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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division III Management Council

Westin Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana

October 17-18, 2011

1. Welcome and announcements.

2. Rosters, future meeting schedule and Monthly updates.

3. Review of Summary and minutes.

   a. Summary of Summer 2011 Quarterly Meetings. (Approval)

   b. August 11, 2011, Executive Committee meeting. (Informational)

   c. August 29, 2011 Administrative Committee action. (Approval)

4. Review Division III Strategic Positioning Platform. [Supplement No. 1]

5. Committee/subcommittee reports.

   a. Division III joint Presidents Council/Management Council committees or subcommittees.

      (1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee. (Nancy Meyer)

      (2) Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee. (Chris Martin)

         - Division III budget. [Supplement No. 2]

      (3) Joint Legislative Steering Committee. (Chris Thomforde)

b. Management Council subcommittees.

(1) Academic Issues Subcommittee. [Supplement No. 3] (Tim Downes)

(2) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief. [Supplement No. 4] (Charlie Robert)

(3) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. [Supplement No. 5 to be distributed at the meeting.] (Chris Martin)

c. Division III committees.

(1) Championships Committee. [Supplement No. 6] (Downes)

(2) Financial Aid Committee. (Terry Rupert)

(3) Committee on Infractions. [Supplement No. 7] (Mary Jo Gunning)

(4) Infractions Appeals Subcommittee. [Supplement No. 8] (Kitty Baldridge)

(5) Membership Committee. [Supplement No. 9] (Robert)

(6) Nominating Committee. [Supplement No. 10] (Portia Hoeg)

(7) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. (Karla Conrad/Tucker Glass)

(8) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. [Supplement No. 11] (Gunning)

(9) Interpretations and Legislative Committee. [Supplement No. 12] (Kurt Beron)

d. Association-wide committees.

(1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [Supplement No. 13] (Jeff Martinez)

(2) Honors Committee. (Bill Klika)

(3) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC). [Supplement No. 14 to be distributed at the meeting.] (Stanton Ching)

(4) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. [Supplement No. 15] (Fredina Ingold)

(5) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee. (Janine Hathorn)

(6) Research Committee. (Chris Thomforde)

(7) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. [Supplement No. 16] (Ingold)

(8) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee. (Marjorie Hass)

(9) Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA). [Supplement No. 17] (Hoeg)

(10) Joint MOIC and CWA. [Supplement No. 18 will be distributed at the meeting.]

6. Division III Initiatives.

a. Identity Activation for 2011-12. [Supplement No. 19]

b. Drug education and testing.

- NASPA collaboration. [Supplement No. 20]

c. Academic Reporting. [Supplement No. 21 will be distributed at the meeting.]

d. Conference/independent meetings update. [Supplement No. 22]

e. Virtual Focus Group results. [Supplement No. 23]

7. 2012 NCAA Convention.

a. Convention registration process. [Supplement No. 24]

b. Convention schedules. [Supplement No. 25]

c. Review of 2012 Convention Legislation. [Supplement No. 26]

d. Convention proposal groupings. [Supplement No. 27]

e. Convention speaker assignments and recommended positions. [Supplement No. 28]

i. Review noncontroversial legislation approved by the Management Council per Constitution 5.4.1.1.1. [Supplement No. 29 – This supplement will be 144 pages long if you choose to copy.]

i. Review of modifications of wording approved by the Management Council per Constitution 5.4.1.1.1. [Supplement No. 30]

j. Review of administrative regulations approved by the Management Council per Constitution 5.4.1.1.1. [Supplement No. 31]

8. Association-wide updates and issues.

a. Litigation update. [Supplement No. 32 will be distributed at the meeting]

b. Governmental relations report. [Supplement No. 33]

c. Transgender participation resource. [Supplement No. 34]

9. 2012 Solicitation of Association-wide and Division III committee/subcommittee assignments. [Supplement No. 35]

10. Other business.

11. Adjournment.

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DIVISION III FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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Attending	Dates	Meeting/Championships	Location
AD/KN/JO	September 8	Membership Committee teleconference	
JW/LS/JG	September 12-13	Championships Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
ST	September 20	Nominating Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
AH/JM/KN	September 22-23	ILC meeting	Indianapolis, IN
AD/KN/JO	October 13	Membership Committee teleconference	
DTD/LNK/DSK/JM/AD/EH/ GB/KK/AH/KN	October 17-18	Management Council Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
JW/LS/JG/JM	October 18	Championships Committee teleconference	
AH/JM/KN	October 19	ILC teleconference	
DTD/LNK/DSK/JM/AD/EH/ GB/KK/AH	October 26	Presidents Council Dinner/Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
DTD/LNK/DSK/JM/AD/EH/ GB/KK/AH	October 27	Presidents Council Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
EH/JM	November 7	Financial Aid Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
	November 9-11	FARA Fall Symposium	San Diego
AD/KN/JO	November 10	Membership Committee teleconference	
JW/LS/JG/JM	November 15	Championships Committee teleconference	
AH/JM/KN	November 16	ILC teleconference	
	November 18-20	Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
	November 30 – December 1	Student-Athlete Reinstatement Meeting (DIII specific break out session morning of December 1)	Indianapolis, IN
AD/KN/JO	December 8	Membership Committee teleconference	
JW/LS/JG/JM	December 13	Championships Committee teleconference	
AH/JM/KN	December 21	ILC teleconference	
		2012	
AD/KN/JO	January 5	Membership Committee teleconference	
	January 10-14	Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting in conjunction with NCAA Convention	Indianapolis, IN
AD/KN/JO	February 9	Membership Committee teleconference	
	February 9-10	ILC Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
	February 15-17	Membership Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
	February 20-21	Financial Aid Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
AD/KN/JO	March 8	Membership Committee teleconference	AD/KN/JO
JW/LS/JG/JM	March 20	Championships Committee teleconference	
AD/KN/JO	April 12	Membership Committee teleconference	
JW/LS/JG/JM	April 17	Championships Committee teleconference	
AD/KN/JO	May 10	Membership Committee teleconference	
JW/LS/JG/JM	May 15	Championships Committee teleconference	
	May 23-24	Student-Athlete Reinstatement Meeting (DIII specific break out session morning of May 24)	Indianapolis, IN
AD/KN/JO	June 14	Membership Committee teleconference	
	June 18-20	Membership Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
AD/KN/JO	July 12	Membership Committee teleconference	
AD/KN/JO	August 9	Membership Committee teleconference	
JW/LS/JG/JM	August 21	Championships Committee teleconference	
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***Championships Committee Teleconference – All teleconferences begin at 11 a.m. Eastern time**
Call-in Number: 800/361-5659
Passcode: 395560

ILC Teleconference
Call-in Number: 800/605-5167
Passcode: 310540

Membership Committee Teleconference – All teleconferences are scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. Eastern time
Call-in Number: 800/251-6413
Passcode: 308316

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MONTHLY UPDATE

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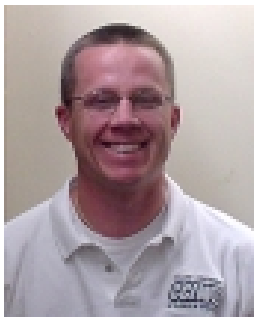
This update is a tool to enhance communication between the NCAA national office and the NCAA Division III membership, with distribution to athletics directors, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, conference commissioners and the NADIIIAA list serve. Please contact Marquette Potter at mpotter@ncaa.org to include an item, and remember to sign up with the NCAA News for daily or weekly news updates.



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From the Chair of the Management Council

The July NCAA Division III Management Council (MC) meeting was held the last week of July in Indianapolis with our annual meeting with the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) starting things off.

The SAAC spent the weekend working through its agenda and meeting with various NCAA staff members before our joint meeting was conducted. Our joint meeting agenda focused on the various legislative proposals sponsored by the Division III membership and a discussion of social media. The highlight of the meeting was an update on the partnership with the Special Olympics featuring a speech by Special Olympian Jason Plante, a junior at Purdue University. If you have not read about Jason and his speech, please be sure to read the story written by Gary Brown on the NCAA website. Jason's talk was truly inspirational and provided a real life example of how our partnership with the Special Olympics can truly change the lives of individuals like Jason. Congratulations to you, Jason, you are an inspiration to us all!

Starting Monday morning, the Council worked through its agenda with a number of key issues on the docket, including discussions of important health and safety issues, various championships related items, a possible increase in the membership fee for provisional members and our initial discussions of membership sponsored legislation. Please read Gary Brown's updates on the NCAA website for the specifics on these issues. I want to thank the Council members and NCAA staff members for a productive meeting, despite battling subzero temperatures in the Marriott meeting room. Long sleeves and jackets are recommended for all future Council meetings.

Next up for the Council will be the October in-person meeting as we move towards the 2012 NCAA Convention in Indianapolis. But, first, I am not ready to let summer go quite yet…but with the school year and fall seasons on the horizon and approaching fast, I wish the best of luck to all as life returns to normal.

DIVISION III IDENTITY INITIATIVE

Send us your stories!
The NCAA staff has created a mailbox to collect your stories about the student-athlete experience. Please send your pieces to d3identity@ncaa.org and remember that the NCAA may use the stories in the NCAA News, on the Division III Facebook page, on the Division III public website, or on the membership homepage. Thank you in advance for helping the division share and celebrate its values!

NCAA Division III Facebook Page.
Please become a fan of the Division III Facebook page! After setting an internal NCAA record by garnering over 1,000 fans in the first 24 hours after launch. We need your help in maintaining momentum. Please check out the page and encourage others to do the same.

