four sports were removed from the list due to a lack of steady progress toward championship status (archery, badminton, synchronized swimming and team handball).
- In 2009, the number of institutions sponsoring squash as a varsity program was 28 and this number has been constant since 2007.
- Squash has not been able to demonstrate progress being made toward the goal of 40 varsity programs.
- Similar legislation being considered in Division II and Division III.
- If removed from the list of emerging sports, institutions may still sponsor the sport at the club level and there are waiver opportunities, if necessary, to use the sport to meet Division I sports sponsorship requirements.

**Proposal No. 2010-102**

**Title: Division Membership -- Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships -- Elimination of Two-Thirds Majority Eligibility Requirement**

- Common provision.
- Student-athletes should follow the rules of the division of which their institution is a member.
- The current rule has created some confusion in application as greater federation among divisions has occurred.
- Institutions competing against each other in the same National Collegiate Championship will be using different sets of rules (e.g., eligibility, financial aid, playing seasons).
- Division III sponsorship is nearing two-thirds of all members that sponsor men's volleyball. If that were currently to occur, all Division I institutions would have to apply Division III rules in the sport.

**Proposal No. 2010-103**

**Title: Division Membership -- Division I Membership Requirements -- Sports Sponsorship -- Minimum Contests for Sports Sponsorship -- Swimming and Diving**

- Average number of countable contests in 2009-10 for men's swimming was 14.90.
- Average number of countable contests in 2009-10 for women's swimming was 15.60.
- Projected average number of countable contests in 2010-11 for men's swimming is 14.71.
- Projected average number of countable contests in 2010-11 for women's swimming is 14.99.
- Invitational meets with a single score for each of the participating institutions has replaced the dual/quadrangular meet format, thus making it more difficult to meet the minimum contest requirements in swimming and diving.
- Reduction in minimum contests from 10 to six provides institutions with greater scheduling flexibility, but is the proposed reduction consistent with the number of meets that should be sponsored at the Division I level?
- Does the proposed minimum of six meets diminish the student-athlete experience as an institution could meet such minimums by sponsoring two quadrangular meets over two weekends?

**Proposal No. 2010-104**

**Title: Division Membership -- Division I Membership Requirements -- Scheduling Requirements -- Wrestling**

- Same proposal (Proposal No. 2007-100) was defeated due to "sunset" provision.
- Will this change the student-athlete's competitive experience?
- Similar exception currently exists in the sports of men's swimming and diving and men's indoor/outdoor track and field.
- Proposal is designed to ease budgetary concerns (and possible discontinuation of the sport) as it is difficult in many regions of the country to schedule contests since there are fewer Division I institutions that sponsor the sport.

**Proposal No. 2010-105**

**Title: Division Membership -- Division I Membership Requirements -- Basketball Scheduling -- One-Third of Contests in Home Arena -- Women's Basketball**

- Is there data to support the assertion of missed class time?
- Proposal is designed to promote competitive balance and is identical to the current men's basketball rule.
- Proposal is designed to address concerns regarding the increasing number of teams that receive guaranteed payments to play away-from-home contests before the conference schedule, thereby causing student-athletes to miss significant class time.

**Proposal No. 2010-106**

**Title: Committees -- Common Committees -- Committees with Playing Rules and Championships Administration Responsibilities -- Women's Bowling Committee**

- Increases the committee by one member.
- Provide more opportunity for committee service.
- Expertise of the secretary rules editor is still a necessary resource.
- Provides greater opportunities for service and diversity as the sport of bowling continues to experience growth in sponsorship numbers.
- Recommended as noncontroversial legislation.

**Proposal No. 2010-107**

**Title: Committees -- Division I Cabinets and Committees -- Men's Soccer Committee -- Not More Than Two Members from the Same Region**

- Would be consistent with NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee.
- Intended to maintain balanced representation among the eight soccer regions.

**Proposal No. 2010-108**

**Title: Executive Regulations -- Administration of NCAA Championships -- Sites and Dates -- Nonrevenue Championships Site Assignment**

- Gives schools in remote areas the opportunity to host preliminary rounds and to have a home-court advantage.
- Currently, seeded teams can host provided air travel is not used.
- Increases in costs and missed class time.
- Intended to enhance the student-athlete experience.

**Proposal No. 2010-109-A**

**Title: Executive Regulations -- Administration of NCAA Championships -- Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities -- Professional Sports Organizations or Teams**

- Waiver is currently in effect.
- Extend to regular season competition?
- Currently opportunities are limited to promote NCAA Championships.
- Similar legislation being proposed in Division II and Division III.

**Proposal No. 2010-109-B**

**Title: Executive Regulations -- Administration of NCAA Championships -- Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities -- Professional Sports Organizations or Teams -- Financial Sponsorship of NCAA or Conference Championships**

- Extends financial sponsorship and promotions by professional teams and organizations to conference championships.
- Many conference championships already occur in venues of professional sports teams.

**Proposal No. 2010-110**

**Title: Playing and Practice Seasons and Recruiting -- Mandatory Medical Examination -- Sickle Cell Solubility Test -- Written Release**

- Intent is that athletics departments confirm sickle cell trait status in all student-athletes during the medical examination period prior to athletics participation.
- Concern that the current written release option serves as a blanket waiver.

**2010-11 NCAA Division I Legislative Proposals  
Question and Answer Document**

**(Updated: January 4, 2011)**

This document contains questions and answers to assist the NCAA membership in its understanding of select proposals in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.

**NCAA Proposal No. 2009-19-A Personnel -- Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters -- Women's Sand Volleyball and Women's Volleyball**

**Question:** For an institution that sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball, how many coaches may work with both sports?

**Answer:** For such an institution, the total number of coaches who may work with both programs is four. Each institution may determine how many of the four coaches will work with each sport. For example, one coach may work exclusively as a women's sand volleyball coach, one may work exclusively as a women's volleyball coach and two coaches may work with both sports. Another institution may choose to have all four coaches' work with both sports to varying degrees.

**Proposal No. 2009-19-B Personnel -- Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters -- Women's Sand Volleyball**

**Question:** If an institution sponsors both sports and has two separate staffs as proposed in Proposal No. 2009-19-B, which individual would be responsible for negotiating practice time when seasons overlap or which court volleyball student-athletes participate on the sand volleyball team or vice versa?

**Answer:** These types of decisions would need to be made by the director of athletics and/or coaches at each institution.

**Question:** May an institution appoint a director of operations for women's sand volleyball or women's volleyball if the individual is a countable coach in the other sport?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the individual does not engage in any coaching activities or off-campus recruiting activities in the sport in which he or she is not designated as a countable coach. The individual would not be permitted to report back to the coaching staff, in the sport in which he or she serves as director of operations, any information regarding observations of prospective student-athletes while engaged in off-campus recruiting for the sport in which he or she is a countable coach.



**Proposal No. 2009-39 Recruiting -- Limitations on Number of Evaluations -- Evaluation Days -- Women's Sand Volleyball**

**Question:** During the 20 additional evaluation days, is a coach permitted to view warm-ups prior to a sand volleyball competition?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2009-70-A Financial Aid -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport -- Women's Sand Volleyball**

**Question:** Why were the women's sand volleyball's equivalency and counter limits in Proposal No. 2009-70-A chosen?

**Answer:** As stated in the rationale for Proposal No. 2009-70-A, limiting the number of women's sand volleyball equivalencies to six among 14 total counters is appropriate based on the anticipated playing rules for women's sand volleyball. Those rules would permit five two-person units to compete as a team in competition. During the sport's emergence, it is anticipated that there will be a high number of student-athletes who will participate in both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball. Further, limiting the total number of counters will assist in maintaining competitive balance. Based on the information provided to the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics related to the current women's sand volleyball participation numbers, these financial aid limits provide appropriate financial aid opportunities as the sport develops as an NCAA sport. Finally, eight equivalencies for women's sand volleyball is appropriate for institutions that do not sponsor women's volleyball because the concerns regarding the number of student-athletes who participate in both sports do not exist at those institutions.

**Question:** What is a counter?

**Answer:** A "counter" is an individual who is receiving institutional financial aid that is countable against the aid limitations in a sport. The most common way a student-athlete becomes a counter is by receiving financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability (i.e., athletics aid). Recruited student-athletes also become counters if they receive outside financial aid for which athletics participation is a major criterion. More information about counters is available in NCAA Bylaw 15.5.1.

A student-athlete who is a counter is counted against the aid limitations for the sport in which she participates. For student-athletes who participate in multiple

sports, the multisport participants legislation (Bylaw 15.5.9) determines the sport aid limitation against which the student-athlete's aid must be counted. The multisport participant legislation specifies that a counter who practices or competes in women's volleyball and one or more other sports (other than basketball) shall be counted in women's volleyball. Therefore, a student-athlete who receives athletics aid and is on the roster for women's sand volleyball, but practices or competes in women's volleyball is a counter for women's volleyball and does not affect the maximum team financial aid limit for women's sand volleyball.

**Example: Counter Participating in Women's Volleyball and Receiving Athletics Aid from Women's Sand Volleyball.**

Beach University sponsors women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball. The women's volleyball team has awarded 12 athletics grants-in-aid for 2011-12, leaving room for no additional counters. The university's women's sand volleyball program has awarded athletics grants-in-aid totaling 2.50 equivalencies to six individuals. Those six individuals are the women's sand volleyball team's only counters, and none of them receive any additional countable financial aid. One of those individuals, Sandy, signed a 2011-12 athletics financial aid agreement for 50 percent of a full athletics grant-in-aid (0.50 equivalency).

During the 2011 fall term, Sandy practices with the university's women's volleyball team. The multisport participants legislation requires Sandy to be considered a counter for the women's volleyball program. Consequently, the women's volleyball program has exceeded its permissible number of counters by one. However, once Sandy becomes a counter for the women's volleyball program, she is no longer a counter for the women's sand volleyball program. Therefore, the equivalency total for women's sand volleyball is reduced to 2.00, and its number of counters is reduced to five. This is true even if Sandy practices or competes for the women's sand volleyball program in the same academic year.

**Question:** How is athletics aid awarded in head-count sports and in equivalency sports?

**Answer:** Women's volleyball is a head-count sport. That means each student-athlete who is a counter in that sport counts against its maximum of 12 counters. This is true regardless of the amount of countable aid the student-athlete receives.

In contrast, women's sand volleyball is an equivalency sport with a maximum of 14 counters. That means each student-athlete who is a counter in that sport counts as one of the permissible 14 counters, but only counts against the team's maximum financial aid limit based on the amount of countable financial aid the

student-athlete receives. Once a student-athlete becomes a counter in an equivalency sport, the institution must count all institutional aid that individual receives for room, board, books, tuition and fees up to the value of a full grant-in-aid when determining the amount that counts toward the team's financial aid limit. Information for calculating a student-athlete's equivalency is located in Bylaw 15.5.3.2.

**Example: Effect of Awarding Athletics Aid – Women's Volleyball versus Women's Sand Volleyball.**

Hardcourt University is finalizing its plans for offering athletics grants-in-aid for 2011-12. It already has awarded 10 full grants-in-aid to members of its women's volleyball team and 1.25 equivalencies to seven members of its women's sand volleyball team. There are three students under consideration for offers of athletics aid – Amy, Beth and Cindy. The women's volleyball coaches are considering offering Amy a full grant-in-aid, offering Beth tuition and fees and offering Cindy books. At Hardcourt, the value of a full grant-in-aid is distributed as follows:

Award	Percentage of a Full Grant-in-Aid	Equivalency
Tuition/Fees	50%	0.50
Room	25%	0.25
Board	23%	0.23
Books	2%	0.02
<b>Full Grant-in-Aid</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.00</b>

If the offers are accepted by all three students, what effect will that have on the women's volleyball team's financial aid limit? How does that differ from the effect on the women's sand volleyball team's financial aid limits?

Student-Athlete	Offer of Athletics Aid	Equivalency	Effect on Women's Volleyball	Effect on Women's Sand Volleyball	
				Counters	Equivalencies
Amy	Full Grant-in-Aid	1.00	+1 Counter	+1 Counter	+1.00
Beth	Tuition/Fees	0.50	+1 Counter	+1 Counter	+0.50
Cindy	Books	0.02	+1 Counter	+1 Counter	+0.02
<b>Totals</b>					
Women's Volleyball			13 Counters		
Women's Sand Volleyball					10 Counters
					2.77

Note that regardless of the sport in which the students participate, that sport's number of counters will increase by three. For women's volleyball, this would cause the team to exceed its limit of 12 counters by one. For women's sand volleyball, the team would be within its limit of 14 counters. The women's sand volleyball team also would be within its limit of 3.0 equivalencies ( $1.25 + 1.00 + 0.50 + 0.02 = 2.77$ ). Consequently, the women's sand volleyball team would have 0.23 of a full grant-in-aid remaining. That amount may be awarded as long as the additional awards do not cause the team to have more than 14 counters. If any of the individuals have other institutional aid, then that aid must be included when determining the equivalency value that counts toward the team's equivalency limit. Finally, as shown in the previous example, even if all three students accept athletics aid from the women's sand volleyball program, if they practice or compete with the women's volleyball team, then they must count against the women's volleyball team limit of 12 counters and, as a result, would not count against the women's sand volleyball team limits for counters or equivalencies.

**Question:** Is an institution permitted to reduce or cancel a student-athlete's athletics aid? Are there certain criteria that need to be met?

**Answer:** In all sports, unless an exception (e.g., midyear enrollment, exhausted eligibility/medical noncounter) applies, athletics aid is awarded for a period of one academic year. From the time the financial aid award letter is signed until the conclusion of the period of the award, athletics aid may not be reduced or cancelled on the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success; because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition; or for any other athletics reason. The institution is obligated to notify the student-athlete in writing of the opportunity for a hearing (which must be conducted outside of athletics) when institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability is to be reduced or canceled during the period of the award, or is reduced or not renewed for the following academic year.

Institutions are required to have reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request and the written notice of the hearing opportunity must include a copy of the institution's established policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing.

**Question:** Would it be permissible for volleyball and sand volleyball student-athletes to engage in weight-training and conditioning activities conducted by the strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties at the same time?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Proposal No. 2009-83 Playing and Practice Seasons and Division Membership -- Regulations for Playing Season and Minimum Contest Requirements for Sports Sponsorship -- Women's Sand Volleyball**

**Question:** How will the compliance staff assess whether women's volleyball student-athletes are practicing women's volleyball or women's sand volleyball skills? What will be the guidelines for coaches?

**Answer:** The institution will have to be comfortable defending that those student-athletes who are practicing in either women's sand volleyball or women's volleyball practices are legitimate members of the applicable roster and those practices are during the appropriate segment of the declared playing season. Bylaw 15.5.9.7.1 provides guidelines by which an institution may judge whether a student-athlete is a multiple sport student-athlete. Although these guidelines relate to the counting of financial aid (which is not an issue in these two sports since a multiple sport student-athlete will always count as a women's volleyball counter), they set forth appropriate guidance.

**Question:** Does a student-athlete have a five-year window to play up to four seasons of either women's volleyball or women's sand volleyball?

**Answer:** A student-athlete would have five calendar years from the time of initial full-time collegiate enrollment to compete in four seasons of both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball.

**Question:** May a student-athlete come to an institution on a women's sand volleyball scholarship in January after graduating from high school a semester early, participate in women's sand volleyball that spring and become part of the women's volleyball team in the fall?

**Answer:** Yes; however, based on the current and proposed financial aid rules, the student-athlete would count as one of the 12 women's volleyball counters beginning in the fall. Further, if the student-athlete participates in both women's sand volleyball and women's volleyball in the spring following high school graduation, she would count as one of the 12 women's volleyball counters for that academic year (see Bylaw 15.5.2.3 for information on midyear graduate replacements).

**Question:** If a student-athlete is participating in both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball, she may be in an "in-season" situation with one sport or the other during the entire academic year. Does this mean she is permitted to spend 20 hours a week in one or the other the entire year?

**Answer:** If one of the sports is in season, the student-athlete would be limited to participating in 20 hours of countable athletically related activities per week and four hours of countable athletically related activities per day. The student-athlete could participate in the out-of-season sport for not more than eight of the 20 countable hours. If both sports are in season at the same time the student-athlete is still limited to 20 total hours of countable athletically related activities per week and four hours per day. If a student-athlete competes in both sports in the same day, such participation would count as three hours for that day and for the 20-hour limit for the week.

**Question:** If an institution does not need another sport for either gender-equity or sports-sponsorship purposes and also does not have money to fund women's sand volleyball travel to get to the minimum of eight dates of competition, may the institution add a women's sand volleyball team simply to pick up the opportunity to train year round and just use the two women's volleyball nonchampionship segment competitions, which are already funded, to play sand volleyball?

**Answer:** Yes. The playing and practice season establishes the maximum contest limits; however, it is not a requirement that an institution compete in the maximum number of dates of competition in the nonchampionship segment. In fact, an institution in this example, may participate in the two dates of competition for women's sand volleyball and still compete in four other dates of competition in women's volleyball during the declared nonchampionship segment if it so desires. The impact of such a schedule is that women's sand volleyball shall not be used for sports sponsorship purposes.

**Question:** May an institution play in a women's volleyball tournament on a Saturday and a women's sand volleyball tournament on a Sunday during the same road trip?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the competitions are conducted during a permissible segment of the declared playing season and counted against each sport appropriately. Further, please note that the departure and return restrictions (Bylaw 16.8.1.2.1) may limit the ability for the entire team to travel together depending on separate competition schedules.

**Question:** May a student-athlete play women's volleyball sixes in the morning and women's sand volleyball doubles in the afternoon of the same day and count one competition for each sport?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the competitions are conducted during a permissible segment of the declared playing season and counted against each sport appropriately.

**Question:** Why isn't women's sand volleyball being played in the fall?

**Answer:** The sponsors of the proposal established the championship segment in the spring. The NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet discussed the option of establishing women's sand volleyball as a fall championship sport, but decided not to forward such a recommendation.

**Question:** Have the playing rules for women's sand volleyball been developed?

**Answer:** Similar to the issues related to playing and practice seasons, financial aid and recruiting, the playing rules are still being developed. The rules used by USA Beach Volleyball are under review to determine what is appropriate to use in the college game and a final recommendation will be submitted to the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel. This process is similar to that which has been used in the past in sports such as field hockey and gymnastics.

**Question:** How many courts are necessary to host a sand volleyball competition?

**Answer:** The appropriate number of courts is still being determined; however, it is reasonable to expect that a facility will need to have at least two or three courts available for competition. The anticipated format will include five matches of two-person teams (best of three sets), with the best three out of five being considered the winner.

**Proposal No. 2009-100-A Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Nonscholastic Practice or Competition and Noninstitutional Camps and Clinics -- Men's Basketball**

**Question:** May an institution host a basketball practice, contest or event in which men's basketball prospective-student-athletes participate on its campus that is operated by a nonscholastic entity, but has been approved by the appropriate scholastic entity (e.g., high school association, National High School Federation)?

**Answer:** No. The practice, contest or event must be a regular scholastic practice, contest or event that is conducted by the applicable scholastic entity.

**Question:** May a department outside of the athletics department (e.g., intramural department) conduct a basketball camp or clinic for men's basketball prospective student-athletes?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps or clinics, including the limitation to the months of June, July and August.

**Question:** Since this proposal was deferred in the last legislative cycle, how will this affect contracts that were signed in the interim?

**Answer:** If adopted, actions contrary to the legislation that occur on or after the effective date will constitute violations of the legislation unless such actions are taken pursuant to contracts signed before October 29, 2009.

**Proposal No. 2010-7 NCAA Membership -- Active Membership -- Conditions and Obligations of Membership -- Application of Rules to All Recognized Varsity Sports -- Elimination of Emerging Sports Timetable**

**Question:** If adopted, at what point would an institution be required to be in compliance with all Division I legislation related to an emerging sport?

**Answer:** Once the sport is added to the list of emerging sports for women, an institution that adds the sport is held accountable for all Division I legislation at the point in which the sport is accorded varsity status (or, for recruiting regulations, at the point the institution evidences an intent or commitment to sponsor the sport on a varsity level).

**Question:** Is there any relief or grace period provided to student-athletes in an emerging sport who are not meeting the pertinent progress-toward-degree requirements at the time the emerging sport is added to the list of emerging sports for women?

**Answer:** Institutions may request relief from the eligibility rules through the waiver process.

**Proposal No. 2010-8 NCAA Membership -- Active Membership -- Conditions and Obligations of Membership -- Drug Testing Program -- Designation of Athletics Department Resource and Education Related to Banned Drugs and Nutritional Supplements**

**Question:** Is this individual, who has been appointed as the athletics department resource person for banned drugs and nutritional supplements, designated within the NCAA Online Directory?



**Answer:** No.

**Question:** If there are changes in the athletics personnel, would it be permissible for an institution to designate an interim resource person until there is a permanent appointment?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Does an institution's failure to comply with the provisions within this proposal affect the eligibility of student-athletes?

**Answer:** No, it will not affect a student-athlete's eligibility. It would result in an institutional violation.

**Question:** How often is the institution required to educate its athletics staff on the list of banned drugs, the risks associated with the use of nutritional supplements and who the athletics department resource person is regarding banned drugs and nutritional supplements?

**Answer:** Such details will be left up to each institution to determine.

**Question:** Is the individual, who has been appointed as the athletics department resource person for banned drugs and nutritional supplements, required to have any formal certifications and training?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** Would it be permissible for an institution to contract with an outside entity to provide the requisite education to athletics staff members?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** What resources are available to the athletics department resource for questions related to NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements?

**Answer:** The NCAA subscribes to the Resource Exchange Center (REC), a service of The National Center for Drug Free Sport. Through the NCAA subscription, member institutions may access REC at no cost.

**Proposal No. 2010-9 NCAA Membership -- Active or Conference Membership -- Conditions and Obligations of Membership -- Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness -- Contracts and Commercial Agreements -- Written Policies**

**Question:** Does this requirement apply to Division II and Division III institutions that sponsor a Division I sport?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Would a violation of this provision affect a student-athlete's eligibility?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** If an institution or conference has already signed a multiyear contract prior to the August 1, 2011, does the contract need to be amended to include the requirements?

**Answer:** No. The required provisions would need to be included in new or renewed agreements.

**Question:** Is it an institutional violation if an outside entity does not comply with NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness?

**Answer:** No. It would be considered a breach of contract. A violation of the legislation would occur if the institution did not include the requisite language in commercial agreements and did not have written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other agreements.

**Proposal No. 2010-15-A Personnel -- Compensation And Remuneration -- Income in Addition to Institutional Salary -- Consultant For or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes**

**Question:** Would it be permissible for an athletics staff member to be a consultant for a noninstitutional camp or clinic that primarily involves prospective student-athletes?

**Answer:** Yes, provided it is permissible for the staff member to be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the particular camp or clinic per Bylaw 13.12.2.3.

**Question:** Would this proposal preclude an athletics staff member's involvement with events like the Gus Macker Three-On-Three tournaments and events conducted by a national governing body?

**Answer:** No. Since such events do not "primarily" involve prospective student-athletes, the legislation would not apply.

**Question:** If adopted, would this proposal prohibit the use of a coach's picture or quotations to promote a private camp or clinic for which he or she is employed?

**Answer:** No. Such use of a coach's picture or quotes would remain permissible pursuant to Bylaw 11.3.2.6.

**Question:** Would it be permissible for an athletics staff member to be a consultant for a local sports club that primarily involves prospective student-athletes?

**Answer:** Yes, provided it is permissible for the staff member to be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the local sports club per Bylaw 13.11.2.3.

**Proposal No. 2010-15-B Personnel -- Compensation and Remuneration -- Income in Addition to Institutional Salary -- Consultant For or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes -- Endorsement of Team, Coach or Facility**

**Question:** At the time an institution announces a prospective student-athletes signing of a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or offer of financial aid or admission, would it be permissible for a coach to make general comments about the team for which the prospective student-athlete played (e.g., "prospect played on a good team and was well coached")?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the coach does not promote or endorse the signee's team or coach or the athletic facility used by the signee.

**Proposal No. 2010-16-A Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Basketball -- Limit of Two**

**Proposal No. 2010-18-A Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Limit of Six**

**Proposal No. 2010-20-A Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Noncoaching Staff with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Championship Subdivision Football -- Limit of Four**

**Question:** What types of staff positions would be included in the proposed numerical limitations?

**Answer:** Some common examples of positions that would be included in the proposed numerical limitations include, but are not limited to, directors of operations, video coordinators, quality control personnel, directors of player development and directors of community relations. Individuals who may report to another unit or department within the department of athletics or outside the department of athletics, such as sports information directors, academic advisors, athletic trainers, equipment managers and marketing staff, would not be included in the proposed numerical limitations, even if these individuals have football-specific responsibilities.

**Question:** Why does the proposal have an effective date of August 1, 2012?

**Answer:** The delayed effective date was chosen in order to provide sufficient notice to institutions. It will be up to an institution's discretion to move effected noncoaching staff members into other positions if the institution is currently over the proposed limit of noncoaching staff members.

**Question:** How would the limits on noncoaching staff members affect employees who split their responsibilities among two to three sports (e.g., videographer for football and men's and women's basketball)?

**Answer:** Such an individual would not be included in the proposed limitations, provided he or she does not work directly for one of the sports for which the limits would apply and his or her responsibilities are not specific to such a sport.

**Proposal No. 2010-19 Personnel -- Limitation on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Football Bowl Subdivision -- Weight or Strength Coach -- Limit of Five**

**Question:** How will this proposal affect institutions that currently have more than five weight or strength coaches?

**Answer:** It will be up to the institution's discretion to move effected weight and strength coaches into other positions if the institution is currently over the proposed limit of five weight and strength coaches.

**Question:** Does the limit include weight and strength coaches who have department-wide responsibilities and also work with the football team?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Proposal No. 2010-21 Personnel -- Limitations on Number of Off-Campus Recruiters at Any One Time -- Exception -- Sports Other Than Basketball -- June, July And August**

**Proposal No. 2010-22 Personnel -- Limitations on Number of Off-Campus Recruiters at Any One Time -- Exception -- Baseball -- June, July And August**

**Question:** Would the institution be permitted to use either the general rule regarding the limit on the number of coaches who may recruit off campus at any one time (i.e., the total number of coaches recruiting on behalf of the institution at any time may not exceed the permissible number) or the exception to the general rule (i.e., no more than the permissible number of coaches may engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day)?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Pursuant to the exception, if the limit on the number of coaches who may recruit off campus at any one time is two and two coaches are recruiting on a particular day and one coach ceases recruiting duties for the day at 2 p.m., when may the third coach begin to recruit?

**Answer:** The third coach may begin to recruit at midnight of the next day.

**Question:** If a sport's evaluation period extends into September, may the institution continue to use this exception during those days?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2010-23 Amateurism -- Amateur Status -- Exception for Payment Based on Team Performance -- Actual and Necessary Expenses -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing**

**Question:** If adopted, will this proposal apply retroactively?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** If the team of which the student-athlete is a member does not engage in outside competition, would the student-athlete be permitted to receive expenses for practice?

**Answer:** Yes. The student-athlete would be permitted to receive payment for practice expenses per the legislation in Bylaw 12.1.2.1.4.2.

**Question:** Is it necessary that the payments based on a team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis (e.g., bonus) come directly from a team or may they be received directly from a national governing body or an event organizer?