Like NCAA Division III

www.facebook.com/NCAADivisionIII

Special Olympics Website Launch.
Starting August 1, Division III members have an online community to share their Special Olympics stories and track collective progress. The NCAA has developed a website which may be accessed off the Division III homepage on NCAA.org or www.d3specialolympics.org. From this site, users can access anything they need for Special Olympics projects on their campuses.

The site features:
- A "How To" guide to hosting events.
- Special Olympics contacts in each state.
- The Division III SAAC roster.
- Tips on how to engage Special Olympics athletes with various needs.
- Templates for press releases to promote the activity.
- Videos from successful projects.

Also included is a tracking form for campuses to report their activity and share success stories. Links to those stories will be included on the home page, in addition to news items from the NCAA on the Special Olympics initiative.

The NCAA also established an email address for people who have questions or suggestions at D3SpecialOlympics@ncaa.org. That account also will become active on August 1.

Division III Purchasing Website.
As a reminder, the Division III purchasing website credits expire August 31. New credits will be issued on September 1. Login now to redeem your 2010-11 credit for Division III identity merchandise. Contact Debbie Kresge at dkresge@ncaa.org, if you have any questions.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

2011-12 NCAA Division III Manuals to Arrive in August.
Institutions will be receiving the 2011-12 NCAA Division III Manuals by August 1. The Manuals that member institutions will receive reflect an ongoing initiative to more efficiently package the Association's regulations and bylaws. The second phase of this project to streamline the Manual will feature a more efficient identification of *de minimis* (minor) violations and restitution bylaws. Rather than several sentences explaining these entries, a "D" or

“R”, will be noted at the end of eah provision.

Throughout the upcoming year, the AMA staff will continue to identify other ways the Manual can be more user-friendly such as evaluating consistent use of words and phrases, use of clear, plain language and identifying provisions or policies that can be removed from the Manual. More enhancements to the Manuals are already planned. Realizing the benefits of technology, future printed Manuals will only include select articles (NCAA Bylaws 10 through 17) and the remaining articles will be available online via Legislative Services Database for the Internet and in PDF versions. The cost savings from printing will be applied to a free "app" by 2012-13 that will give users remote access on their mobile devices.

We are interested in hearing from the membership with any feedback and ideas on how we can improve the Manuals. Please contact Leeland Zeller at lzeller@ncaa.org or Binh Nguyen at bnguyen@ncaa.org with any comments or questions.

Educational Column – Strength and Conditioning Coaches – Education and Suggested Best Practices for Nationally Recognized Certification Programs (III)

During the 2011 NCAA Convention this past January, NCAA Division III adopted Proposal No. 2011-7 (as amended by Proposal No. 2011-7-1) which allows student-athletes to engage in voluntary individual strength and conditioning activities conducted by strength and conditioning personnel who have received strength and conditioning certification from a nationally recognized certification program, only during the institution's regular academic year.

The intent of the proposal was to provide opportunities outside of the competitive season for a strength coach to conduct workouts with student-athletes to increase cardiovascular endurance, build strength and explosiveness, train for purposes of injury prevention, and become prepared for their sport season, at the student-athlete’s request.

In an effort to better outline nationally recognized certification programs, the information below describes the landscape of strength and conditioning coach certifications. It is only offered as guidance and suggestions for best practices. It is not mandatory for institutions to adhere to the guidance offered or use the certifying agencies identified below, provided the legislation is satisfied.

The required components for certification of strength and conditioning personnel vary across national certifying agencies and individual states lack professional practice regulation similar to medical professionals. Therefore, institutions should identify a particular agency or agencies that meet their institution’s expectations for developing and conducting appropriate workouts for intercollegiate student-athletes. Consistent with the Division III head coaches sports safety training legislation, institutions should consider whether certified strength and conditioning personnel be certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use. This requirement is often one component of national certification for strength and conditioning coaches, however, it is not required for all certification programs. [Note: The Division III Management Council has sponsored a proposal for the 2012 Convention to require all certified strength and conditioning coaches to be certified in first aid, CPR and AED use.]

The two commonly recognized certification programs with the most extensive requirements for the collegiate population include the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association’s (CSCCa) Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified (SCCC) credential, and the National Strength and Conditioning Association’s (NSCA) Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS*)* credential, as they both focus on the development of the competitive athlete. These are examples of just two certifying agencies and types of certifications; there are other certifications offered nationally within the health and fitness industry that institutions may explore.

When considering components for appropriate strength and conditioning certifications, institutions might compare whether the certifying agency:

1. Is accredited by an oversight organization (e.g., NCCA-accredited);
2. Requires an undergraduate college degree;
3. Requires a continuing education component;
4. Requires current first aid, CPR and AED use certification.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 17.02.1.1.1 (exceptions) and Proposal No. 2011-7 (as amended by Proposal No. 2011-7-1).]

CONFERENCE AND MEMBER INSTITUTION EDUCATIONAL TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Fall Technology Edition.
As the 2011-12 academic year quickly approaches, the NCAA staff is committed to ensuring that Division III institutions start the fall as smoothly as possible. With the knowledge that a number of core Division III compliance applications are now housed online, the staff has created a special supplemental edition of the DIII Monthly Update devoted solely to technology. The special tech edition can be accessed here. We hope this update helps Division III administrators navigate online as the compliance year begins.

NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Updated Calendar of Reminders.
Institutions and conferences can view an updated calendar of reminders with suggested areas for review related to student-athlete reinstatement violations and waivers on the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement webpage. The calendar is geared to help institutions identify circumstances and issues that may impact student-athlete eligibility. The NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement webpage is accessible through the AMA Online Case Management System under the resources tab. After reaching the resource page, the calendar can be found in the educational materials area of the page. The calendar can also be found on the membership side of www.ncaa.org under the governance tab and following the compliance, waivers, and reinstatement tab to the student-athlete reinstatement resource page. Please note that the calendar is not all inclusive, nor mandates when items should be reviewed.

Contact Payton Williams at pwilliams@ncaa.org with any questions, concerns, or suggested topics for the calendar.

COMMITTEES UPDATE

The Division III Management Council met July 25-26 in Indianapolis. Please see NCAA News coverage of this meeting:

DIII Management Council to sponsor text deregulations

DIII membership application fee to increase

New steering committee directs legislative traffic for 2012 cycle

Sickle cell testing on the DIII docket for 2012 Convention

DIII Management Council supports bench growth for 2011-12

Redlands AD to chair DIII Management Council in 2012

DIII gets dose of inspiration before Special Olympics launch

KEY DATES FOR AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER		
August 10	Presidents and Chancellors Advisory Group Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
August 11	Presidents Council Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
September 12-13	Championships Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
September 20	Nominating Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
September 22-23	Interpretations and Legislation Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana

Comments or feedback are appreciated. Contact Marquette Potter at mpotter@ncaa.org.

Division III Positioning Statement

Follow your passions and discover your potential. The college experience is a time of learning and growth – a chance to follow passions and develop potential. For student-athletes in Division III, this happens most importantly in the classroom and through earning an academic degree. The Division III experience provides for passionate participation in a competitive athletic environment, where student-athletes push themselves to excellence and build upon their academic success with new challenges and life skills. And student-athletes are encouraged to pursue the full spectrum of opportunities available during their time in college. In this way, Division III provides an integrated environment for student-athletes to take responsibility for their own paths, follow their passions and find their potential through a comprehensive educational experience.

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LEGISLATION UPDATE

NATIONAL SAAC SEEKING FEEDBACK ON NCAA DIVISION III CONVENTION PROPOSALS.

In the coming month, commissioners, conference SAAC liaisons and/or campus SAAC liaisons will receive a letter from their national SAAC representative. This outreach is meant to ensure that student-athletes from every institution are represented as the national SAAC codifies its formal legislative positions. Institutions and conference SAACs will be provided a pro-con document, legislative grid and letter. Each recipient should complete the legislative grid and return that to either the conference SAAC liaison or the national SAAC representative by November 1. National SAAC members will use the vote numbers as well as any comments, concerns and questions to guide discussion and national SAAC legislative positions. Enjoy the democratic process and be sure to solicit your student-athletes' perspectives!

LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE.

The legislative timeline for the remainder of the 2011-12 legislative cycle is summarized here for convenience of reference.

November 1: Deadline for Amendments-to-Amendments and All Resolutions. All amendments-to-amendments (which do not increase the modification of the original amendment/proposal) and all resolutions must be received in the national office **not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1**. No amendments-to-amendments sponsored by the membership may be submitted after this date. The Presidents Council is authorized to submit further amendments-to-amendments at the Convention if it deems such action necessary, provided it is approved by two-thirds of the Council and copies are distributed before or during the business session.

November 15: Official Notice. The Official Notice will be available for distribution to the entire membership through a hard-copy mailing. The Official Notice includes all membership-sponsored legislation (as modified by a sponsor modification submitted by the September 15 deadline), all Presidents-Council sponsored legislation, all properly submitted amendments-to-amendments and resolutions (submitted by the November 1 deadline) and all position statements issued by Division III committees.

January 11-14, 2012, NCAA Convention: All delegates receive the NCAA Convention Program when they register at the Convention. The Convention Program contains the most up-to-date meeting schedule and other helpful Convention information. Changes of an editorial nature to the proposed legislation (as it appears in the Official Notice) will be noted for the membership on the Convention floor at the beginning of the Convention business session and will be distributed in a handout.

2011 SECOND PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION (SPOPL).

The 2012 NCAA Convention Division III Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL) is now available by following the path below. This publication includes all membership-sponsored proposals as modified by the sponsors

in accordance with the sponsor-modification process. See "August 15 through September 15" above. The SPOPL also includes all proposals sponsored by the NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

To access the SPOPL go to www.ncaa.org; click on legislation and governance; click on rules and bylaws; click on legislative actions and issues; under Division III, you will find the link to the SPOPL.