**Answer:** It is not required that the payments come directly from a team.

**Proposal No. 2010-24 Amateurism -- Involvement with Professional Teams -- Professional Basketball Draft -- Four-Year College Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball**

**Question:** What is the process used by a student-athlete to withdraw his name from the NBA draft?

**Answer:** Currently, the NBA requires that a written statement be faxed to them by the requisite due date that indicates that the student-athlete wishes to withdraw his name for consideration in the upcoming draft. Other professional drafts may have different requirements.

**Question:** What is the spring NLI signing period for basketball in 2011?

**Answer:** Currently, basketball's regular signing period begins the Wednesday in April of the week after the week in which the Division I men's and women's championships occur and ends the third Wednesday in May. In 2011, the period is April 13 through May 18.

**Question:** May a student-athlete enter his name in a professional basketball league's draft during the spring signing of the NLI for the applicable year and retain all eligibility?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2010-25 Amateurism and Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Use of Agents -- Benefits, Gifts and Services -- Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services**

**Question:** Would it be permissible for a student-athlete to be placed into a coaching position or into a training/fitness instruction position?

**Answer:** Yes. Current legislation and interpretations allow a student-athlete to be employed as a coach or to teach lessons. The same principle would apply to allow student-athletes to be placed into coaching positions pursuant to the proposal.

**Question:** Would it be permissible for the placement service to indicate in the student-athlete's information that he or she is a current student-athlete?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Proposal 2010-26 Amateurism -- Promotional Activities -- Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness**

**Question:** Is a student-athlete required to sign off on each promotional activity or may an institution develop a blanket consent form for the student-athlete to sign at the beginning of each academic year for all promotional activities?

**Answer:** The process for receiving the student-athlete authorization for any promotional activity is left to the discretion of the institution.

**Question:** What are considered to be institutionally controlled outlets and other institutional authorized entities?

**Answer:** An example of an institutionally controlled outlet would be an institution's bookstore. Institutional commercial items could also be sold at other commercial locations as authorized entities, provided the athletics director has authorized the entity to sell the item. In all cases the institution maintains control of what is sold and where it is sold.

**Question:** What types of items may be considered to be "institutional commercial items"?

**Answer:** Any commercial item that includes the name of the institution may be considered to be an "institutional commercial item." Such items that include the names or likenesses of multiple student-athletes may be sold by the institution or an institutionally authorized entity.

**Proposal 2010-31 Personnel and Recruiting -- Recruiting Coordination Functions -- Contacts, Telephone Calls and Recruiting Materials -- Exceptions -- Communication After Commitment**

**Question:** Would a prospective student-athlete who has signed an NLI be permitted to make an unofficial visit during July in men's basketball and during the July evaluation periods in women's basketball?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2010-35 Recruiting -- Basketball Evaluations -- Women's Basketball -- Nonscholastic Evaluations During Academic Year -- National Standardized Testing Weekends**

**Question:** When will the first conflict with a testing date occur for women's basketball?

**Answer:** If the formulas for the NLI signing date and the current women's basketball recruiting calendar remain the same, the first conflict between the testing date for the ACT and the identified five day evaluation period in April will occur in 2012. The ACT is scheduled for April 14, 2012. The five day evaluation period would be April 13-17. Therefore, if the proposal is adopted, the five day evaluation period would shift to April 20-24 with the nonscholastic evaluation weekend being April 20-22.

**Proposal No. 2010-38-A Recruiting -- Recruiting Materials -- Athletics Publications -- No Media Guides to Prospective Student-Athletes Via Digital Storage Device or E-Mail**

**Question:** Is it permissible for an institution to post its media guide on its website and then send the link to it to prospective student-athletes?

**Answer:** Yes.



**Question:** May an institution provide a media guide to prospective student-athletes on a flash drive prior to August 1, 2011?

**Answer:** Yes. It would need to be postmarked on or before July 31, 2011.

**Question:** May an institution produce additional athletics publications (e.g., spring football prospectus, yearbook) and provide them to prospective student-athletes on a digital storage device?

**Answer:** If an institution produces an additional athletics publication pursuant to Bylaw 13.4.1.3, posts the publication on the institution's website and it was not created for recruiting purposes, it may be sent to a prospective student-athlete via electronic mail as an attachment or a hyperlink. Further, such information may be printed on plain white paper with black ink and provided to a prospective student-athlete as an attachment to general correspondence, via facsimile or during any permissible on- or off-campus contact.

**Question:** May an institution provide a printed media guide that is not created for recruiting purposes to a prospective student-athlete?

**Answer:** Regardless of whether a printed media guide is created for recruiting purposes, it is not permissible to provide it to a prospective student-athlete. However, if the media guide is posted on the institution's website and was not created for recruiting purposes, it may be provided to a prospective student-athlete via electronic mail as a hyperlink, but it may not be provided in any printed form.

**Question:** If an institution sells its media guides on a flash drive to the general public (e.g., at the institution's bookstore), is it permissible for a prospective student-athlete to purchase a copy of the media guide on a flash drive?

**Answer:** Yes. Provided the media guide is purchased in the same manner and at the same cost as is available to the general public, it is permissible for a prospective student-athlete to purchase a media guide from the institution.

**Proposal No. 2010-39 Recruiting -- Recruiting Materials -- Media Guides and Video/Audio Materials -- Methods of Delivery to Prospective Student-Athletes**

**Question:** May an institution produce more than one media guide?

**Answer:** No. Institutions may have only one official media guide per sport; that being the publication that is provided to the media and related to the institution's sports program.

**Question:** If an institution produces a printed media guide, does the electronic version that is provided to prospective student-athletes have to be an exact reproduction of the printed version?

**Answer:** Yes. The electronic version of an institution's printed media guide must be an exact reproduction of the printed media guide.

**Question:** May an institution put a logo or other information on the packaging of a digital media storage device used to send a media guide to a prospective student-athlete?

**Answer:** Yes. However, any images or information on the packaging (e.g., label, insert) is limited to identification of the institution (e.g., name, logo).

**Question:** May an institution include other printed recruiting materials outlined in Bylaw 13.4.1.1 on the remaining free space on the digital media storage device used to send a media guide to a prospective student-athlete (e.g., camp brochures, questionnaires, etc.)?

**Answer:** Yes. Printed recruiting materials listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.1 may be included in the unused space on a digital media storage device used to provide the media guide and/or audio/video materials to the prospective student-athlete. It is important to note that storage devices used for this purpose must not exceed the minimum standard capacity necessary to store the media guide or the audio/video material (e.g., a media guide of 103 megabytes should be stored on a standard 128 megabyte flash drive). Therefore, the printed materials must fit in the remaining unused space.

**Question:** May an institution provide a prospective student-athlete with a media guide and a computer-generated recruiting presentation on the same digital media storage device?

**Answer:** Yes, provided that the storage device used does not exceed the minimum standard capacity necessary to store both items.

**Proposal No. 2010-40 Recruiting -- Official (Paid) Visit -- Limitations on Official Visits -- No Visit After National Letter of Intent or Other Written Commitment**

**Question:** Does this limitation extend to post-high school official visits (Bylaw 13.6.2.3)?

**Answer:** If a prospective student-athlete who is subject to the limitation does not enroll at the institution with which he or she signed an NLI (or other commitment, if applicable) the limitation applies until the commitment is rendered null and void. The limitation applies separately to transfer student-athletes.

**Question:** If a prospective student-athlete has provided a financial deposit to an institution to reserve a spot in the entering class, would he or she be precluded from taking an official visit to that institution?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2010-42 Recruiting -- Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements -- Requirements for Verbal Offer of Athletically Related Financial Aid**

**Question:** Is it required that the prospective student-athlete's transcript be on file with the department of athletics?

**Answer:** No. The transcript may be on file at any location on campus (e.g., admissions, registrar).

**Question:** Are institutions required to conduct an assessment of the prospective student-athlete's high school work on the transcript?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** Would these restrictions also apply to prospective student-athletes who are home-schooled or schools on nontraditional academic calendars?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** If a prospective student-athlete has attended more than one high school, is the institution required to obtain transcripts from all high schools attended?

**Answer:** If a transcript from the high school the prospective student-athlete most recently attended includes the results of the individual's first five semesters or seven

quarters of high school enrollment, separate transcripts from each school are not required.

**Proposal No. 2010-51-A Eligibility -- General Eligibility Requirements -- Full-Time Enrollment -- Requirement for Competition -- Nontraditional Courses**

**Question:** What is "term time"?

**Answer:** Term time refers to the divisions of the academic year (e.g., semesters, quarters, trimesters).

**Question:** Is there a limit on the number of nontraditional courses in which a student-athlete may enroll during a regular academic term?

**Answer:** No. Such a determination would be made by institutional policies applicable to all students.

**Question:** If a student-athlete is enrolled in a nontraditional course that is being used to meet the full-time enrollment requirement and the student-athlete completes the nontraditional course within the first month of the regular term, would the student-athlete be considered full time for the remainder of the term?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the nontraditional course was completed in accordance with institutional policy.

**Proposal No. 2010-52 Eligibility -- Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation -- One-Time Transfer Exception -- Final Year of Eligibility -- Nonrenewal of Athletics Aid at Previous Institution -- Baseball, Basketball, Football and Men's Ice Hockey**

**Question:** May the student-athlete pursue a second baccalaureate at the next institution?

**Answer:** No, he or she must be enrolled in a graduate or professional school.

**Question:** Would a student-athlete who graduates after three years and with two seasons of competition remaining be permitted to use this exception?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** If a student-athlete indicates to the institution that he or she wishes to transfer to another institution and the institution subsequently sends notice of the nonrenewal

of athletics aid to the student-athlete, is the student-athlete permitted to use this exception if he or she meets the criteria?

**Answer:** No. In order for the exception to be used, the institution must take the initial action of not renewing the student-athlete's athletics aid.

**Proposal No. 2010-53 Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: Five Year Rule -- Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing -- Exception -- National/International Competition**

**Question:** Does this proposal provide an additional year to the current one year grace period after high school graduation?

**Answer:** Yes. The proposal provides an additional year following the one year grace period to permit a student-athlete to participate in organized national/international competition and not trigger seasons of competition.

**Example:**

May 2009	Student-athlete graduates from high school.
August 2009-August 2010	Student-athlete competes in volleyball (grace year).
August 2010-August 2011	Student-athlete competes in the Pan American Games and officially recognized tryouts and qualifying competition leading up to the games.
August 2011	Student-athlete enrolls full time at a Division I institution; has not used a season of competition; is not required to fulfill a year of residence.

**Question:** Does participation in the Youth Olympics qualify a student-athlete for the additional year to the current delayed enrollment and seasons of competition legislation?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** Is there a limit on the number of permissible activities in which the individual may engage during each year prior to full-time enrollment?

**Answer:** No, provided the activities meet the requirements of the legislation.

**Question:** Does this exception apply to established national championship events (including junior national championships)?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2010-56 Eligibility -- Freshman Academic Requirements -- Core-Curriculum Time Limitation -- Leaving Examinations**

**Question:** What are some countries where the prescribed educational path culminates with a leaving examination?

**Answer:** Such countries include Great Britain, Sweden, Germany, Norway, the Netherlands and South Africa.

**Question:** If a prospective student-athlete from a leaving examination country does not complete the leaving examination on time, will he or she be able to complete an additional core course following high school graduation to be used for initial-eligibility purposes?

**Answer:** No. The exception that allows for the completion of one additional core course is only available if the prospective student-athlete completes the leaving examination on time.

**Question:** If a prospective student-athlete delays completion of the leaving examination and also engages in organized competition prior to initial full-time enrollment and after the one-year grace period, will he or she be charged with seasons of competition under the delayed enrollment legislation?

**Answer:** Yes. A prospective student-athlete's anticipated date of graduation will not be changed for amateurism purposes.

**Question:** If adopted, will this proposal apply retroactively?

**Answer:** No. However, the initial-eligibility waiver process is available to institutions for prospective student-athletes who fail to meet the requirements.

**Proposal No. 2010-58-A Eligibility, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons -- Summer Academic Preparation and College Acclimatization -- Men's Basketball**

**Question:** If a prospective student-athlete or a continuing student-athlete is enrolled in more than one summer session, is the three/six credit-hour requirement for each session?

**Answer:** No. A total of three/six credit hours must be earned for the entire summer in order to be eligible during the fall term.

**Question:** May a prospective student-athlete or a continuing student-athlete take nontraditional courses at the institution to meet the credit-hour requirements?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** May a student-athlete be enrolled in six credit hours over two summer terms in order to engage in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Are the eight weeks of the summer during which incoming and continuing student-athletes may engage in athletics development activities required to be continuous?

**Answer:** No, the eight weeks do not have to be continuous. Time that is not designated as one of the eight weeks would be considered discretionary time.

**Question:** May all student-athletes, both incoming and continuing, who are enrolled in summer school and in the requisite number of credit hours engage in the two hours of skill instruction at the same time?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** May a student-athlete participate in summer athletics development activities during a term in which he is not enrolled?

**Answer:** No. The student-athlete must be enrolled in at least six credit hours for the summer and must be enrolled and attending at least one class during any session in order to participate in the athletics development activities.

**Question:** Are the credit hours for eligibility to compete in the first term of the academic year required to be degree applicable?

**Answer:** The credit hours must degree applicable in accordance with Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7.

**Proposal No. 2010-59-A Eligibility -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Eligibility for Competition -- Fulfillment of Credit Hour Requirements -- Fall Term Academic Requirement For Future Competition – Football**

**Question:** If a student-athlete fails to earn the required nine semester/eight quarter hours and the NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) eligibility point and does not regain eligibility for the following fall (or is ineligible for other reasons), does the ineligibility for competition in the first four games carry over to the next season in which the student-athlete is eligible to compete at the same institution?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** If a student-athlete fails to earn the required nine semester/eight quarter hours, will the student-athlete be eligible to use the one-time transfer exception, if applicable?

**Answer:** No. The student-athlete would not have been eligible for competition had he remained at the first institution.

**Question:** Does the ineligibility for competition in the first four (or two) games follow the student-athlete if he transfers to another Division I institution?

**Answer:** Yes. The student-athlete would be required to fulfill the transfer residency requirement in the first year of enrollment and would not be eligible for the first four (or two) games in the following year.

**Question:** Does the ineligibility for competition in the first four games follow the student-athlete if he transfers to a Division II or Division III institution?

**Answer:** No. However, the student-athlete would not have been eligible for competition had he remained at the first institution. Therefore, the student-athlete may not meet an exception to the applicable transfer residency requirement.



**Question:** May summer school hours satisfy the nine semester/eight quarter-hour or the 27 semester/40 quarter-hour requirements?

**Answer:** Credit earned in the summer immediately after the applicable regular academic year may be used to satisfy the 27/40 credit-hour requirement. Similar to the application of the six credit-hour requirement for the fall term, only those hours earned during the fall regular academic term may satisfy the nine/eight credit-hour requirement.

**Question:** May credit hours earned during part-time terms satisfy the nine/eight or 27/40 credit-hour requirements?

**Answer:** Hours earned while a student-athlete is enrolled as a part-time student prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may satisfy the 27/40 credit hour-requirement for a student-athlete in his first year of attendance at the certifying institution. Such hours may not be used to satisfy the fall term nine/eight credit-hour requirement.

**Question:** May credit hours earned during the regular academic year in an interim term (intersession, mini or "J" term) completed before the beginning of the following term (spring semester or winter quarter) satisfy the nine/eight credit hour and/or the 27/40 credit-hour requirements?

**Answer:** Credit hours earned during an interim term, either at the certifying institution or from another institution, may be used to satisfy the 27/40 credit-hour requirement. Credit hours earned from another institution must be acceptable for degree credit at the certifying institution. However, hours earned during an interim term may not be used to satisfy the fall term nine/eight credit-hour requirement.

**Question:** How will incomplete credit hours, nondegree applicable credit hours, remedial credit hours, credit hours earned while concurrently enrolled at another institution, etc. be used for purposes of satisfying the nine/eight credit-hour requirement and 27/40 credit-hour requirement?

**Answer:** All current legislation and interpretations that govern the application of credit hours for other progress-toward-degree credit-hours requirements will apply.

**Question:** How will the legislated exceptions to progress-toward-degree requirements apply for purposes of these requirements (e.g., missed term, medical absence)?

**Answer:** There are no changes for the application of the current legislated exceptions to progress-toward-degree requirements. Credit hours will continue to be prorated at

nine hours per term of actual attendance. Please note the nine/eight credit-hour requirement is only applicable if a football student-athlete was enrolled as a full-time student during the fall term.

**Question:** Does the legislation apply to student-athletes who were not members of the football team during the previous fall term?

**Answer:** No, the legislation only applies to student-athletes who were on the football team during the applicable fall term.

**Question:** What requirements must be met by a football student-athlete who is not included within the APR cohort for the fall term in order to be eligible for all contests in the following season?

**Answer:** Such a student-athlete must successfully complete nine credit hours in the fall term in order to be eligible for all contests in the following season.

**Proposal No. 2010-60 Eligibility -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree -- Nontraditional Courses**

**Question:** May enrollment in nontraditional courses be used to satisfy an academic year in residence?

**Answer:** Bylaw 14.02.13.1 sets forth the requirements for satisfying an academic year of residence. Enrollment in nontraditional courses may be used in accordance with institutional policies.

**Question:** Does "regular enrollment periods" refer to periods in which students at the offering institution enroll in traditional (e.g., taught in a typical face-to-face classroom environment) courses?

**Answer:** Yes. Therefore, if a student-athlete dropped or withdrew from a traditional course in the middle of a term and enrolled in a nontraditional course (and could not have enrolled in another traditional course) he or she could not use the nontraditional course to meet progress-toward-degree requirements. The student-athlete must enroll in such courses at the same time he or she enrolls in traditional courses, if the nontraditional courses are to be used.

**Question:** May the nontraditional courses be taken at a two-year institution?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Proposal No. 2010-61 Financial Aid -- General Principles -- Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Institutional Financial Aid -- Exception -- Part Time Enrollment After Exhausted Eligibility**

**Question:** Would a student-athlete who is receiving athletics aid pursuant to this exception be included within the APR cohort for the terms in which he or she is receiving athletics aid?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the student-athlete has not yet enrolled beyond ten semesters/15 quarters of actual full-time enrollment.

**Question:** May an institution use this exception more than once for the same student-athlete?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** If a student-athlete is enrolled in the courses necessary to graduate and is receiving athletics aid pursuant to this exception, is the student-athlete required to graduate?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2010-62 Financial Aid -- Definitions and Applications -- Exempted Institutional Financial Aid -- Federal Need-Based Financial Aid**

**Proposal No. 2010-63 Financial Aid -- Definitions and Applications -- Exempted Institutional Financial Aid -- State Need-Based Financial Aid**

**Proposal No. 2010-64 Financial Aid -- Definitions and Applications -- Exempted Institutional Financial Aid -- State Merit-Based Financial Aid**

**Question:** May an institution use the institutional financial aid addressed in the proposal to meet the minimum equivalency value that must be awarded to a baseball student-athlete?

**Answer:** Yes; a current staff interpretation (ref: 8/18/08, item a) indicates that institutional financial aid that could otherwise be exempted from an institution's equivalency computation (e.g., academic honor awards) may be used to meet an individual student-athlete's minimum equivalency value, provided the aid is also counted toward the maximum institutional grant-in-aid limitation. This interpretation would also apply to the institutional aid that would be exempted pursuant to this proposal.

**Proposal No. 2010-70 Financial Aid -- Summer Financial Aid -- Enrolled Student-Athletes -  
- Exception for First-Time Recipient in the Next Academic Year**

**Question:** Would it be permissible for the institution to award athletics aid to a student-athlete to attend summer if he or she received athletics aid from the institution in a previous academic year, but not in the academic year immediately before the summer in which the athletics aid will be awarded?

**Answer:** No. The legislation is only applicable to student-athletes who have not previously received athletically related financial aid from the institution during any academic year.

**Proposal No. 2010-71 Financial Aid -- Terms and Conditions -- Period of Institutional Award -- One-Year Period -- Exceptions -- Graduated During Previous Academic Year and Will Exhaust Eligibility During the Following Fall Term**

**Question:** The proposal's effective date is August 1, 2011. Would this proposal apply to a student-athlete who graduates at any time during the 2010-11 academic year and will exhaust his or her eligibility during the fall 2011 term?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Does this exception permit the institution to renew the student-athlete's athletics aid for subsequent terms of the academic year (e.g., spring semester, winter quarter, spring quarter)?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** May the exception be used if a student-athlete exhausts eligibility during the winter term?

**Answer:** No. The proposal specifically requires that eligibility will be exhausted during the fall term.

**Question:** If such an exception is used and the student-athlete does not exhaust eligibility in the fall term (e.g., medical hardship), is there a violation?

**Answer:** No, it would not be a violation and the institution may award the student-athlete athletics aid for the spring term.

**Question:** Is an institution required to provide a student-athlete a hearing opportunity if the institution decides to award a student-athlete athletics aid in accordance with this proposal?

**Answer:** An institution's regular financial aid authority must notify a student-athlete in writing of the opportunity for a hearing if institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability reduced or not renewed for the following academic year.

**Proposal No. 2010-72 Financial Aid -- Terms and Conditions of Awarding Institutional Financial Aid -- Reduction or Cancellation Permitted -- Release of Obligation to Provide Athletically Related Financial Aid**

**Question:** Is the institution permitted to award the athletics aid relinquished by the student-athlete to another student-athlete or prospective student-athlete?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the institution has not exceeded the maximum financial aid limits in the sport.

**Question:** Would it be permissible for the institution to bring to the student-athlete's attention that he or she eligible to receive nonathletics aid that is more than his or her athletics aid and thus, can release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletics aid?

**Answer:** Yes. However, the student-athlete must voluntarily release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletics aid and may not be coerced into doing so.

**Question:** If a student-athlete voluntarily releases the institution of its obligation to provide the athletics aid, is the institution required to provide the student-athlete with information on a hearing opportunity?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** If a prospective student-athlete, who has signed an NLI, releases the institution of its obligation to provide him or her athletically related financial aid, will the NLI be voided?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Proposal No. 2010-74 Financial Aid -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport -- Executed Financial Aid Awards and Written Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards -- Baseball**

**Question:** If adopted, will the legislation take effect for the 2011-12 academic year or the 2012-13 academic year?

**Answer:** If adopted, this will go into effect for the 2011-12 academic year. Therefore, during the 2011-12 year, including the summer of 2012, the combination of executed athletically related financial aid awards and outstanding written offers of athletically related financial aid to prospective student-athletes and student-athletes may not exceed 12.7 equivalencies.

**Proposal No. 2010-85 Playing and Practice Seasons and Recruiting -- Voluntary Workouts -- Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff -- Sports Other Than Football**

**Question:** Does this proposal require the strength and conditioning coach to be certified to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), in addition to first aid and CPR?

**Answer:** No. Some certifications for first aid and CPR include training to use the AED, but the AED training is not required.

**Question:** If the strength and conditioning coach is monitoring student-athletes only for safety purposes, rather than conducting voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities, is he or she required to have the certification?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** May an institution pay for the first aid/CPR certification?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Proposal No. 2010-89 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Basketball -- Location of Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- The Bahamas**

**Question:** If an institution participates in an event that meets the legislation to be a qualifying regular season multiple-team event, would the team's participation in the event also count as its once-every-four years in-season foreign competition as permitted in Bylaw 17.3.5.1.2?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2010-101 Division Membership -- Definitions and Applications -- Emerging Sports for Women -- Removal of Squash**

**Question:** If squash is removed from the NCAA emerging sport for women list, may an institution still offer the sport on the varsity level?

**Answer:** Yes. If the proposal is adopted and squash is no longer considered an emerging sport for women, an institution may still elect to conduct the sport as a varsity sport.

**Question:** If squash is removed from the NCAA emerging sport for women list, may an institution still use any of those sports to meet its membership requirements?

**Answer:** Yes. Per Bylaw 20.9.4.1, an institution may submit a waiver to request approval to designate one sport involving all-male or mixed teams of males and females and one sport involving all-female teams to meet the division sports sponsorship criteria. The waiver may be filed for sports that the Association does not offer a championship or is identified as an emerging sport for women.

**Question:** If squash is removed from the NCAA emerging sport for women list but an institution still offers the sport at the varsity level, may the participants still be counted for gender-equity purposes?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** In the future, if interest or participation increases, may squash request reconsideration for inclusion on the emerging sport for women list?

**Answer:** Yes. If a sport is removed from the list, 12 months after being removed from the list by a vote of the membership, the sport may submit a new request to the Committee on Women's Athletics to be added back on the list. Such a request must include 15 commitment letters signed by chancellors/presidents and director of athletics in addition to the same documentation required for any sport requesting to be initially added to the list. Each division must take legislative action to add or remove a sport to/from the emerging sports for women list.

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Dear Mr. Lyons,

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) objects strongly to NCAA Division I proposed legislation 2010-81: Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Permissible Expenses Provided by the Institution for Competition -- Travel Squad Limits, since the proposed squad limits for Cross Country (12) and Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field (34) would eliminate participation opportunities for many current and future NCAA Division I student-athletes.

Currently, many Cross Country teams compete with more than 12 student-athletes on any given regular season weekend, oftentimes in a "split squad" situation. These competitions are vital in terms of providing competitive opportunities for student-athletes. By limiting the squad size to 12 student-athletes, participation opportunities for student-athletes outside of the top 12 will be severely limited or eliminated altogether.

In terms of Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field, the proposed squad limit of 34 would severely limit the participation opportunities for student-athletes in both of these sports. Indoor Track & Field has 17 National Championship events (two of which are relays), and Outdoor Track & Field has 21 National Championship events (two of which are relays). Further, many conferences contest non-Championship events at their Conference Championship meets (e.g. 4x800m relay). The proposed squad limit of 34 would seriously affect the ability of institutions to field a full Track & Field team during both the Indoor and Outdoor seasons and would limit or eliminate participation opportunities for many current and future student-athletes.

If squad limits were to be put in place for Cross Country and Track & Field, it would only make sense to institute squad limits that are in line with other sports. For example, Baseball has nine starting positions and a proposed squad limit of 28, or roughly 3.1 squad members per starting position. Football has 22 starting positions and a proposed squad limit of 70, or roughly 3.2 squad members per starting position. Basketball has five starting positions and a proposed squad limit of 15, or three squad members per starting position.

Similar limits for Cross Country (seven starting positions), Indoor Track & Field (23 starting positions), and Outdoor Track & Field (27 starting positions) would yield squad limits of 21 student-athletes in Cross Country, 69 student-athletes in Indoor Track & Field, and 81 student-athletes in Outdoor Track & Field. A limit of 12 student-athletes in Cross Country and 34 student-athletes in Indoor and Outdoor



Track & Field would fail to allow full participation opportunities in these sports as compared to the opportunities available in other sports.

As a result of these concerns, the USTFCCCA recommends the defeat of proposal 2010-81. Our sentiment is shared by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet; the Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet; the Football Issues Committee; the Baseball Committee; the Men's and Women's Skiing Committee; the Men's and Women's Rifle Committee; the Men's Lacrosse Committee; the Women's Lacrosse Committee; the Women's Bowling Committee; and the Women's Soccer Committee, all of which are on record as recommending the defeat of this proposal.

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## Proposal 2009-100-B

### RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- NONSCHOLASTIC PRACTICE OR COMPETITION AND NONINSTITUTIONAL CAMPS OR CLINICS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- EXCEPTION FOR LONGSTANDING EVENTS

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that an institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a non-scholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs; further, to specify that the use of institutional facilities for non-institutional camps or clinics that include prospect-aged participants shall be limited to the months of June, July and August and that an institution may host basketball-related events that are part of state-sponsored multisport events and longstanding contests or events, as specified.