ACTION REQUESTED

NCAA CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE!

You may register by accessing the link below:

https://www.planningpoint.net/V2/Registrations/index.cfm?EventID=1614

Please join the NCAA in Indianapolis, and remember that NCAA Convention attendance grants may be available to SWAs, Athletics Direct Reports and FARs through the Division III conference grant program. Questions about individual grant eligibility should be directed to your commissioner.

CONFERENCE AND MEMBER INSTITUTION EDUCATIONAL TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DIVISION II AND III BASKETBALL FACILITY EQUIPMENT AND COURT MARKING REMINDERS.

http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/basketball/mens/playing+rules/divisions+ii+and+iii+basketball+facility+equipment+and+court+marking+reminders

NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR.

The NCAA has selected nine outstanding women as finalists for the 2011 Woman of the Year award, which will be presented October 16 in Indianapolis.

The nine finalists, along with the other honorees who made the Top 30, will be invited to Indianapolis for the Woman of the Year festivities. The award weekend will include a community service project that gives honorees the opportunity to interact with young girls in the city of Indianapolis and serve as role models for them. The NCAA will also host a reception in their honor.

The NCAA's Woman of the Year Award, now in its 21st year, honors female student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in academic achievement, athletic excellence, community service and leadership. Every NCAA member institution is encouraged to honor its top graduating female student-athlete by submitting her name for consideration. Each conference assesses the eligibility of its members' nominees and selects at least one student-athlete to represent the conference.

To be eligible for the award, a female student-athlete must have completed eligibility in her primary sport by the end of the 2011 spring season, graduated no later than the end of the summer 2011 term and achieved a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5. The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics selects the national winner from the nine finalists.

Last year's NCAA Woman of the Year was Justine Schluntz, a 2010 Rhodes Scholar, swimmer and mechanical engineering major, from the University of Arizona.

Following are biographies of this year's Division III Woman of the Year finalists:

Laura Barito, Stevens Institute of Technology

Empire 8 Conference
Mechanical Engineering
Swimming, Track and Cross Country
Hometown: Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Excerpt from personal statement: *"Someone believed in me four years ago. They believed in me as a student, at a challenging school with a rigorous curriculum. They believed in me as an athlete and gave me resources to grow from an un-recruited swimmer to a National Champion. I leave with a prestigious degree in mechanical engineering and proof that the underdog can surpass expectations."*

A 22-time All-American in swimming and track, Barito is a national champion in swimming (50-yard freestyle) and track (400-meter hurdles) – Stevens' first national championships. The eight-time Empire 8 record holder for numerous swimming events was named conference Athlete of the Week nine times during her career. Barito was the hurdle/sprint team captain for track, as well as nutrition representative and service leader for the track and swimming teams. Selected twice as Stevens Athlete of the Year, she was also the Empire 8 Swimmer of the Year.

Barito served on the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, volunteered as a server at a local homeless shelter and tutored underprivileged school children. At her church, she was a member of the worship band, a greeter and a member of the college ministry team.

The mathematics enthusiast appeared on the President's List from 2007 to 2011 and was named a NCAA Scholar All-American from 2008 to 2011. CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine named Barito to the Academic All-America First Team and the Empire 8 named her a Senior Scholar winner. Barito, a Stevens Honors Scholar, was also a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honor Society.

Michaela Calnan, Bowdoin College

New England Small College Athletic Conference
Neuroscience
Field Hockey and Ice Hockey
Hometown: Melrose, Mass.

Excerpt from personal statement: "*Throughout my college career I have been presented with extraordinary opportunities and I have been able to follow my passions to the fullest on the field, in the classroom and in my community. While following my passions, I have created a unique identity for myself on campus – I am not just another athlete, scientist, or volunteer. Instead, I think of myself as a well-rounded woman and a contributing member of my community."*

A Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar, Calnan was named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference All-Academic Team for ice hockey and field hockey multiple times. The neuroscience major was named a National Field Hockey Coaches Association Academic-All American each of her four years at Bowdoin and graduated with honors.

While attending Bowdoin, Calnan served as a McKeen Fellow for Community Engagement for the Center for Common Good from 2009 to 2011. She was the treasurer of Circle K, a community service and leadership program, and she served as a group leader for a middle school mentoring program. Calnan also participated in a book drive for Ghana and worked a sports station at a Girls and Women in Sports Day event. She was a member of a committee that organized workshops to help underclassmen gain or refine skills to help them succeed in college, and she was a facilitator for a group that encouraged discussions with women's athletic teams about sexual assaults and violence.

Calnan led her team to three NCAA Division III field hockey national titles. As ice hockey team captain, she also received the Seventh Player Award in 2010 and the Christopher Charles Watras Memorial Women's Ice Hockey Trophy in 2010 and 2011. Calnan was named to the NESCAC All-Sportsmanship Team for ice hockey in 2011 and to the NFCHA Second Team All-Region squad in 2010. In addition, Calnan received an Unsung Hero award for field hockey in 2010.

Hayley Emerick, Trinity University (Texas)

Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing
Diving
Hometown: Portland, Texas

Excerpt from personal statement: *"My academic experience taught me hard work, perseverance, and determination while my athletic experience taught me to set my goals high and to create a plan for reaching them step-by-step. It has given me patience and the ability to plan well into the future, and I have realized that rigorous preparation, though tough, eventually pays off."*

A six-time All-American, Emerick achieved academic and athletic excellence while a member of Trinity University's diving team, serving as its captain for the 2010-11 season. She competed in the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships all four of her years on the team, winning the three-meter diving title in 2010 and placing second in the three-meter and one-meter events in 2011. She was also an outstanding member of the community, serving the San Antonio and Corpus Christi areas in a variety of capacities, including work for the YWCA, YMCA and Habitat for Humanity.

The summer before her senior year, Emerick spent five weeks in Costa Rica with the Cross Cultural Solutions Volunteer Abroad program. She worked on marketing development for a small business in the country, while volunteering at a local orphanage and teaching English at a local university.

She excelled in the classroom as a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and was a founding member of the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity on Trinity's campus. She was a 2009-10 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American and is the recipient of an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

DIVISION III STAFF UPDATE.

Congratulations to Amy Huchthausen on her appointment as commissioner of the America East Conference. We wish Amy all the best in her new role! Click here to access the press release.

KEY DATES FOR OCTOBER THROUGH OCTOBER		
October 17-18	Management Council Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
October 26-27	Presidents Council Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
November 7	Financial Aid Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
November 9-11	FARA Fall Symposium	San Diego
November 18-20	Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
November 30 – December 1	Student-Athlete Reinstatement Meeting (Division III specific break out session morning of December 1)	Indianapolis, IN

Comments or feedback are appreciated. Contact Marquette Potter at mpotter@ncaa.org.

Division III Positioning Statement

Follow your passions and discover your potential. The college experience is a time of learning and growth – a chance to follow passions and develop potential. For student-athletes in Division III, this happens most importantly in the classroom and through earning an academic degree. The Division III experience provides for passionate participation in a competitive athletic environment, where student-athletes push themselves to excellence and build upon their academic success with new challenges and life skills. And student-athletes are encouraged to pursue the full spectrum of opportunities available during their time in college. In this way, Division III provides an integrated environment for student-athletes to take responsibility for their own paths, follow their passions and find their potential through a comprehensive educational experience.

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MONTHLY UPDATE

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This update is a tool to enhance communication between the NCAA national office and the NCAA Division III membership, with distribution to athletics directors, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, conference commissioners and the NADIIIAA list serve. Please contact Marquette Potter at mpotter@ncaa.org to include an item, and remember to sign up with the NCAA News for daily or weekly news updates.

DIVISION III IDENTITY INITIATIVE

Division III Purchasing Website.

With a new academic year arriving, every NCAA Division III member institution and each multisport conference will receive a kit containing new branded materials promoting the division's identity initiative this month, as well as a new $500 credit for purchasing a variety of additional products from the Division III purchasing website.

The kits, which respond to requests for resources that can be used in a variety of indoor and outdoor settings, will include items such as feather flags, microphone flags, wind-slitted banners, and portable signage, all bearing Division III's "Discover/Develop/Dedicate" logo and messaging. The kits will be shipped automatically to conference commissioners and institutional sports information directors in late September.

Division III also again will offer a credit for obtaining customizable resources bearing the initiative's marks alongside institutional or conference logos, beginning September 1. In addition to items such as banners and media backdrops that already are available through the website, the $500 credit also may be applied to new items such as customizable T-shirts, which will become available on the website during September. (Please note that additional quantities of the items included in the kits mentioned above also will be offered through the website, and institutions should not use their credits to purchase these items unless they wish to obtain the extra quantities.)

The kit plus $500 credit represent a slightly different approach to providing identity initiative resources during 2011-12. Schools on average used about two-thirds of a $1,000 credit offered through the purchasing website in 2010-11, ordering primarily customizable items. By using some funds that previously were allocated to the credit and instead bulk-ordering flexible-use items such as flags and banners for kits, Division III is able to provide more resources in a cost-effective manner. At the same time, schools and conferences still receive a significant credit to apply toward purchasing co-branded items.

Please also allow us to take this opportunity to let you know that a few "free" items that previously have been available only through the purchasing website soon can be downloaded without placing an order, via the Division III homepage on the password-protected side of www.ncaa.org (ncaa.org > Governance > Division III).