Rationale: This alternative proposal recognizes that some institutions may have hosted longstanding contests or events on their campuses that are unrelated to recruiting interests. These events may bring revenue and potential students, who are not student-athletes, to the institution. The concerns the original proposal seeks to address likely do not exist if the event has occurred on an institution's campus for at least twenty-five years. Any recruiting advantage gained through the hosting of such contests or events is very limited.

- Strongly Support – 27%
- Support – 39%
- Not Sure – 14%
- Oppose – 13%
- Strongly Oppose – 6%

## Proposal 2010-16-A

### PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- BASKETBALL -- LIMIT OF TWO

Intent: In basketball, to specify that there shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members (two in men's basketball and two in women's basketball) whose responsibilities are specific to basketball and who work directly for the basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers who work exclusively for the men's or women's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.

Rationale: The membership and the Board of Directors have expressed significant concern regarding the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity. In a membership survey regarding noncoaching staff members, 88% of respondents favored a limit of one to three noncoaching staff members in men's basketball and 89% of respondents favored a limit of one to three in women's basketball. Two is an appropriate and practical limit in consideration of the number of noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities currently employed by basketball programs. Some common examples of individuals who would be included in the proposed numerical limitations include, but are not limited to, directors of operations, video coordinators, quality control personnel, directors of player development and directors of community relations. Individuals who may report to another unit or department within the department of athletics or outside the department of athletics, such as sports information directors, academic advisors, athletic trainers, equipment managers and marketing staff, would not be included in the proposed numerical limitations, even if these individuals have basketball-specific responsibilities.

- Strongly Support – **37%**
- Support – **37%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-16-B – **1%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-16-C – **1%**
- Not Sure – **4%**
- Oppose – **13%**
- Strongly Oppose – **8%**

## Proposal 2010-16-B

### PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- BASKETBALL -- LIMIT OF ONE

Intent: In basketball, to specify that there shall be a limit of one noncoaching staff member (one in men's basketball and one in women's basketball) whose responsibilities are specific to basketball and who works directly for the basketball program who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff, managers and video coordinators who work exclusively for the men's or women's basketball program are exempt from the application of this limitation.

Rationale: Video coordinators whose responsibilities are specific to basketball and who work directly for basketball programs fill increasingly critical roles for their programs. In addition, the cabinet noted the potential for different applications of the rule to different institutions depending on whether a video coordinator works directly for the basketball program. Therefore, video coordinators should be treated similarly to other positions, such as athletic trainers and sports information directors, in that these individuals typically perform highly specific responsibilities and are not engaged in other general administrative responsibilities related to the sport. In addition, membership feedback suggests that a limit of one, while exempting video coordinators, is an appropriate and practical standard.

- Strongly Support – 17%
- Support – 18%
- Support, but prefer 2010-16-A – 19%
- Support, but prefer 2010-16-C – 1%
- Not Sure – 9%
- Oppose – 22%
- Strongly Oppose – 15%

## Proposal 2010-16-C

### PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS -- BASKETBALL -- LIMIT OF TWO

Intent: In basketball, to specify that there shall be a limit of two noncoaching staff members (two for men's basketball and two for women's basketball) whose duties include support of the basketball program in any capacity (e.g., director of operations, video coordinator, quality control personnel, director of player development, director of community relations) who may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) by the institution; further, to specify that clerical staff and managers and noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to basketball, but who do not directly support the basketball program (e.g., sports information personnel, equipment manager, academic advisor, athletic trainer, marketing staff) are exempt from the limitation on the number of noncoaching staff members.

Rationale: This alternative proposal maintains the goal of the original proposal, which is to address concerns related to the proliferation of noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities and its impact on competitive equity in men's and women's basketball. However, this alternative addresses concerns of potential circumvention of the intended application of the original proposal. For example, pursuant to the application of Proposal Nos. 2010-16-A or 2010-16-B, an institution could specify that 90% of a noncoaching staff member's duties are specific to basketball and 10% are specific to another sport or a nonbasketball related function. Pursuant to this proposal, a noncoaching staff member whose duties include support of the basketball program in any capacity must be included in the numerical limit; however, clerical staff and managers whose duties include support of the basketball program and other noncoaching institutional staff members whose responsibilities relate to basketball, but who do not directly support the basketball program are exempt from the limitation.

- Strongly Support – **21%**
- Support – **23%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-16-A – **10%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-16-B – **3%**
- Not Sure – **15%**
- Oppose – **22%**
- Strongly Oppose – **5%**

## Proposal 2010-24

### AMATEURISM -- INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS -- PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL DRAFT -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that the date by which a student-athlete must request that his name be removed from a professional league's draft list in order to retain his eligibility shall be the day before the first day of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period for the applicable year.

Rationale: Before the adoption of the current rule, student-athletes had approximately 50 days to decide whether to remain in the draft and tryouts with NBA teams could occur only in the last 20 days. During that period, collegiate head coaches were often in limbo regarding the status of their rosters for the upcoming season. Further, student-athletes typically spent a large part of that time away from campus training for pre-draft workouts, which resulted in academic concerns. The current legislation reduced the problem by setting the withdrawal deadline May 8, which is 40 days earlier than the previous withdrawal deadline but still 22 days after the first day of the National Letter of Intent late signing period for men's basketball in April. This year, NBA teams did not spend money to have workouts with student-athletes until the withdrawal deadline passed. By moving the withdrawal deadline, coaches will have flexibility to address roster issues at the beginning of the spring signing period while viable prospects are still available. Evaluations by professional scouts and others during preseason practices, regular season games and postseason games should provide student-athletes with adequate information to credibly determine NBA draft status.

- Strongly Support – **29%**
- Support – **38%**
- Not Sure – **17%**
- Oppose – **10%**
- Strongly Oppose – **5%**

## Proposal 2010-34

### RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS -- CERTIFIED NONSCHOLASTIC EVENTS DURING APRIL CONTACT PERIOD

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that a coaching staff member may evaluate prospective student-athletes at certified nonscholastic events on Saturdays and Sundays during the April contact period.

Rationale: Nonscholastic basketball events continue to be held in April, despite current restrictions that preclude men's basketball coaches from attending. Permitting evaluations on Saturdays and Sundays during the contact period in April would allow coaches to observe high-caliber prospective student-athletes in competition against each other. Such circumstances will provide opportunities for coaches to make more effective talent evaluations at a reduced cost. In addition, permitting coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes at April nonscholastic certified events would also help to reduce recruiting costs. By restricting evaluations to only Saturdays and Sundays, prospective student-athletes will be less likely to miss a significant amount of class time in order to participate. The requirement that the nonscholastic events must be certified will provide appropriate standards and safeguards.

*(NOTE: At its October meeting, the NCAA Board of Directors indicated that it would not support moving forward with any proposals related to the recruiting calendar until the on-going review of the DI Men's Basketball Recruiting model is complete. That being said, NABC would still like to get your opinions of the proposed legislation.)*

- Strongly Support – **58%**
- Support – **31%**
- Not Sure – **3%**
- Oppose – **5%**
- Strongly Oppose – **4%**



## Proposal 2010-42

### RECRUITING -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- REQUIREMENTS FOR VERBAL OFFER OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID

Intent: To specify that an institution shall not make a verbal offer of athletically related financial aid to an individual, directly or indirectly, before July 1 following his or her junior year in high school; further, to specify that an institution must have a high school transcript (official or unofficial) on file that includes the results of the individual's first five semesters or seven quarters of high school enrollment before extending a verbal offer of financial aid.

Rationale: This proposal addresses the growing concern expressed by the Board of Directors and feedback from the Division I membership regarding coaches making verbal offers of financial aid to individuals who have not yet produced an academic history indicating admissibility to a collegiate institution. There is a need for increased opportunities to tie recruiting activities to academic evaluations, particularly prior to offers of financial aid being issued by an institution. The requirement for a five-semester or seven-quarter high school transcript provides a reasonable time period to assess a prospective student-athlete's academic profile prior to making any verbal offer of athletically related financial aid. Further, a specific date (July 1 after the junior year) will relieve potential pressure on high school personnel to provide the most updated transcript immediately on completion of an academic term.

- Strongly Support – 24%
- Support – 27%
- Not Sure – 11%
- Oppose – 20%
- Strongly Oppose – 19%

## Proposal 2010-48

### RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- LIST OF PERMISSIBLE RECRUITING SERVICES -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that the NCAA national office shall publish a list, on a quarterly basis, of men's basketball recruiting or scouting services deemed to meet the required standards for subscription.

Rationale: The NCAA Men's Basketball Focus Group has engaged in research related to numerous recruiting services, and it would benefit all Division I member institutions to have access to the results of the NCAA's research regarding recruiting or scouting services that fulfill the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 13.4.3. Further, access to a list of permissible services would eliminate the costs associated with multiple institutions conducting their own research into recruiting or scouting services. An additional benefit would be the reduction of problems with questionable recruiting services and efficiencies due to anticipated reduction in the number of subscriptions to recruiting services.

- Strongly Support – **47%**
- Support – **44%**
- Not Sure – **5%**
- Oppose – **2%**
- Strongly Oppose – **2%**

## Proposal 2010-49

### RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- APRIL CONTACT PERIOD

Intent: In men's basketball, to revise the recruiting calendar by extending the contact period in April by nine days, but designating the weekends in April after the Division I Men's Basketball Championship as quiet periods.

Rationale: Currently, the April contact period provides a limited number of days in which evaluations are permissible. Men's basketball coaches generally do not engage in evaluation activities on Saturdays and Sundays since classes are not in session and many prospective student-athletes are traveling with their nonscholastic teams. In addition, there are several days that are part of quiet or dead periods that occur on weekdays -- days during which it is customary for regular scholastic activities to occur. This proposal would change the current recruiting calendar by designating three or four weekend days as quiet periods (depending on the year) and by adding seven weekdays to the contact period. The likely result of this change will be that more college coaches will be able to engage in contacts and evaluations at scholastic institutions in April. This change would provide opportunities for coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes in regular scholastic activities and potentially strengthen the role of scholastic administrators (e.g., high school coaches, teachers and principals) in the men's basketball recruiting process.

*(NOTE: At its October meeting, the NCAA Board of Directors indicated that it would not support moving forward with any proposals related to the recruiting calendar until the on-going review of the DI Men's Basketball Recruiting model is complete. That being said, NABC would still like to get your opinions of the proposed legislation.)*

- Strongly Support – **28%**
- Support – **47%**
- Not Sure – **7%**
- Oppose – **14%**
- Strongly Oppose – **4%**

## Proposal 2010-52

ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY -- NONRENEWAL OF ATHLETICS AID AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION -- BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL AND MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Intent: In baseball, basketball, football and men's ice hockey, to permit a student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student-athlete meets the conditions of the one-time transfer exception (other than the sport restrictions), has at least one season of competition remaining and the student-athlete's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.

Rationale: In baseball, basketball, football or men's ice hockey, if a student-athlete's athletically related financial aid is not renewed for his or her final season of eligibility, the student-athlete's options are limited. In many cases, if the student-athlete's aid is not renewed, he or she will also be cut from the team. Therefore, the student-athlete would not be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics even if he or she chose to remain at the institution without receiving athletically related financial aid. In addition, if the student-athlete has only one year remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility, he or she would not be eligible to compete at another Division I institution. This proposal provides a student-athlete in such a situation with the opportunity to transfer and be immediately eligible for competition at another Division I institution, provided he or she has graduated and is enrolled in the certifying institution's graduate or professional school. The requirement of graduation and enrollment in a graduate or professional school provides an appropriate threshold for access to this exception.

- Strongly Support – 24%
- Support – 49%
- Not Sure – 15%
- Oppose – 7%
- Strongly Oppose – 5%

## Proposal 2010-58-A

### ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified.

Rationale: Data indicates that student-athletes who undergo early institutional academic and learning assessments and receive the necessary additional academic support or attend additional summer school sessions are more likely to graduate within a five-year period. Further, both academically at-risk and high achieving student-athletes who enroll in summer school, particularly early in their academic careers, tend to experience enhanced academic success during their collegiate enrollment. This proposal recognizes the importance of the accrued academic benefits of summer school attendance and that retention problems drive a low Academic Progress Rate. The development of an institutional connection is a critically important factor in retaining students. Summer bridge programs have been shown to be particularly effective in this regard. Given the critical importance of the relationship between coach and student-athlete, it is fair to consider that enhancing that relationship will also enhance the connection that a student-athlete feels toward the institution. This proposal will provide opportunities for both academic and athletic improvement, which will, in turn, contribute to greater retention of student-athletes. Allowing limited athletically related activities in a structured environment will not significantly impact competitive equity, but it will prove beneficial in establishing stronger relationships and enhancing the student-athlete's bond to the institution. (For more information, please see the final report of the Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group.)

- Strongly Support – **40%**
- Support – **39%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-58-B – **1%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-58-C – **0%**
- Not Sure – **9%**
- Oppose – **8%**
- Strongly Oppose – **3%**

## Proposal 2010-58-B

ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- SIX HOURS REQUIREMENT FOR INCOMING STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified.

Rationale: This alternative proposal (to Proposal 2010-58-A) increases the requirement of completing three hours of acceptable degree credit to six hours. Limiting successful completion to three hours for incoming student-athletes does not provide the appropriate academic foundation for successful completion of courses undertaken. A summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model will have a positive impact on the men's basketball cultural.

- Strongly Support – **14%**
- Support – **27%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-58-A – **14%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-58-C – **1%**
- Not Sure – **14%**
- Oppose – **19%**
- Strongly Oppose – **11%**

## Proposal 2010-58-C

### ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND COLLEGE ACCLIMATIZATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- NATIONAL SERVICE ACADEMY EXCEPTION

Intent: In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified, including exceptions for national service academies.