More details about the 2011-12 Identity Initiative activation program, including contents of the kits as well as new items available through the purchasing website, will be provided soon to conference commissioners, directors of athletics, and sports information directors. Please forward any questions regarding the 2011-12 identity activation resources to Jack Copeland at jcopeland@ncaa.org.

NCAA Division III and Special Olympics Webinar.

The NCAA Division III SAAC and Special Olympics partnership officially launched on August 1, along with www.ncaa.org/d3specialolympics - a new, interactive website offering tools and resources for campus implementation. The NCAA national office will host a free webinar on Monday, September 19 from 1:15 to 2 p.m. (Eastern time) to share best practices, walk through the website, provide guidelines for the initiative and facilitate a live question-and-answer session. We encourage conference commissioners, athletics directors, sports information directors, SAAC advisors and SAAC presidents to participate in this webinar. Registration is limited to the first 124 participants. Please RSVP to Kat Krtnick, assistant director of communications, at kkrtnick@ncaa.org to reserve your spot. Once you RSVP, Kat will send you a link and meeting maker. Please forward this information on to anyone applicable in your respective athletic department or conference office.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

2012 NCAA Convention Legislative Proposals.

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- PRACTICE AFTER INJURY

Source: Midwest Conference, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Intent: In the traditional season, to prohibit student-athletes who have, according to a physician, sustained a season-ending injury from engaging with the team in any physical practice activities.

Rationale: Continued student-athlete involvement with the team after injury is an important step in retention, rehabilitation and morale. While connection to the team in many areas is necessary, a student-athlete should not be permitted to physically participate in any part of team practice if they are not healthy enough to compete and wish to have an entire season of eligibility returned. While rehabilitation of the injury often involves sport-specific activities and practice-related drills, these should take place outside of the normal practice domain. The student-athlete's focus should be on improving health and strength, not improving skills or providing benefit and assistance to the team in practice. Allowing a student-athlete with a season-ending injury to return to practice, without competing, can be construed as a (unfortunate) form of red-shirting; a practice that was eliminated by Division III in 2004.

Title: RECRUITING -- PERMISSIBLE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS

Source: Little East Conference, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Intent: To regulate electronically transmitted correspondence between prospective student-athletes and college staff and coaches according to the same standard as telephone, email and fax correspondence.

Rationale: The nature and use of electronic transmissions has evolved in dramatic fashion over the past three years since this rule was enacted. Services like Twitter, Facebook and email services like Gmail allow users to have emails (now allowed by the rule) delivered as text to their phone (currently not allowed). Additionally, prospective student-athletes commonly use Smartphone technology to monitor all forms of electronic communication - text, email, twitter and Facebook. Attempting to regulate portions of services that are now fused together is unnecessary, difficult at-best to monitor and tends to limit the amount of timely information available to the prospective student-athlete. The philosophy of Division III athletics is that student-athletes are treated no differently than non-athlete students. College admissions staff and faculty, among other groups, regularly use this technology to communicate with prospective students. Not permitting coaches from communicating with prospective student-athletes in this manner separates the (prospective) student-athlete from the (prospective) student. This proposed regulation also recognizes that allowed electronic transmission is best treated by the same standard as telephone and email communication.

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF -- VOLUNTARY STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED DURING REQUIRED DAY OFF

Source: New England Collegiate Conference, New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Intent: During the playing season, to prohibit voluntary activities conducted by certified strength and conditioning personnel during the mandatory day off; further, outside the playing season, to prohibit voluntary activities conducted by certified strength and conditioning personnel one calendar day per week.

Rationale: The rule as currently written permits student-athletes to workout with a strength and conditioning coach during the academic year every day of the week. Although we characterize these workouts as voluntary, we are concerned that the student-athletes best interest is not being taken into consideration here. This proposal should have an immediate effective date because it seeks to protect the best interest of the student-athlete. Delaying the effective date until August 1, 2012, merely delays protecting the interest of our student-athletes. By adding the proposed language, we are guaranteeing that student-athletes receive at least one day off per week.

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- POSTSEASON ACTIVITIES -- EXEMPTING ONE POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIP FROM THE 18 OR 19 WEEK DECLARED PLAYING SEASON

Source: The Commonwealth Coast Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Intent: In all sports, to exclude from the 18 or 19 week declared playing and practice season, one postseason championship.

Rationale: The NCAA has allowed institutions to exempt participation in at least one post-season tournament from being counted against their maximum contest limitations (e.g., NCAA, NCCAA, NAIA, and various national governing body championships). Exceptions for a number of other tournaments have also been granted on a sport-by-sport basis. Participation in some season-ending tournaments is also exempt from counting in the playing-season limitations. Exceptions to the playing-season limitations became more important when the seasons were reduced to 18 or 19 weeks. Consequently, schools involved in non-NCAA/NAIA/NCCAA championships now have to save a week on the chance they MIGHT be selected to participate. If not selected, the week of participation is lost to those student-athletes. This proposal allows the two parts of Bylaw 17 to be synchronized, whereby one postseason contest is both exempted from maximum contest limitations and excluded from the 18 or 19 week playing-season limitation in all sports. It also applies the accommodation to all non-NCAA post-season championship events, not a select few. It recognizes the value of the post-season championship experience to student-athletes, and provides a fair and consistent application for all sports.

Title: NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS PRIVILEGES AND AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- CORE INSTITUTION

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Membership Committee and Championships Committee)].

Effective Date: For the 2012-13 academic year.

Intent: To align the membership requirements for a conference with the automatic qualification requirements for a conference, by doing the following: (1) confirming that member conferences must be comprised of at least seven core Division III institutions; (2) specifying that institutions may be a core member in only one multi-sport conference; and (3) specifying that a member conference is entitled to a two-year grace period if it fails to satisfy the membership requirements. Finally, any institution considered a core institution in more than one multi-sport conference prior to September 1, 2011, may continue as a core institution in those conferences for purposes of satisfying the automatic qualification and conference membership requirements.

Rationale: This amendment aligns the membership requirements of a conference with the benefits and privileges, including automatic qualification to championships, that it receives as a conference. The primary clarification is that an institution may only be a core institution in one multi-sport conference. This will establish stability in conference membership and require institutions to be more strategic about alignments for purposes other than acquiring championships automatic qualification. Effectively, this amendment will eliminate the possibility of the "umbrella" conference model since it would not be possible for an institution to be considered a core institution in both the umbrella conference and one of the sub-conferences. The second primary change will extend the automatic qualification grace period to apply to the conference membership requirements for consistency. Finally, there are numerous editorial and reformatting changes in support of these two primary changes that are necessary to completely effectuate the intent of this proposal that will follow if this proposal passes for clarification purposes. This proposed legislation does not impact any existing "umbrella" conferences, but will affect future conference affiliations.

Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT -- AFFIRMATION AND CLARIFICATION OF UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE, BROAD-BASED ATHLETICS PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION IN NON-ATHLETIC PURSUITS AND AUTONOMY IN ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

Effective Date: Immediate

Intent: To specify in the philosophy statement that Division III institutions: emphasize intercollegiate athletics as primarily focused on a four-year, undergraduate experience; encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of sport offerings for their students through broad-based athletics program; assure that student-athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in non-athletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience; and exercise institution and/or

conference autonomy in the establishment of initial and continuing eligibility standards for student-athletes.

Rationale: The modifications address issues included in the Division's 2008 white papers on membership growth and are a reflection of strategies to best to manage the large and diverse Division III membership under a unifying philosophy statement and strategic positioning platform. These concepts address fundamental academic and educational principles the division has commonly relied upon in the past and it is appropriate to formally incorporate them into the philosophy statement. Additionally, clarification of the provision that institutions encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of sport offerings is necessary based on the frequent, yet misused citation of this provision in efforts to expand the playing season or number of contests. This clarification more accurately reflects the legislative and philosophical history of the division to sponsor broad-based athletics programs.

Title: AMATEURISM AND EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- FINANCIAL DONATIONS AND ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Intent: To specify that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publically identified as such; and that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such; further, to eliminate the prohibition on sponsorship of NCAA championship activities or promotions by professional sports organizations or teams.

Rationale: Current NCAA regulations limit the involvement of professional sports organizations as financial sponsors of intercollegiate events, including NCAA championships. In the case of NCAA championship events, these regulations 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 NCAA championships through their promotional channels (e.g., email 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. Partnering with professional sports organizations can help to increase exposure and fan interest for intercollegiate competition events, including NCAA championships, without compromising the Association's principle of amateurism. This legislation is specific to events and ancillary activities. It would not permit a professional sports organization to be a general financial sponsor of an institution, conference or the NCAA. It will remain impermissible for a professional team/ organization to provide a direct financial donation to an institution, conference or the NCAA (other than as currently permitted). Finally, it will remain impermissible for a professional sports team/organization to use the names or likenesses of student-athletes in any manner.

Title: PERSONNEL -- CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- CERTIFIED STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACHES -- REQUIRED SPORTS-SAFETY TRAINING

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Intent: To require certified strength and conditioning coaches to maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use if they conduct voluntary strength and conditioning activities outside the playing season.

Rationale: Recent legislation permits certified strength and conditioning coaches to conduct voluntary workouts outside the declared playing season. Requiring current first aid, CPR and AED use certification for certified strength and conditioning personnel who conduct these voluntary workouts outside the playing season is consistent with current legislation requiring first aid, CPR and AED use certification for head coaches and provides additional health and safety benefits to student-athletes.

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- REQUIRED SICKLE-CELL TESTING

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2012, for all student-athletes, including both new and continuing student-athletes.

Intent: To require a sickle cell solubility test as part of the mandatory medical examination, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release; applicable to all student-athletes beginning their initial season of eligibility and continuing student-athletes.