Rationale: This alternative proposal (to Proposals 2010-58-A & 2010-58-B) recognizes that the development of an institutional connection is a critically important factor in retaining students. Given the critical importance of the relationship between coach and student-athlete, it is fair to consider that enhancing that relationship will also enhance the connection that a student-athlete feels toward the institution. This proposal will provide opportunities for men's basketball student-athletes at the service academies to have similar interaction with their coaches as their civilian counterparts while still adhering to the institutional mission of developing future military officers through required summer military training. Graduation requirements at the service academies include not only completion of academic requirements but also completion of military training requirements. Due to the nature of those military requirements, most of them are conducted during the summer months. As a result, student-athletes at the service academies have very limited opportunities to enroll in academic courses during the summer, yet they are still expected to complete all requirements (academic as well as military) in four years. Allowing the service academies to replace academic courses with military courses in order to reach the same goals (retention and graduation) makes this concept equitable for the service academies.

- Strongly Support – **16%**
- Support – **42%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-58-A – **8%**
- Support, but prefer 2010-58-B – **2%**
- Not Sure – **20%**
- Oppose – **10%**
- Strongly Oppose – **2%**

## Proposal 2010-89

### PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- LOCATION OF QUALIFYING REGULAR-SEASON MULTIPLE-TEAM EVENT -- THE BAHAMAS

Intent: In basketball, to specify that a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event may occur in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Rationale: Special events make a significant contribution to the growth and popularity of college basketball and provide opportunities for programs to compete in a tournament setting, often at neutral venues and frequently during vacation periods. This proposal maintains the original intent of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event by limiting participation to one team per conference and one appearance per institution every four years while allowing more student-athletes the opportunity to participate. The legislation would have no adverse impact on a student-athlete's academic responsibilities as the proposal does not increase the overall number of contests. Further, an event in this locale is closer to the United States (e.g., 55 miles from Freeport to the U.S. coast, 179 miles from Nassau to the U.S. coast) than existing basketball tournaments in Mexico or U.S. territories in the region and is easily accessible from several major airports. This proposal would provide additional opportunities for basketball student-athletes to participate in qualifying regular-season multiple team events and is consistent with the addition of Canada and Mexico to the permissible locations, which occurred in 2007.

- Strongly Support – **31%**
- Support – **55%**
- Not Sure – **12%**
- Oppose – **2%**
- Strongly Oppose – **1%**



## Proposal 2010-99

### PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- NO INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE FOREIGN TOURS

Intent: To specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour; further, to specify that competition in a U.S. territory shall be restricted to once every four years on one trip during the prescribed playing season.

Rationale: Economic pressures have caused athletics programs to examine expenditures in all areas. Foreign tours have consistently been identified as an area in which cost savings could be achieved. While visiting foreign nations is a part of the learning experience, foreign tours are viewed by many institutions as less of a cultural opportunity and more of an additional opportunity to get a "head start" on the ensuing season. Saving the costs associated with such tours seems to be logical in these difficult economic times.

- Strongly Support – **9%**
- Support – **20%**
- Not Sure – **12%**
- Oppose – **26%**
- Strongly Oppose – **33%**



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The National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes supports the intent of the legislative proposal 2010-58, however has strong concerns on the strategy to “In men's basketball, to establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model.” We assert that tying enrolled credit hours to a college acclimatization model does not ensure student athletes success on a college campus. We understand research demonstrated that summer school attendance improves retention and eligibility of basketball student athletes. However, after analysis of the three options of the proposal, it is our belief that the credit hour requirement as a tactic would legislate quantity over a quality academic experience.

Our concern regarding this proposal stems from the notion that student-athletes academic preparedness and ultimate success is driven by the quality of custom university-specific programming rather than simply the number of courses taken. We have seen a number of institutions successfully implement Summer/Bridge programs targeting “at-risk” student populations on their campus that do not retain a course credit requirement but are instead tailored to address the specific needs and drivers of success on their given campuses. These programs are designed to meet the academic needs, build academic skills and progress of “at-risk” student populations, not just enrollment in summer sessions courses along with the general student population. The NCAA’s own research has demonstrated that programs such as these can successfully prepare student-athletes to thrive academically throughout their collegiate career. For coaches to have access to these “at-risk” student athletes, they will be required to enroll in 6 credits of summer school and not have the opportunity or benefit of the Bridge programming found to be an effective resource in their academic success on campus. Coupling an “at-risk” student athlete and the enrollment in 6 credits for coaches to have access will lead this to be the norm and not achieve the goal of improved eligibility and retention.

Our belief that pursuing an alternative course of action revolving around requiring “at-risk” students to pass a given number of credits will place the emphasis on quantity of classes taken by student-athletes rather than focusing on their overall academic preparedness. The focus on the sheer number of classes taken could lead to deleterious results such as the scheduling of classes with meeting the proposed credit requirement in mind rather than the overall development of the student-athlete. This ultimately could have the effect of taking away the opportunity for them to experience the positive impact that bridge programs are developed to provide. This concern is a primary reason why we believe that legislation designed to impact the student athlete success, retention and eligibility through programming and curriculum specific to a campus will best serve our student-athletes academic development rather than measuring academic success by a given number of credit-hours taken.

There are numerous other variables outside of the quality vs. quantity argument including; institutions summer session calendars, timing of enrollment for incoming freshmen, academic support staff size, and financial concerns. We believe this current proposal does not fully meet its intended goals and may not improve success or the goals for retention or eligibility on our campuses. Our position is that developing legislation requiring academic programming, summer school/bridge programs that encourage academic preparedness will provide the results the membership is seeking to benefit student athletes

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November 18, 2010

## NFCA MEMORANDUM

TO: NCAA Division I Legislative Council.

SUBJECT: Proposal No. 2010-88.

I am writing on behalf of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association to urge defeat of Proposal No. 2010-88.

In 2006, the Division I softball playing season was reviewed by the Division I Management Council when Proposal 2006-89 was revised to eliminate the “tournament exception” to establish a 56-game limit for the regular season. The proposal was later amended to provide for eight contests during the nonchampionship segment of the softball season that would be exempted from the 56-game limit; in addition, it was specified that no class time will be missed for these contests.

The NFCA’s rationale for support of the eight contests has not changed since the amendment was passed in 2007. The main reason is that the fall, which is the nonchampionship segment for softball, has some of the best weather for an outdoor sport. Because of geographic inequities, fall competition is needed to counter the impact of shorter spring seasons on schools located in cold-weather climates.

More than one-half of the Division I schools are unable to conduct softball practices or competition outdoors until around March 1. Institutions that are located in cold-weather climates thus need an extended period in the fall to practice and compete outdoors because the weather is generally better in the fall than during the beginning of the championship segment. Elimination of six nonchampionship segment contests would increase the existing geographic inequities because it would benefit those schools in the warmer climates that can more easily conduct practices and home competitions early in the championship segment.

In closing, I strongly urge you, on behalf of the NFCA membership, to defeat Proposal No. 2010-88.

LACY LEE BAKER  
NFCA Executive Director

**NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION**

MINUTES OF THE  
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND INTERPRETATIONS COMMITTEE

Teleconference No. 15

November 4, 2010

Participants:

David Batson, Texas A&M University, College Station  
Marcus Brown, Pepperdine University  
Novelle Dickenson, Hampton University  
Ellen Ferris, University of Southern California  
Frank Harrell, Tennessee Technological University  
Loretta Lamar, U.S. Naval Academy  
Mary Mulvenna, Missouri Valley Conference  
Jen Daniels, NCAA  
Jobrina Perez, NCAA  
Leeland Zeller, NCAA

Beatrice Crane-Banford, Marshall University; Jennifer Condaras, Big East Conference and Kris Richardson, NCAA were unable to participate on the teleconference.

[Note: These minutes contain only actions taken (formal votes or stated "sense of the teleconference") in accordance with NCAA policy regarding minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the committee's agenda were acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference.]

The NCAA Division I Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee teleconference was called to order at 3:05 p.m. All members were present as noted above.

1. Alumna or Alumnus Participating in Occasional Practice Session with Former Institution's Team. (I) The committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Legislative Council modify a previously approved official interpretation [Reference: 12/3/92, Item No. 3] to specify that it is permissible for an alumna or alumnus of an institution (e.g., former student-athlete) to participate in an occasional practice session with a member institution's intercollegiate athletics team, provided the institution does not publicize the participation of the former student-athlete in the practice session.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.1.6.1 (requirement for practice), 17.01.9 (outside competition) and 17.02.10 (outside team)]

2. Adjournment.

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NCAA Bylaws 14.1.8.1, 17.02.9 and 17.02.10 -- Former Student-Athlete Participating in a Publicized Intrasquad Contest or Scrimmage with Former Institution's Athletics Team

**Issues:** Whether an alumna or alumnus of an institution (e.g., former student-athlete) may participate in a publicized intrasquad contest or practice scrimmage with his or her former institution's intercollegiate athletics team.

**Background:** As indicated in the institution's submission, the university invited a former basketball student-athlete to participate with current basketball student-athletes in a publicized basketball scrimmage held in the presence of over 20,000 attendees. The structure of scrimmage included game officials, a game clock, an official score, individual statistics and an admissions fee.

**Staff Position:** The staff reviewed Bylaws 14.1.8.1, 17.02.9 and 17.02.10 and official interpretation [Reference: 12/03/92, Item No. 3] and agreed that an alumna or alumnus of an institution (e.g., former student-athlete) may not participate in an intrasquad contest or practice scrimmage with his or her former institution's intercollegiate athletics team if the practice scrimmage is publicized (e.g., scheduled, paid attendance, official scoring and individual statistics).

Bylaw 14.1.8.1 states that a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies in order to be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions. The former NCAA Interpretations Committee issued the official interpretation in response to a question brought by the Division I-A compliance administrators regarding an institution's alumnus participating in an occasional practice "session" with an institution's team. The official interpretation states that, as an exception to the full-time enrollment requirement, an alumnus of an institution may participate in an occasional practice session with his or her former institution's team. Although the committee did not address what it meant by an occasional practice "session," the staff's position is that the committee did not contemplate a scenario in which an institution invites former student-athletes to return to campus to participate in a publicized scrimmage conducted in this manner. Therefore, the staff feels it does not have the authority to extend the official interpretation to allow a former student-athlete to participate in these types of scenarios.

Further, Bylaw 17.02.10 defines an outside team, in part, as a team that includes individuals other than eligible student-athletes of the member institution. Bylaw 17.02.9 defines outside competition as competition against any other team that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the same institution. It is the staff's position that the inclusion of individuals, other than current student-athletes who are eligible to practice, in a publicized institutional scrimmage structured in this manner takes the scrimmage outside the context of a regular practice "session." Given the legislated definitions of an outside team and outside competition, a scrimmage conducted in the manner and setting involved here is more similar to a scrimmage against outside competition. The staff also noted that, in the sport of basketball, the playing and practice season legislation does not provide the annual exemption to the maximum

number of contests for an alumni game, fundraising activity, or celebrity sports activity, which is available in all other NCAA sports except for football. Although the staff believes this is an issue for all sports, it is important to note that the issue is being raised in the sport of basketball. While it is permissible for other sports to conduct these types of activities, even if in a somewhat different format, the staff's position is that basketball purposefully excluded these additional "contests" against what is, essentially, outside competition. If these contests were permitted in basketball, then institutions would have the opportunity to conduct several of these types of scrimmages in a competitive format, thus circumventing the contest limitations.

Therefore, the staff's position is that the involvement of a former student-athlete in this type of institutional scrimmage is not permissible because such a scrimmage is not a practice "session" in which a former student-athlete may participate pursuant to the official interpretation, but is akin to engaging in an outside contest or competition.

**Institution/Conference Position:**

See attached.

**Applicable Bylaws and Interpretation:**

Bylaw 14.1.8.1 - Requirement for Practice.

To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, it shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

Bylaw 17.02.9 - Outside Competition.

Outside competition is athletics competition against any other athletics team (including an alumni team) that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the same institution.

Bylaw 17.02.10 - Outside Team.

An outside team is any team that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the member institution or a team that includes individuals other than eligible student-athletes of the member institution (e.g., members of the coaching staff, ineligible student-athletes, members of the faculty).



**Bylaw 17.3.5.3 - Annual Exemptions.**

The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from a member institution's maximum number of contests:

- (a) **Conference Season-End Tournament.** A regularly scheduled, season-end, single-elimination basketball championship tournament conducted by a conference (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA basketball tournament) among some or all of its members.
- (b) **Postseason Tournament.** Contests in one postseason basketball tournament (e.g., NCAA championships, NAIA championship) unless the institution has participated in the Men's National Invitation Tournament or the Women's National Invitational Tournament. A postseason tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;
- (c) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference basketball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA basketball championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;
- (d) **Automatic-Qualification Contests.** Contests between conference champions that are provided by Board of Directors, Leadership Council or Championships/Sports Management Cabinet action in order to determine selection for automatic qualification into the Division I Men's Basketball Championship;
- (e) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before NCAA championships;
- (f) **Regular-Season Contest Against Alaska/Hawaii Member.** One regular-season game in Hawaii or Alaska versus a member institution located in that state;
- (g) **Exhibition Against a Non-NCAA Division I Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest against a four-year collegiate institution (other than an NCAA Division I institution) played in the arena in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests. An institution may exempt two such contests during any year in which it does not use the exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.3.5.3-(h), or it may exempt one such contest and one practice scrimmage as defined in Bylaw 17.3.5.3-(h) each year; and
- (h) **Practice Scrimmage.** An informal practice scrimmage with outside competition, provided it is conducted in privacy and without publicity or official scoring. Individuals other than athletics department staff members and those necessary to conduct a basketball practice scrimmage against outside competition may not be present during such a scrimmage. The institution shall ensure that the scrimmage is free from public view. No class time shall be

missed by basketball student-athletes in conjunction with such a scrimmage, including all associated activities (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities). An institution may exempt two such practice scrimmages during any year in which it does not use the exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.3.5.3-(g), or it may exempt one such practice scrimmage and one exhibition contest against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution each year.