Rationale: Requirements for sickle cell trait (SCT) status testing should be consistent across divisions. According to the 2011 membership survey, approximately 40 percent of responding Divisions II and III institutions currently confirm SCT status as part of their medical examination process. The potential for collapse and complications from SCT is not dependant on the division, sport, gender, or race. The education of staff conducting workouts continues to be the most important factor for preventing catastrophic events, as SCT generally does not result in a medical emergency unless the student-athlete is driven beyond their physiological limit. Typically, athletes that self-regulate their workload and intensity are able to modify the overall stress placed on them and still succeed athletically. Divisions II and III often have fewer sports medicine staff available during workouts; therefore, knowledge of SCT status for all student-athletes by key staff can be a gateway to precaution implementation, preparation and emergency response activation. Finally, in an effort to ensure student-athletes make an informed decision, institutions are encouraged to educate student-athletes about the risks of the condition if the student-athlete elects to decline the test and sign a written release.

Title: RECRUITING -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- ALLOWING TEXT MESSAGING

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council.

Effective Date: Immediate

Intent: To allow text messaging to be used in the recruiting process.

Rationale: The realities of how current prospect-aged individuals communicate, including a proclivity of text messaging, justifies lifting the division's current ban on using text messaging in the recruitment process. The financial concerns that helped prompt the initial text messaging ban have since been mitigated by the evolution of text messaging plans, with most prospects now able to manage expenses through unlimited or low-cost texting options. Also, the awkward nature of not being able to respond to a prospect in the same medium the prospect uses to contact a coach, is not reasonable. Nor is it reasonable that athletics departments may not use a means of communication with prospective students that other campus departments, including admissions, are frequently using. This deregulation, however, does not extend to the use of social media platforms because those platforms represent 'personal' space that should not be invaded by coaches in the recruiting process. Text messaging will not completely replace the use of the telephone or other forms of communication in the recruiting process, but rather this deregulation merely allows a means of communication where the initial rationale for its prohibition is no longer reasonable.

CONFERENCE AND MEMBER INSTITUTION EDUCATIONAL TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

NCAA Graduation Rates Data Collection System Portal Going Behind Single-Source Sign-On.
Beginning September 1, access to the NCAA Graduation Rates Data Collection System will only be available through the Single-Source Sign-On System. At this time, Single-Source Sign-On administrators may grant individuals responsible for this reporting requirement access using the NCAA Application Account Maintenance Tool. The link will then appear on the user's homepage once they log into the membership side of NCAA.org. Institutions may continue to access the graduation rates data collection portal using its sports sponsorship information until September 1.

Please contact Binh Nguyen at bnguyen@ncaa.org with any questions.

Student-Athlete Affairs Grant.
The NCAA Student-Athlete Affairs Grant awards up to $2,000 to NCAA member institutions and conference offices to fund student-athlete development and health and safety related programming. Funding is available to active NCAA member institutions or conferences. Funds are limited and will be equitably distributed across divisions upon submission of a complete application. The 2011-2012 grant application for the Student-Athlete Affairs Grant is currently available at www.ncaa.org/studentathleteaffairs. The deadline to submit an application is October 15, 2011.

AMA Online – Case Management Updates.
In August, the following updates became available in AMA Online – Case Management:

Institutions may now pull back a case from submission to the AMA staff if would like to change the signatory method from e-sign to uploading or fax the signature(s), and vice versa.

If the AMA staff or the institution uploads a signature page to a case that had been designated for e-sign, the "Awaiting Signatures" status will be resolved and the case will move to submitted status.

The home screen for institutions includes a new heading of "Cases Not Submitted". This section includes cases that are in the status of "Saved" (meaning they are saved locally and not yet submitted to the AMA staff) and "Awaiting Signatures" (meaning the case is awaiting signatures and not yet submitted to the AMA staff).

Tip: If an institution is submitting a case and notices that incorrect institutional staff members listed in the dropdown menu on the signature tab (step four) of the waiver or reinstatement request, send a request to update the institution's information in the membership database. Once updated in the membership database, the listed institutional staff members will appear in the list in AMA Online. In the mean time, to submit the case, enter the individual's information under the "not listed" option and either fax or upload the signature page.

COMMITTEES UPDATE

The NCAA Division III Presidents Advisory Group and Presidents Council met on August 10 and 11 in Indianapolis. Please click here for NCAA News coverage of this meeting.

NCAA committee honors five with sportsmanship awards

By Marta Lawrence
NCAA.org

(excerpts have been taken from this article)

Empire 8 Commissioner Chuck Mitrano has been recognized as the 2011 recipient of the Bob Frederick Award, which annually honors an NCAA coach, administrator or staff member who demonstrates a history of sportsmanship.

In addition, the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct selected national and divisional winners of the student-athlete sportsmanship award. Division III recognition went to Tony Evans.

The NCAA Student-Athlete Sportsmanship Awards honor student-athletes who, through their actions in the competitive arena of intercollegiate athletics, have demonstrated one or more of the ideals of sportsmanship. Those include fairness, civility, honesty, unselfishness, respect and responsibility.

The Frederick Award was first presented in 2009 to honor the late Kansas athletics director. Recipients exhibit similar commitments to sportsmanship and ethical conduct, leading by example and promoting positive fan involvement in and out of competition. Like Frederick, recipients of the award are known by their sincere passion for student-athletes and colleagues. Nominations are solicited nationally, and the winner is selected by the sportsmanship committee.

2011 Bob Frederick Award

Chuck Mitrano

Mitrano has been an influential leader in the areas of sportsmanship, ethics and NCAA leadership. He moderated a hazing summit at the NCAA Convention in 2007 and continues to serve as the director of collegiate partnerships for National Sportsmanship Day.

He was named one of the “100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America” by the Institute of International Sport in November 2007. The Empire 8 was also the first athletics conference in any division or level to be named an “All-American Sportsmanship Conference” by that organization.

"Chuck Mitrano has been one of the most effective leaders in intercollegiate sport in terms of fostering a culture of sportsmanship," said Dan Doyle, founder and executive director of the Institute of International Sport and president and chief executive officer of the World Youth Peace Summit. "We have tremendous admiration for Chuck at the Institute for International Sport. We consider him to be one of the great sports educators in America.”

Tony Evans

During the 2011 Upper Midwest Athletic Conference track and field championships, Division III St. Scholastica senior Tony Evans and coach Todd Bouchie offered a competitor the use of their heavier equipment to improve the distance on his javelin throw. Evans and Bouchie knew the offer would likely cost Evans the championship, but they were excited to see if the competitor could better his conference record.

In the finals, using the St. Scholastica’s javelin, the competitor not only set a conference record, he also met the Division III provisional mark for the NCAA championships. Evans finished second.

KEY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER THROUGH OCTOBER		
September 12-13	Championships Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
September 20	Nominating Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
September 22-23	Interpretations and Legislation Committee Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
October 17-18	Management Council Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
October 26-27	Presidents Council Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana

Comments or feedback are appreciated. Contact Marquette Potter at mpotter@ncaa.org.

Division III Positioning Statement

Follow your passions and discover your potential. The college experience is a time of learning and growth – a chance to follow passions and develop potential. For student-athletes in Division III, this happens most importantly in the classroom and through earning an academic degree. The Division III experience provides for passionate participation in a competitive athletic environment, where student-athletes push themselves to excellence and build upon their academic success with new challenges and life skills. And student-athletes are encouraged to pursue the full spectrum of opportunities available during their time in college. In this way, Division III provides an integrated environment for student-athletes to take responsibility for their own paths, follow their passions and find their potential through a comprehensive educational experience.

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SUMMARY OF SUMMER 2011 QUARTERLY MEETINGS
The National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division III Management Council **July 25-26, 2011** **Indianapolis, IN**	**Division III Presidents Council** **August 11, 2011** **Indianapolis, IN**
Kitty Baldridge, Gallaudet University Kurt Beron, University of Texas at Dallas Tim Downes, Emory University Tucker Glass, Plattsburgh State University of New York Mary Jo Gunning, Marywood University Marjorie Hass, Austin College Janine Hathorn, Washington and Lee University Portia Hoeg, Lake Forest College Kirin Khan, Mills College Bill Klika, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Chris Martin, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin [*chair*] Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands [*vice chair*] Nancy Meyer, Calvin College Steve Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Superior Charlie Robert, Nichols College Terry Rupert, Wilmington College (Ohio) Lou Stark, Coe College Chris Thomforde, Moravian College	Livingston Alexander, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford Robert Antonucci, Fitchburg State College James Bultman, Hope College [*chair*] Thomas Chema, Hiram College Charley Edmondson, Alfred University Sharon Herzberger, Whittier College Catharine Hill, Vassar College Brian Levin-Stankevich, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire Lisa Marsh Ryerson, Wells College Chris Martin, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin [*chair of Management Council*] Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands *[vice-chair of Management Council]* Fred Ohles, Nebraska Wesleyan University Rosalind Reichard, Emory and Henry College James Schmotter, Western Connecticut State University [*vice-chair*]
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Liz Suscha, NCAA
Mary Wilfert, NCAA
John Williams, NCAA

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by the chair, Chris Martin. The chair welcomed Council members and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by the chair, President Jim Bultman. The Presidents Council attended a joint breakfast of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and Division II Presidents Council immediately prior to the meeting. This joint breakfast included an update on Association-wide items of interest, including a report on the NCAA Communications task force and litigation update.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meetings – April 11-12, 2011.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its April 11-12, 2011, meetings as presented.

Presidents Council. No action necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – April 28, 2011.

Management Council. No action necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its April 28, 2011, meeting as presented.

c. Executive Committee Meeting – April 28, 2011.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the minutes of the April 28, 2011, Executive Committee meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the minutes of the April 28, 2011, Executive Committee meeting. No action was necessary.

d. Administrative Committee Actions.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the minutes of the May 10, May 16, June 9 and July 6, 2011, Administrative Committee actions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the minutes of the May 10, May 16, June 9 and July 6, 2011, Administrative Committee actions.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

a. Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

Staff Liaisons:
Davey,
Dutcher,
Kareti,
Kresge

Council Reps:
Beron,
Edmundson,
Herzberger,
Khan,
Meyer, Stark

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the following topics for the Division III educational programs at Convention:

- Legislative Hot Topics- Recruiting. The session should cover current legislation, highlighting rules application and recent non-controversial updates and then include a discussion of the impact of recruiting rules on institutional enrollment strategy, life-work balance of coaches, and other hot topics.

- Division III Student-Athlete Experience. This session will use the results of the NCAA Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Learning of Students in College (GOALS) and the Higher Educational Research Institute (HERI) study at UCLA to highlight significant elements of the student-athlete experience and discuss what institutions or conference could do with these findings. Examples of information covered include college choice, satisfaction with academic, athletics and extracurricular activities, time demands, community engagement, and self gains.

- NADIIIAAA programming. The division will again give NADIIIAA one if its 90 minutes Convention programming slots, and will request that NADIIIAA consider covering budgeting of Division III athletics departments and use of technology in Division III athletics departments, based on the membership survey results.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary. The Council noted that the 2012 Convention will include the same core schedule as 2011, with Presidents Council commitments beginning with a breakfast meeting on Thursday, January 12 and ending with the business session scheduled for 8 am to noon on Saturday, January 14. The Convention will be held in Indianapolis.

(2) Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee.

Staff Liaisons:
Barnett,
Dutcher,
Hartung,
Huchthausen,
Kareti
Kresge
Worlock,

Council Reps:
Baker,
Beron,
Glass,
Hass,
Levin-Stankevich,
Ryerson,
Martin,
Martinez,
Schmotter,
Stark

(a) 2012 Division III Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The Council approved the 2011-12 Division III Strategic Plan noting the addition of specific divisional priorities to successfully:

- Implement the partnership with Special Olympics;
- Establish a Division III-specific Academic All-America program;
- Partner with Divisions I and II to better establish an Association-wide approach to membership growth management;
- Incorporate the policy focus of the NCAA's Office of Inclusion in the division's management of diversity and gender equity issues; and
- Pursue a substance use deterrence model focusing primarily on education, in partnership with the student affairs community and including appropriate emphasis on the role of coaches. This shall be supplemented by opportunities for voluntary, local testing while the division maintains its championships drug testing program.

The Management Council concluded that these priorities are consistent with previously approved budget items and serve the best interests of student-athletes.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Strategic Plan, with the exception of the recommendation related to the financial support of voluntary, local drug testing [See item (b) below].

(b) Drug Testing Models.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to conduct further analysis and refinement of the following drug testing options:

- Matching grant, no required protocol.
- NCAA administered mini grants, both with and without required protocol; and
- Pursue a volume discount through a request for proposal (RFP) for a limited menu of drug testing options. The division would subsidize a portion of this expense using a similar concept to the Identity Purchasing Website.

First, regarding a matching grant program, the committee supported some level of institutional investment in the program, while maintaining ultimate flexibility for institutions by not requiring specific testing protocols. It was noted this will be the most attractive option for institutions already conducting campus-based drug testing.

Second, regarding NCAA administered mini-grants; the committee supported this option, both with and without required protocols, as a way to support institutions that may not have matching funds to dedicate to drug testing. The mini-grant program would provide for some control by the division of how the funds are used, while still affording a campus the flexibility to address local needs and concerns.

Finally, the committee supported the option to pursue a volume discount through RFP for a limited menu of drug testing options where the division would subsidize a portion of this expense (similar to the Identity Purchasing Website concept). This option represents a favorable balance of flexibility in protocol, limiting administrative burden, and maximizing economies of scale.

The committee did not endorse models that would be connected to the Conference Grant Program or otherwise focused on the conference as an entire group, noting the desire of the conference commissioners to maintain the campus-based focus of this initiative. Also, options relying on a single protocol were not endorsed for further study. The committee expressed concern that the ultimate financial allocation for the drug testing program must be consistent with the division's reluctance to launch a national testing program, and that the final testing model must be sensitive to both the Division III philosophy of not treating student-athletes different than the general student body and the usage rates of performance enhancing versus street drugs by student-athletes.

A financial analysis will be included in the refinement of selected proposals for inclusion in the 2012-14 budget.

Presidents Council. In consultation with the Presidents and Chancellors Advisory Group (PAG), the Presidents Council determined that the Division III substance use deterrence strategy should not include the use of financial resources to support optional, campus based drug testing. The PAG and Council concluded that the level of use of performance enhancing substances, as reflected in the results of the division's drug education and testing pilot, does not warrant such an allocation of resources. Rather, the division should focus its efforts and financial resources on education that targets alcohol and other drugs.

(c) Ice Hockey Officiating Stipend.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to deny the funding request of $15,000 ($50 per registrant) to subsidize Division III Ice Hockey officials' registration with ArbiterSports.

The national coordinator of Division III ice hockey officials sought this financial support because ice hockey has a preponderance of single sport conferences in an environment where officiating improvement funds are given to multi-sport conferences. With this request, it was noted that officiating improvement has been identified as a priority by the Division III membership and ice hockey is the first predominately single-sport conference sport to be provided education and training under the NCAA/ArbiterSports joint system.

While the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee appreciates the uniqueness of ice hockey, providing a sport-specific subsidy is inconsistent with both the division's normal treatment of officiating improvement and the ArbiterSports fee structure. Ice hockey sponsoring institutions may seek support through their multi-sport conferences, and the ice hockey officiating community has already negotiated a $24 discount with ArbiterSports by opting to forgo receipt of the standard welcome packet.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(d) Identity Activation for 2011-12.

Management Council. The Council reviewed both existing and in-progress identity activation resources. Regarding Division III week, the Council endorsed an early April timeframe to accommodate outdoor activities, involve prospective student-athletes who may have recently committed to attending an institution, and to ensure that all Division III institutions are in a regular academic term. The division should consider moving Division III week to different times in different years, targeting an October implementation for 2012-13.

The Council reviewed the use of the Purchasing Website and institutional and conference credits, and discussed items to be made available for the 2011-12 site. Consistent with the findings of the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, the Council expressed that the communication efforts need to give greater emphasis to the high school community, including prospective student-athletes and their parents, and high school coaches and admissions counselors. The division should also consider whether different areas of the country would benefit from a different

communications strategy (based on the concentration of Division III institutions in the region). The Council advised that the division should provide materials and talking points to campuses, who can then reach out to applicable high school audiences. As part of this strategy, the division must ensure that its message points are relevant to college coaches, prospective student-athletes and their parents and coaches. The division should also consider the impact on institutions of having many messages to convey (institutional, conference, NCAA, and other affiliations such as religious or state.)

The Council also reviewed plans to develop a customizable video that communicates the overarching Division III platform and also allows for an institution or conference to add local content. A set of instructions or best practices should accompany the video to provide guidance on how to effectively accomplish the customization.

Finally, the Council received an update on the Division III Special Olympics partnership, which officially launched August 1, 2011. Representatives from Special Olympics or North America and guest speaker Jason Plante from Special Olympics Indiana joined the Council for its joint meeting with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. It was noted that most Division III championships will include Special Olympics events in 2011-12, and that the division will launch a website supporting this initiative on August 1.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Drug Education/NASPA Collaboration.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report regarding a proposal for an NCAA Division III-NASPA Alcohol and Other Drug Education Collaboration. The proposal was drafted in response to the results of the division's drug education and testing pilot and presents a framework for collaboration between the NCAA and NASPA (Student-Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) on the creation and maintenance of a drug education resource for use by both NCAA and NASPA members. The division is awaiting formal response from NASPA on this proposal. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Academic Reporting Pilot.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the Academic Reporting timeline for 2011-12 and noted that a full report of aggregate findings will be shared in October. It is expected that these findings will be shared with the full membership at the 2012 Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Conference Presidential Leadership Update.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the findings of a survey to assess the role of presidential leadership at the conference level regarding roles, participation and expectation of the institutions' presidents. Essentially, only two of the 42 multi-sports conferences did not conduct a presidential meeting in 2010-11. The committee noted the positive momentum represented in the survey findings and suggests that the best way to reach 100% conference participation in a presidential meeting is through personal outreach to the impacted individuals. Further, the committee requested that the staff produce a resource on conducting effective teleconference or video conference meetings for those conferences that are either geographically dispersed or otherwise not able to conduct in-person meetings. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Division III Budget.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the division's budget report as of June 27, 2011. The results include $23,914,000 in revenue and $18,848,799 in expenses, which reflects a majority of the championship expenses, but excludes many spring events. The Division III reserve balance is expected to be $16,965,255 at year end. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the division's budget report as of June 27, 2011. No action was necessary.