Title: Alumnus Participating in Occasional Practice Session with Former Institution's Team

Date Issued: December 3, 1992

Date Published: December 3, 1992

Type: Official Interpretation

Item No.: 3

3. Alumnus participating in occasional practice session with former institution's team. It is permissible for an alumnus of an institution (e.g., former student-athlete) to participate in an occasional practice session with a member institution's intercollegiate athletics team.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 14.1.6.1 (requirement for practice)]

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Date: October 28, 2010

Has this issue been reviewed by an academic and membership affairs (AMA) staff member?

Yes      Brad Hostetter

**Facts:** On October 24, our Men's Basketball program held a public intra-squad scrimmage at our new home basketball facility. In addition to the current team members, the coaching staff asked if it was permissible for a former student-athlete to participate in the scrimmage/practice activity. Relying on the following official interpretation, we determined this was a practice and thus it would be permissible for a former player to participate.

Official Interpretation

**Alumnus participating in occasional practice session with former institution's team**

***Date Published: December 3, 1992***

***Item Ref: 3***

***Interpretation:***

***3. Alumnus participating in occasional practice session with former institution's team. It is permissible for an alumnus of an institution (e.g., former student-athlete) to participate in an occasional practice session with a member institution's intercollegiate athletics team. [Reference: 14.1.6.1 (requirement for practice)]***

The former player participated for approximately 22 minutes during the scrimmage. The structure of the scrimmage included referees, the crowd, clock etc. to get the feel of an actual game, but also included our head coach instructing throughout, including stopping play for things such as not getting the ball over half court in 3 seconds for example, which further made clear the practice nature of the activity.

On October 26, I was informed of a news release from another institution that stated that the NCAA had contacted and informed that institution that there were potential issues that could be involved with the institution's planned use of three former student-athletes in their public intra-squad scrimmage scheduled for that evening. After speaking the next day with the other institution notified, they had also been relying on the same December 3, 1992 official interpretation that we had in permitting the former student-athletes to participate, and had received confirmation from their conference office, prior to an additional inquiry being made to the NCAA by a media member which resulted in the second institution being notified of the potential issues involved. At that point the second institution with the benefit of this information, chose not to have their former student-athletes participate.

I contacted and discussed our issue with <conference> office and subsequently Brad Hostetter with the NCAA staff, with whom <conference staff> had previously discussed the issue with. In speaking with Brad, I discussed my thought process for allowing this activity based on the information I had at hand at the time to make this decision. Brad understood my position, but stated he believed that the official interpretation regarding alumni practicing on an occasional basis did not contemplate such a public intra-squad scrimmage, and that the staff did not feel comfortable extending the December 3, 1992 interpretation to include this type of practice activity. Without the benefit of this interpretation, our institution would have a violation of NCAA bylaw 14.1.8.1 (Requirements for Practice).

After discussing this issue with Brad, I do not necessarily entirely disagree with the staff's thought process, however I do not believe our institution should be held responsible for a violation of NCAA bylaw 14.1.8.1 as it relates to our 10/24/10 scrimmage, based upon the interpretation as written. The interpretation does not distinguish between public vs. private settings, nor does it distinguish between the type of practice activity involved (i.e. drills vs. formal or informal scrimmaging). If we can agree that an intra-squad scrimmage is a practice activity, then it is logical that we relied on this official interpretation to allow this one former player to participate. Having the benefit today of the staff's advisory opinion on 10/26 to the second institution, I would not have permitted our former student-athlete to participate without further clarification from the AMA staff in light of their concern with the public nature and type of practice activity involved.

We seek clarification from both the NCAA and <conference> staff on a number of interpretative issues almost daily. The language of this interpretation is so clear that we did not at the time feel it had to be clarified. Once we were comfortable with the intra-squad scrimmage being a practice activity, we felt just as comfortable applying the official interpretation as written. Going forward, our institution does not have an issue with the NCAA staff placing limits on the type and place of the practice activities for alumni practicing on an occasional basis if public scrimmages for example are not a scenario contemplated when this interpretation was developed. We do not feel however that a violation of 14.1.8.1 occurred at our scrimmage on 10/24/10 based upon the bylaw and official interpretation as written and contemplated at the time.

**Bylaws:** 14.1.8.1 (Requirement for Practice)

**Interpretations:** See above in facts.

MINUTES OF THE  
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND INTERPRETATIONS COMMITTEE

Teleconference No. 12

September 16, 2010

Participants:

Beatrice Crane-Banford, Marshall University  
David Batson, Texas A&M University, College Station  
Marcus Brown, Pepperdine University  
Jennifer Condaras, Big East Conference  
Ellen Ferris, University of Southern California  
Frank Harrell, Tennessee Technological University  
Loretta Lamar, U.S. Naval Academy  
Mary Mulvenna, Missouri Valley Conference  
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The NCAA Division I Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee teleconference was called to order at 3:05 p.m. All members were present as noted above.

1. The committee issued the following official interpretation:

Prospective Student-Athlete Observing Practices and Meetings. (I)

Date Issued: September 16, 2010

Date Published: September 17, 2010

Type: Official Interpretation

Item No.: 1

The committee determined that a prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe practices and meetings until the date on which he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid, or has made a financial deposit with the institution. After that date, the prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe the institution's practices and meetings only in the same manner as the general public.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.6.9 (prohibited practice activities) and a staff interpretation (7/15/10, Item No. 1), which has been archived]

2. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

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**Division I Bylaw 13.1.5.9 – Prohibited Practice Activities  
Signed Prospects Attending Closed Practices and Meetings**

Issue.

Whether a prospect who has signed a National Letter of Intent or a financial aid agreement is permitted to attend closed practices and meetings.

Background.

Earlier this year, members of a Division I conference expressed concern that the standard described by an academic and membership affairs staff member in a 10/10/2007, e-mail (attached) – that an unsigned prospective student-athlete is permitted to attend closed meetings and practices, but a signed prospective student-athlete is not permitted to attend such activities – is not being applied by the membership. Although the conference agreed with the standard described in the e-mail, they did not believe it was clear from NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.5.9 (prohibited practice activities) that the attendance of a signed prospective student-athlete at a closed practice or meeting was impermissible. Therefore, the institutions asked that if the 2007 interpretation remained applicable, that additional clarification be issued to encourage national consistency. In response to that request, the staff reviewed the issue, agreed that the standard set forth in the 10/10/2007, e-mail was still applicable and issued the staff interpretation [Reference: 7/15/10, Item No. 1] that this committee approved on 7/15/10.

Now, an institution, on behalf of themselves and 19 other Division I institutions, has asked this committee to revisit the staff interpretation [Reference: 7/15/10, Item No. 1] to consider allowing signed prospective student-athletes to attend closed meetings and practices.

Staff Position.

The staff position is presented in the attached 10/10/2007 e-mail that is referenced above, and has been summarized on the Legislative Services Database for the *Internet* (LSDBi) as a staff interpretation [Reference: 7/15/10, Item No. 1].

Institution's Position.

Attached.

Applicable Bylaws and Interpretations.

**Bylaw 13.1.5.9 - Prohibited Practice Activities.**

A coaching staff member shall not engage in any practice activities (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review) with a prospective student-athlete. (*Adopted: 12/12/06*)

**Bylaw 13.4.1.1 – Printed Recruiting Materials.**

As specified below, an institution may provide the following printed materials to prospective student-athletes, their parents or legal guardians, their coaches or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/15/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

- (a) General Correspondence. General correspondence may be sent only by mail, subject to the following provisions: *(Revised: 3/8/06, 5/25/06, 12/12/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/15/08, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/30/10 effective 8/1/10)*
- (1) The correspondence shall include a single sheet of institutional letterhead, which shall not exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches in size; *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*
  - (2) There are no restrictions on the design or content of one side of the single sheet of institutional letterhead. The opposite side shall be blank, except for text (typed or handwritten) used to communicate a message to the recipient and any other handwritten information; *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*
  - (3) Additional pages of the correspondence shall be limited to plain white paper (not to exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches in size) and black ink. The additional pages shall be blank, except for text (typed or handwritten) used to communicate a message to the recipient and any other handwritten information; *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*
  - (4) Attachments to general correspondence may only include materials printed on plain white paper (not to exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches in size) with black ink that are not created for recruiting purposes, except for other permissible printed materials (e.g., camp brochures, questionnaires); *(Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*
  - (5) An envelope used to send the correspondence may only include the institution's name and logo or an athletics logo (in addition to the postage, return address and addressee information) on the outside, must be blank on the inside when produced and may not exceed 9 by 12 inches; and *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*
  - (6) All institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members, athletics department staff members and administrators) may prepare general correspondence. *(Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*
- (b) Business Cards.
- (c) Camp or Clinic Brochures. Brochures are not restricted by content or design, except that they must indicate that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender. Brochures are restricted to a single two-sided



sheet, not to exceed 17 by 22 inches in size when opened in full. Camp or clinic brochures may be provided to a prospective student-athlete at any time. (See Bylaw 12.5.1.6.) *(Revised: 4/15/08, 9/24/09)*

- (d) Questionnaires. An institution may provide questionnaires to a prospective student-athlete at any time. *(Revised: 4/14/08)*
- (e) Nonathletics Institutional Publications. An institution may provide nonathletics institutional publications available to all students at any time (e.g., official academic, admissions and student-services publications published by the institution and available to all students).
- (f) NCAA Educational Material Published by the NCAA (e.g., NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete). Such material may be provided to a prospective student-athlete at any time. *(Revised: 4/15/08)*
- (g) Game Programs. Game programs (which may not include posters) may be provided to prospective student-athletes only during official and unofficial recruiting visits and may not be mailed.
- (h) Pre-enrollment Information. Necessary pre-enrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities, may be provided to a prospective student-athlete, provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional financial aid agreement or has been officially accepted for enrollment. (See Bylaw 13.4.1.5.4.) *(Adopted: 12/12/06)*
- (i) Institutional Note Cards. Institutional note cards may not exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches when opened in full. In addition, such cards may only contain the institution's name and logo or an athletics logo on the outside, must be blank on the inside (one side of the card when opened in full) when produced and may include only handwritten information (e.g., words, illustrations) on the inside when provided to the recipients. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 4/15/08, 4/13/09)*
- (j) Postcards. An institution may send an institutional postcard, provided its dimensions do not exceed 4 1/4 by 6 inches, it includes only the institution's name and logo or an athletics logo on one side when produced and it includes only handwritten information, (e.g., words, illustrations) on the opposite side when provided to the recipients. Blank postcards issued by the U.S. postal service also may be sent. *(Adopted: 1/14/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

**Bylaw 13.4.1.5.4 - Pre-enrollment Information.**

An institution may provide any necessary pre-enrollment information (that is not otherwise considered to be general information related to an institution or its athletics programs) regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities in a video format (e.g., video playbook, games clips) to a prospective student-athlete, provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional financial aid agreement, or has been officially accepted for enrollment. [See Bylaw 13.4.1.1-(h)] (*Adopted: 12/26/06, Revised: 1/16/10, 3/29/10*)

**Prospective Student-Athlete Observing Practices and Meetings. (I)**

**Date Published:** July 15, 2010

**Type:** Staff Interpretation

**Item No.:** 1

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that a prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe practices and meetings until the date on which he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid or has made a financial deposit with the institution. After that date, the prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe the institution's practices and meetings only in the same manner as the general public.

[Reference: NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.9 (prohibited practice activities)]

**Practice Activities with a Prospective Student-Athlete Prior to Enrollment and Outside of the Playing Season. (I)**

**Date Published:** March 2, 2006

**Type:** Official Interpretation

**Item No.:** 2

**Archived Interpretation**

**Archive Info:** Incorporated into Manual (See Proposal No. I-2006-15).

The committee confirmed that it is not permissible for an institution's coaching staff members to engage in any practice activities (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review) with a prospective student-athlete prior to his or her initial enrollment at the certifying institution and outside of the institution's playing season.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.1.8.1 (requirement for practice), 14.1.8.1.1 (practice prior to initial enrollment), 17.02.1 (countable athletically related activities) and 17.1.1 (playing season)]

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**Has this issue been reviewed by an academic and membership affairs (AMA) staff member?**

Yes. Please provide staff member's name(s).  
Kris Richardson

No. Please contact either your conference contact in AMA or the AMA staff at 317/917-6003 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to discuss the issue before submission to the LRIC.

**Facts:** Please see attached statement.

**Bylaws:** 13.1.5.9

**Interpretations:** July 15, 2010 NCAA Staff Interpretation

**Student-Athlete Well-Being or Less Bureaucratic Component.** If this box is checked, please include an explanation in the summary below.

**Summary of Interpretative Argument.** Please note that an issue is not interpretative if:

1. The plain meaning of the legislation is clear on its face;
2. The legislative history of the rule (including intent and rationale) clearly addresses the situation; or
3. A published official interpretation clearly addresses the situation.

If the issue is not interpretative, legislation may need to be proposed to address the issue.

Please see attached statement.

**Please note: Items submitted prior to 3 p.m. Eastern Time Thursday will generally be heard by the committee the following week, except for emergency issues which are handled in accordance with the committee's policies and procedures.**

**Summary of Interpretive Argument Seeking Repeal of July 15, 2010 NCAA Staff Interpretation**

On July 15, 2010, the NCAA issued the following staff interpretation that prohibits prospective student-athletes who have signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid or have made a financial deposit with the institution from observing closed practice sessions and meetings.

Staff Interpretation

Prospective Student-Athlete Observing Practices and Meetings (I)

Date Published: July 15, 2010

Item Ref: 1

Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that a prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe practices and meetings until the date on which he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid or has made a financial deposit with the institution. After that date, the prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe the institution's practices and meetings only in the same manner as the general public.

[Reference: NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.9 (prohibited practice activities)]

The interpretation stems from the belief that that allowing these affected prospects to attend the closed practices and meetings is an effort to accelerate the learning curve so that the prospects arrive at the institution better prepared. The NCAA Bylaw referenced in the interpretation, now NCAA Bylaw 13.1.5.9, prohibits a coaching staff member from engaging in any practice activities, such as a review of a play book, film review, and chalk talks with prospects.

The [REDACTED], along with the institutions listed in footnote one<sup>1</sup>, respectfully requests that the July 15, 2010 staff interpretation be repealed so that prospects may attend closed practices and meetings even after the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid or has made a financial deposit with the

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institution. As will be discussed below in more detail, the repeal request is based on two main reasons.

First, NCAA rules already permit the prospects impacted by the July 15, 2010 interpretation to receive information that accelerates the learning curve so that the prospects arrive at the institution better prepared. Allowing these prospects to attend the closed practice sessions and meetings is consistent with the NCAA legislation that currently exists. NCAA Bylaw 13.1.5.9 does not prohibit a signed or unsigned prospect from observing a closed practice session or meeting.

Second, closing practices to the general public allows an institution to better control access to student-athletes and prospects visiting the institution's campus. The expectation is that limiting access will reduce distractions for the student-athletes, will limit publicity of prospects visiting campus, and will provide the institution another mechanism to better avoid potential NCAA violations.

#### **Current NCAA Legislation:**

##### **NCAA Bylaws 13.4.1.5.4 and 13.4.1-(h)**

NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.5.4 permits an institution to provide, among other things, information regarding practice and conditioning activities, including a video playbook and video clips, to prospects that have signed a NLI or institutional financial aid agreement, or have been officially accepted for enrollment. In addition, prospects that have signed a NLI or institutional financial aid agreement or have been officially accepted for enrollment may receive necessary pre-enrollment information on conditioning and practice activities pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1-(h). Allowing prospects to receive this information in video and paper formats accelerates the learning curve and prepares them comparably, if not better, than allowing them to attend closed practices and meetings. The July 15, 2010 interpretation is in tension with principles supported by NCAA Bylaws 13.4.1.5.4 and 13.4.1-(h).

##### **NCAA Bylaw 13.1.5.9**

NCAA bylaw 13.1.5.9 prohibits a coaching staff member from engaging in any practice activities with a prospect. Having a prospect that has signed a NLI, a written offer of admission or financial aid or has made a financial deposit with the institution observe a closed practice or meeting is different than a coaching staff member engaging a prospect in practice activities.

Engaging a prospect in practice activities is impermissible regardless of whether the prospect has signed a NLI, a written offer of admission or financial aid or has made a financial deposit with the institution. Having a prospect observe a closed practice session and meeting should be permissible regardless of whether or not a prospect has signed a NLI, a written offer of admission or financial aid or has made a financial deposit with the institution.

If a coaching staff member engages prospects who are observing a closed practice or meeting in practice activities, then a violation occurs. A violation should not occur if a signed or unsigned prospect just observes these closed practices and meetings. Put differently, if an unsigned

prospect can observe a closed practice session or meeting without violating NCAA Bylaw 13.1.5.9, then a signed prospect can observe a closed practice session or meeting without violating NCAA Bylaw 13.1.5.9.

### **Closing Practices to Control Access to Student-Athletes**

The second reason why the July 15, 2010 staff interpretation should be repealed is that it undermines an institution's ability to manage access to its practices, and therefore, access to its student-athletes or any prospect that might be visiting its campus. Limiting practice access for the general public is another tool institutions can use to help avoid potential NCAA violations.

Open practices allow members of the media and general public to observe and more easily befriend student-athletes or prospects visiting campus. For example, agents and agents' runners may attend open practice sessions with the goal of subsequently fostering a relationship with a student-athlete. Though some institutions may want large crowds of people attending regular practices, schools that want to control access to avoid creating a festive, social practice atmosphere should not be penalized for closing practices. In addition, closing practices helps an institution better avoid impermissibly publicizing a prospect's visit to the institution's campus.

Another reason why some institutions decide to close practices is to help protect student-athlete medical information and to better ensure that student-athlete medical information is provided to a student-athlete's family members in an appropriate manner. There have been instances where media members witness a student-athlete's injury at practice and contact the student-athlete's family before the institution is able to inform the student-athlete's family about the injury. Prospects who have signed a NLI, a written offer of admission or financial aid or have made a financial deposit with the institution should not be penalized and precluded from attending these closed practice sessions when there are valid institutional reasons to close the sessions.

### **Conclusion**

Because NCAA rules already allow an institution to provide select prospects with materials that will accelerate the learning curve so that the prospects will arrive at the institution better prepared and institutions have valid reasons to close practices, the July 15, 2010 staff interpretation should be repealed. If not repealed completely, at the very least, the interpretation should offer prospects that have signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid or have made a financial deposit with the institution to attend closed practice sessions or meetings on an occasional basis.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2007 1:21 PM  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PSAs attending practice/meetings

At its October 9 meeting, the ILT team reviewed all of the facts related to this specific situation as well as the questions posed by <name of institution redacted>.

I will provide the flavor of the discussion below as it relates to the questions posed by <name of institution redacted>. First, I think it is important to note that although there are not black and white answers to every situation, it is the responsibility of each institutions as well as the membership services staff to look at all the facts and the intent of the rule when determining whether a particular activity is permissible. I too was present during the Recruiting Subcommittee's discussion that facilitated the March 2, 2006 official interpretation and you are correct that it was prompted by concerns that coaches were making off-campus contacts with signed prospects and engaging in activities designed to accelerate the prospect's learning curve [e.g., learning offensive and defensive alignments] so as to better prepare the prospect for the ensuing season. The interpretation though does not necessarily confine itself only to off-campus activity and further, basic rules have existed for many years that preclude prospective student-athletes from being integrated into institutional practice sessions. Finally, although NCAA rules do permit institutions to provide signed prospects with necessary preenrollment information that is related to practice activities, the rules do not allow such prospects to be involved in practice sessions.

In reviewing <name of redacted institution>'s questions, ILT staff members agreed that an unsigned prospect making a recruiting visit [official or unofficial] could attend practice or practice meetings without such attendance being considered an impermissible involvement in a countable athletically related activity. It is generally acknowledged that prospect's attendance at such meetings is directly related to the recruiting process and observation of such activities may provide valuable assistance to the prospect in choosing the institution that he or she wishes to attend. There were some ILT members that expressed the view that institutions should not provide prospects any materials to view while attending these meetings, but others expressed the position that such materials really did not change the nature of the activity, provided they are not retained by the prospect. There was some concern that if such activities occur on a regular basis, the provision of materials no longer have a recruiting nexus, but are motivated more by a desire to accelerate the prospect's learning curve.


However, once the prospect has signed with an institution and the recruiting process has concluded, ILT did not believe it is permissible for a signed prospect to be included in institution's team meeting or practice in a manner other than as part of the general public. Thus, if the institution allows the general public to observe practices, the signed prospect could also observe such activities. However, the provision of materials to the prospect would not be permissible as again, the motive for such materials appears to be directly related to integrating the prospect into the practice in an effort to accelerating the learning curve. For similar reasons, the signed prospect should not be in attendance at all at practice meetings not open to the general public. ILT was not persuaded by the argument that such activity should not be considered impermissible as long as the signed prospect was not asked questions or did not speak at such

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meetings. There are probably many student-athletes who are not significant contributors who would not be considered to have engaged in a countable athletically related activity under such an analysis. The signed prospect under these circumstances is a meeting participant by the mere fact of attendance. The motive for the prospect's attendance is not related in any manner to a recruiting decision, but an effort to accelerate the learning curve so as to come to fall practice better prepared. That is exactly what the official interpretation issued is designed to preclude.

Based on the above analysis, ILT expressed the position that once [the PSA] had signed [an NLI], his provision of materials while in attendance at spring practice and his attendance at team meetings were violations of NCAA rules/interpretations and should be reported to the enforcement staff accordingly.






November 11, 2010

NCAA Division I Legislative Council  
c/o Mr. Leeland Zeller  
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SENT VIA E-MAIL ([lzeller@ncaa.org](mailto:lzeller@ncaa.org))

Dear Mr. Zeller:

The University  appeals the NCAA Division I Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee's September 17, 2010 official interpretation that prohibits prospective student-athletes who have signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid or have made a financial deposit with the institution from observing closed practice sessions and meetings.

**Prospective Student-Athlete Observing Practices and Meetings (I)**

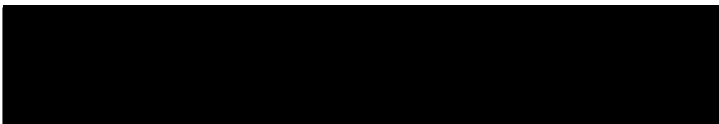
Date Published: September 17, 2010  
Item Ref: 1

**Interpretation:**

The committee determined that a prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe practices and meetings until the date on which he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid, or has made a financial deposit with the institution. After that date, the prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe the institution's practices and meetings only in the same manner as the general public.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.5.9 (prohibited practice activities) and a staff interpretation (7/15/10, Item No. 1), which has been archived]

The institution believes that this interpretation should be repealed for three main reasons. First, the interpretation is not supported by current NCAA Bylaws, thus creating new legislation outside of the NCAA legislative process. Second, current NCAA bylaws permit prospective student-athletes to receive permissibly information that will accelerate the prospect's learning



curve so that the prospect is better prepared when the prospect matriculates. Third, legitimate compliance and privacy concerns exist that prompt institutions to close practices; prospects should not be penalized for the reasonable institutional decision to close practices and meetings.

### **Current NCAA Legislation: The Distinction Between “Engaging” and “Observing”**

The September 17, 2010 official interpretation in question references NCAA Bylaw 13.1.5.9.

#### **13.1.5.9 - Prohibited Practice Activities.**

A coaching staff member shall not engage in any practice activities (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review) with a prospective student-athlete. (*Adopted: 12/12/06*)

This bylaw prohibits a coaching staff member from “engaging” in any practice activities with a prospect. The September 17, 2010 official interpretation prohibits a prospect that has signed a NLI, a written offer of admission or financial aid or has made a financial deposit with the institution from “observing” a closed practice or meeting. Engaging a prospect in practice activities is different than allowing a prospect to observe practice activities. The prohibition on certain prospects observing a closed practice session or meeting creates new legislation.

Per Bylaw 13.1.5.9, engaging a prospect in practice activities is impermissible regardless of whether the prospect has signed a NLI, a written offer of admission or financial aid or has made a financial deposit with the institution. If a coaching staff member engages prospects in any practice activities when these prospects are observing a closed practice or meeting, then a violation occurs.

A violation should not occur if a signed or unsigned prospect just observes these closed practices and meetings because observing an activity and engaging in an activity are distinct. If an unsigned prospect can observe a closed practice session or meeting without violating NCAA Bylaw 13.1.5.9, then a signed prospect can observe a closed practice session or meeting without violating NCAA Bylaw 13.1.5.9.

### **Current NCAA Legislation: Materials Already Permissible to Provide Signed Prospects to Accelerate the Learning Curve**

NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.5.4 permits an institution to provide, among other things, information regarding practice and conditioning activities, including a video playbook and video clips, to prospects that have signed a NLI or institutional financial aid agreement, or have been officially accepted for enrollment. In addition, prospects that have signed a NLI or institutional financial aid agreement or have been officially accepted for enrollment may receive necessary pre-enrollment information on conditioning and practice activities pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1-(h). Allowing prospects to receive this information in video and paper formats accelerates the learning curve and prepares them comparably, if not better, than allowing them to observe closed practices and meetings. The September 17, 2010 official interpretation is in tension with principles supported by NCAA Bylaws 13.4.1.5.4 and 13.4.1-(h).

### **Closing Practices to Control Access To and Information About Student-Athletes**

The third main reason why the September 17, 2010 official interpretation should be repealed is that it undermines an institution's ability to manage access to its practices, and therefore, access to its student-athletes or any prospect that might be visiting its campus. Limiting practice access for the general public is another tool institutions can use to help avoid potential NCAA violations and protect student-athlete personal information.

Open practices allow members of the media and general public to observe and more easily befriend student-athletes or prospects visiting campus. For example, agents and agents' runners may attend open practice sessions with the goal of subsequently fostering a relationship with a student-athlete. Though some institutions may want large crowds of people attending regular practices, schools that want to control access to avoid creating a festive, social practice atmosphere should not be penalized for closing practices.

NCAA Bylaw 13.10.5 prohibits a member institution from publicizing or arranging for publicity of a prospect's visit to an institution's campus. Closing practices helps an institution better avoid impermissibly publicizing a prospect's visit to the institution's campus, and, thus, complying with NCAA Bylaw 13.10.5.

Another reason why some institutions decide to close practices is to help protect student-athlete medical information and to better ensure that student-athlete medical information is provided to a student-athlete's family members in an appropriate manner. There have been instances where media members witness a student-athlete's injury at practice and contact the student-athlete's family before the institution is able to inform the student-athlete's family about the injury. Prospects who have signed a NLI, a written offer of admission or financial aid or have made a financial deposit with the institution should not be penalized and precluded from attending these closed practice sessions when there are valid institutional compliance and privacy reasons to close the sessions.

### **Conclusion**

Practically speaking, the number of prospects that could regularly attend an institution's practices or meetings is limited to those prospects that live near the institution. Furthermore, many of these prospects may have academic commitments that preclude attendance at many practices and meetings. The limited number of prospects who would be able to attend the practices and meetings does not provide an institution a significant competitive advantage.

The September 17, 2010 official interpretation should be repealed because the interpretation creates new legislation not supported by current NCAA bylaws, NCAA rules already allow an institution to provide select prospects with materials that will accelerate the learning curve so that the prospects will arrive at the institution better prepared, and institutions have valid reasons to close practices. Thank you for your consideration of this appeal.