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

Staff Liaisons:
Dutcher,
Huchthausen,
Kareti
Myers

Council Reps:
Antonucci,
Bultman,
Harris,
Hass,
Martin,
Reichard,
Stark,
Thomforde

(a) Approval of guiding principles.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the guiding principles developed by the subcommittee for its evaluation of legislative proposals. These guiding principles will serve as a standard filter by which the subcommittee can conduct its work in an efficient manner. Further, it will bring a level of transparency to the process for the membership and governance structure to better understand the lens through which the subcommittee will evaluate legislative proposals as to its either strategic or operational focus. The subcommittee noted the importance of maintaining the discretion to forward any proposal to the Presidents Council as it deems necessary; however, it agreed the following principles would establish a framework for its work:

i. Significant financial impact;
ii. Significant effect on legislative principles as addressed in the Division III philosophy statement or strategic positioning platform;
iii. Other issues affecting strategic priorities of the division; and
iv. Significant Association-wide impact.

Presidents Council. The Council accepted the information.

(b) Referral of 2012 NCAA Convention Legislation to NCAA Division III Presidents Council (Membership – Conference Membership Benefits, Conditions and Obligations).

Management Council. The Council referred to the Presidents Council for consideration the 2012 NCAA Convention legislative recommendation from the NCAA Membership Committee regarding conference membership benefits, conditions and obligations. (See page 25 for related action.)

This proposal is a companion to the proposal already sponsored by the Presidents Council regarding core membership for automatic qualification purposes. While this recommendation largely brings consistency to the legislated benefits, conditions and obligations regarding conference membership, its connection to the automatic qualification proposal and impact on conference membership warrants presidential review.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(c) Referral of 2012 Convention Legislation to Presidents Council (Playing and Practice Seasons – Required Sickle-Cell Testing).

Management Council. The Council referred to the Presidents Council for consideration the 2012 Convention legislative recommendation from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports regarding required sickle-cell testing. (See page 40 for related action.)

This recommendation addresses an issue that has received regular attention by the governance structure, including the Presidents Council, for nearly two years. The significant health and safety impact along with the potential liability issues support the Presidents Council continued involvement on this matter.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(d) Referral of 2012 Convention Legislation to Presidents Council (Executive Regulations – Professional Sports Organizations' Financial Sponsorship of Intercollegiate Competition Events and Ancillary Activities).

Management Council. The Council referred to the Presidents Council for consideration the 2012 Convention legislative recommendation from the NCAA Division III Championships Committee regarding professional sports organizations financial sponsorship of intercollegiate athletics competition events and ancillary activities. (See page 16 for related action.)

This recommendation is in response to the Presidents Council withdrawal of NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2011-13 during the 2011 NCAA Convention. The Presidents Council agreed to withdraw the proposal and charged the national office to more thoroughly examine the issue and return with a more complete proposal to address the involvement of professional sports organizations with intercollegiate competition and other events in a manner consistent with the Association's amateurism principles. This same proposal will be considered in all three divisions as it has an Association-wide impact regarding the administration of NCAA championships. For these reasons, this proposal warrants presidential review.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(e) Referral of 2012 Convention Legislation to NCAA Division III Management Council (Personnel – Certified Strength and Conditioning Coaches – Required Sports-Safety Training).

Management Council. The Council accepted for consideration, but did not forward to the Presidents Council, the 2012 Convention legislative recommendation from the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee regarding required sports-safety training for certified strength and conditioning coaches. (See page 36 for related action.)

While this proposal is based on health and safety concerns, it addresses them through an operational requirement that is an extension of existing legislation.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(f) Referral of 2012 Convention Legislation to Management Council (Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Testing During Five-Day Acclimatization Period).

Management Council. The Council accepted for consideration, but did not forward to the Presidents Council, the 2012 Convention legislative recommendation from the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports regarding testing during the five-day acclimatization period in football. (See page 41 for related action.)

This proposal modifies the methods of communication that can be used during the recruitment process, but does not materially impact the principles of recruiting, thereby rendering it an operational matter.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(g) Referral of 2012 Convention Legislation to Management Council (Recruiting – Permissible Electronic Transmissions).

Management Council. The Council accepted for consideration, but did not forward to the Presidents Council, the 2012 membership-sponsored Convention legislation regarding the elimination of the restrictions on electronic correspondence. (See page 47 for related action.)

This proposal modifies the methods of communication that can be used during the recruitment process, but does not materially impact the principles of recruiting, thereby rendering it an operational matter.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(h) Referral of 2012 Convention Legislation to Management Council (Eligibility – Hardship Waiver – Practice After Injury).

Management Council. The Council accepted for consideration, but did not forward to the Presidents Council, the 2012 membership-sponsored Convention legislation regarding practice after a season-ending injury. (See page 47 for related action.)

This proposal is operational in nature as it impacts a student-athlete's eligibility for a hardship waiver.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(i) Referral of 2012 Convention Legislation to Management Council (NCAA Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Eliminating Regional Rules Seminar Attendance Requirement).

Management Council. The Council accepted for consideration, but did not forward to the Presidents Council, the 2012 membership-sponsored Convention legislation regarding elimination of the Regional Rules Seminar attendance requirement to the Management Council for consideration. (See page 46 for related action.)

This proposal is operational in nature as the elimination of this requirement does not have a significant philosophical or strategic impact.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(j) Referral of 2012 Convention Legislation to Management Council (Playing and Practice Seasons – Required Day Off – Voluntary Strength and Conditioning Activities Prohibited During Required Day Off).

Management Council. The Council accepted for consideration, but did not forward to the Presidents Council, the 2012 membership-sponsored Convention legislation regarding the prohibition of voluntary workouts conducted by a certified strength and conditioning coach on the mandatory day off during the playing season and outside the playing season. (See page 47 for related action.)

This proposal is operational in nature as the extension of the mandatory day off legislation does not have a significant philosophical or strategic impact.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(k) Referral of 2012 Convention Legislation to Management Council (Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Post-season Activities Exempting One Postseason Championship from the 18 or 19 Week Declared Playing Season).

Management Council. The Council accepted for consideration, but did not forward to the Presidents Council, the 2012 membership-sponsored Convention legislation regarding one postseason championship to occur outside the playing season and to exempt one postseason championship from the maximum contest limits. (See page 47 for related action.)

This proposal is operational in nature since it primarily involves scheduling matters which is handled at the administrative, rather than presidential, level at each institution.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

Staff Liaisons: Davey, Nesbitt

Council Reps: Ching, Downes, Harris

(1) Academic Issues Subcommittee.

- **Waiver Directive – Cooperative Educational Work Experience.**

Management Council. The Council approved the subcommittee's recommendation to issue the following directive:

For waivers of NCAA Bylaw 14.1.8.1 for those student-athletes seeking a waiver of full-time enrollment for the 2011-12 academic year and thereafter, a waiver shall be granted for student-athletes participating in a cooperative educational work experience program that is not a required element of the institution's degree program, if the request demonstrates the experience is common or highly recommended in the field of study. To substantiate this assertion, the following documentation must be provided:

1. Official Statement. A statement from the institution's academic authority that confirms both:

   a. The program is common and/or highly recommended in the student-athlete's field of study, and
   b. The student-athlete meets the institutional requirements necessary for participation in the program.

2. Institutional Materials. The pertinent portion(s) of any institutional material(s) that reflect that cooperative educational work experience is common and/or highly recommended in the student-athlete's field of study (e.g., the institution's course catalog, program literature or the official bulletin specific to the student-athlete's degree program or major).

In addition, when reviewing these requests, the subcommittee will refer to the applicant institution's academic eligibility standards to gauge the student-athlete's academic achievement. This policy is consistent with the Division III philosophy that the institution's own academic standards are the appropriate benchmarks for academic success.

The Management Council had referred this issue to the subcommittee on recommendation from the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislative Committee after noting the subcommittee often grants full-time waivers for nonrequired programs if the institution can demonstrate that

the program is recommended and/or common for the field of study or profession. As a result, the committee agreed that a waiver directive for nonrequired programs would clarify and reduce the burden on schools submitting waivers in these circumstances.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Brooks, Oakes

Council Reps: Downes, Gunning, Hathorn, Robert, Rupert

(2) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

Management Council. The Council received an oral report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Myers, Nesbitt

Council Reps: Ching, Harris, Khan, Klika, Martin, Meyer, Nelson

(3) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

- **Review of waiver per NCAA Division III Bylaw 17.1.13.**

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to deny a request from North Central College to conduct its nontraditional segment for the sport of softball during its "D-term," a nonrequired period that comprises the first portion of the institution's regular winter term. The subcommittee determined that the institution's nontraditional academic calendar did not interfere with the institution's ability to conduct its non-traditional segment. The institution had nine weeks in the fall term, ample time to conduct the four or five week nontraditional segment. The subcommittee was sympathetic to the institution's plight regarding lack of facility time, but indicated this was a concern for many institutions and was not sufficient rationale for waiving the requirements of Bylaw 17. Granting the waiver would not positively impact student-athlete well being and could provide a greater competitive advantage by condensing the time period between the nontraditional segment and traditional segment.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

Staff Liaisons: Gentry, Suscha, Williams

Council Reps: Downes, Martin, Nelson

(a) NCAA Bylaw 21.3 Association-Wide Committees – Rules committees without Championships Administration Responsibilities.

Management Council. The Management Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to modify NCAA Division III Bylaw 21.3 to include new stand-alone rules committees for the sports of swimming and diving, track and field and cross country, and wrestling. The new

rules committees will consist of nine members (four Division I representatives, two Division II representatives, two Division III representatives and a secretary-rules editor). The modification will create corresponding changes to Bylaws 21.4 and 21.7.5.5.5.

In response to a request for feedback from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP), the relevant sport committees discussed the creation of separate rules-making committees and identified several positive outcomes, including a more focused effort on the part of divisional representatives to the rules-making process and greater reach among the membership with respect to sport-focused committee composition. In addition, a move to separate rules committees underscores the importance of a rules-making process that addresses the entirety of the competition season.

The sport committees emphasize the need for regular dialogue with the new rules-making committees to allow for meaningful input in the rules-making process, including the development of rules surveys. For the sports of track and field and cross country and swimming and diving, the committees suggest that, as individuals are evaluated in the nominating process, attention be paid to expertise in the various disciplines within the sport (e.g., diving for swimming and diving, distance running, throws, pole vault, etc. for track and field and cross country).

The estimated budget impact is $30,000 ($10,000 per committee). The rules committees will conduct one in-person meeting on an annual basis. The expense will be covered through a reallocation within the existing budget.

In its approval, the Council expressed concern that the Association-wide rules committees consider the financial impact on Division III campuses of any rules changes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Bylaw 31.3.3.2.2 Secondary Criteria – Ranking and Selection.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation for football only, to modify Bylaw 31.3.3.2.2 to reflect that, when all criteria are equal among teams with undefeated records in the primary criteria, the NCAA Division III Football Committee can evaluate a team's performance in the previous championship season in the secondary criteria for ranking purposes only.

The maximum number of games that a football team can play is 10. The conference schedule typically determines 80 to 90 percent of those games, which is significantly higher than any other sport. After taking into account conference games (an automatic .500 strength-of-schedule), the committee is left with only one or two games that have statistical significance with the existing criteria. Thus, the rankings/selections data provides very little objective information to use in ranking teams. The data that is available in the primary criteria for the first two rankings, and sometimes also for the third ranking, often includes only the win-loss percentage and strength-of-schedule [opponents' win-loss percentage (OWP) and opponents' opponents' win-loss percentage (OOWP)].

Limited or no data is available for in-region head-to-head competition, in-region results versus common opponents and in-region results versus ranked teams. It is also very common for fifteen or more teams to have no losses.

Under the existing selection criteria, a good team in a strong conference is at a significant disadvantage. For example, College A and College B are both 10-0. Ninety percent of their schedules reflect a .500 OOWP, since each conference has an equal number of wins and losses, even though College A plays in a strong conference and had a much tougher road getting to 9-0 than College B. Moreover, no teams in contention are willing to play College A in a 10th contest, so it is forced to schedule a weaker team, resulting in strength-of-schedule slightly less than .500. In contrast, College B, from a weaker conference, has many opportunities to schedule a 10th contest, so it schedules and beats a decent team, resulting in strength-of-strength slightly over .500. Based on the data, the committee has no choice but to rank College B over College A, even though it believes that College A is superior to College B.

Permitting the committee to consider a team's performance in the previous championship season would provide an additional criterion to use to evaluate the teams and distinguish one undefeated team from another. Unlike many sports, a football team's success is based on the performance of a significant number of players; thus the rise and fall of a team is usually not affected by the graduation of a few players. If a team has done well in the previous championship and is currently undefeated, there is a significant probability that the team's prior success is an indicator of future success.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Bylaw 12.6.1 Professional Sports Organizations and Bylaw 31.1.12 Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2012 Convention to specify that a professional sports organization (1) may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event (e.g., regular season, conference

championship, NCAA championship, other postseason completion), provided the organization is not publically identified as such; and (2) may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such.

In the fall of 2010, the NCAA Division III Presidents Council withdrew NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2011-2-6 regarding advertising and sponsorship by professional sports organizations for NCAA championships. The original impetus for the proposal focused solely on marketing and promotional activities and did not fully contemplate other financial arrangements that are typically associated with various contracts used in the overall championships process. For example, elements such as control of concession revenue, operation of suites and assignment of tickets are often negotiated as part of the overall agreement with a stadium or venue and host institution or conference. Inherent to these contractual issues is a mutual agreement between the NCAA, host institution or conference and facility regarding any number of operational and financial considerations that flow in both directions. In some cases, the facility used is owned or controlled by a professional sports organization (e.g., National Football League team, minor league baseball team).

Each division has been operating under a waiver for NCAA championships that have occurred since the issue was originally raised and a legislative change is necessary for future NCAA championships.

While the original issue centered on NCAA championships, the proposed legislative action item is presented to apply for any intercollegiate competition event so that institutions and conferences would not be held to a different standard than the NCAA. Each division is not required to have the same legislation for institutions, conferences and the NCAA within its own division. It is strongly advised, however, that each division agree on the same legislation for NCAA championships (competition and ancillary events) in order to ensure a consistent championships experience for student-athletes in all divisions. In particular, for combined championships such as men's lacrosse (Divisions I, II and III), women's lacrosse (Divisions II and III), and women's rowing (Divisions I, II and III), a result that has the divisions with different legislation for NCAA championships creates practical implications that would likely mean combined championships would no longer occur.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2012 Convention.

(d) Bylaw 31.1.9.1 Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures - Financial Penalties.

Management Council. The Council approved in concept the committee's recommendation to adopt an administrative regulation to modify Bylaw 31.1.9.1 to increase the maximum penalty that may be imposed

for an institution's failure to adhere to published administrative procedures for the submission of regular-season results, availability questionnaires and/or entry forms, from $300 to $600.

The $300 maximum financial penalty for failure to adhere to policies and procedures governing championships administration has not increased since the adoption of the provision. Research suggests that $600 in today's dollars is the equivalent of $300 when the original legislation was adopted. This proposal increases the maximum fine that may be imposed without seeking prior Championships Committee approval. Any fine above $600 would continue to require prior Championships Committee approval.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Championship Bench Size Limits.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to adjust bench size limits for the championships noted below for the 2011-12 academic year. The additional positions are to be filled at the institution's discretion with student-athletes permitted to be in uniform and participate in practice and warm-ups (refer to Nonlegislative Action Item b). Established squad size limits (i.e., the number of student-athletes permitted to participate in a contest) will remain unchanged.

- Baseball – from 34 to 35;
- Field hockey – from 32 to 34;
- Football – from 72 to 75;
- Men's lacrosse – from 38 to 42;
- Men's and women's soccer – from 32 to 35;
- Men's and women's tennis – bench area not applicable, but the number of participants eligible for practice and pre-match warm-up changes from eight to nine; and
- Men's and women's ice hockey – due to current playing rules, bench area remains at 27 and number of participants eligible for pre-game warm-up remains at 22 (not more than 19 skaters and three goalkeepers) for the 2012 championships, but number of participants changes from 21 to 23.

The committee is recommending the bench size increases in response to a resolution adopted at the 2011 NCAA Convention that promised to study the appropriate number of student-athletes allowed in the bench area at various Division III championships. The Management Council should anticipate a follow-up recommendation for review during its October 2011 meeting for corresponding increases to the squad size and travel party of the applicable sports as part of the 2012-14 biennium championships budget request.

The committee suggests this two-step approach in order to respond to immediate concerns about providing additional student-athletes access to the championships experience while focusing on the interest to fully fund the experience whenever possible. And, while the committee considered an unfunded or partially funded approach to bench size expansion, it determined that a fully funded experience better controls for competitive equity and undue pressure on facilities.

By sport recommendations were based on data compiled from previous championships, including a review of the average squad sizes of previous championship participants, and input requested from sport committees. The committee concluded that the existing limits in some sports were adequate and, as a result, did not recommend changes for those sports. As part of its analysis, the committee evaluated total championship opportunities by gender to ensure that the proposed bench size increases do not disproportionately favor one gender over the other.

Funding for the additional bench size positions will be at the institution's expense in 2011-12, since additional personnel above and beyond the squad size and travel party are not reimbursed by the NCAA. In subsequent years, the Championships Committee recommends that the increases would be fully funded, pending budget approval.

Management Council members noted that their endorsement of the policy changes regarding the bench area for 2011-12 should not be interpreted as a blanket endorsement for budget allocations for squad size adjustments in subsequent years. The Council pointed out that it is only one of several enhancements to the student-athlete championships experience that will be considered when the 2012-14 budget is considered (increases in per diem and more flexibility with ground transportation are examples of others).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Bylaw 31.1.5 Squad Limits.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to approve a one-year waiver of the administrative regulation contained within Bylaw 31.1.5 for those sports contained within the championships bench size limits recommendation, specifically baseball, field hockey, football, men's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's tennis.

The existing bylaw limits the number of student-athletes permitted in competitive uniform at the start of the competition to the squad size established for the sport. With expanded championships access allowed through the championships bench size limits recommendation, the

permissible number of student-athletes in competitive uniform can exceed the squad size limit. A one-year waiver would allow the designation of the appropriate number of student-athletes in competitive uniform to comply with the recommendation contained within the championships bench size limits recommendation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Team Personnel – Travel Party and Bench Size Requirement.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report regarding travel party and bench size requirements. As a part of its discussion concerning championships bench size limits, the committee also considered recommendations to accommodate non-student-athlete personnel as part of the bench area limits. Pending the approval of the forthcoming recommendation concerning squad size increases, the committee anticipates submission of a companion proposal that, by the 2012-13 academic year, will require institutions in team sports other than golf and tennis to include an athletic trainer or team physician as a member of the existing travel party in order to receive travel expenses for that position in the travel party. For football, the requirement will be applicable for two such positions. If an institution does not comply, then that spot(s) in the travel party will not be eligible for reimbursement. Institutions also will be allowed to include one additional medical personnel (which could be a student-athlete trainer) – or two additional for football – in the bench area at the institution's expense. In addition, the committee intends to propose that an additional member of the travel party be designated for a team administrator as part of the 2012-14 biennium championships budget request. Currently, while it is required for participating institutions to bring an administrator who does not have other specified duties at the championship, that person is not funded. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Sport Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the committee's made the following appointments to sports committees. All appointments will be effective September 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

- Division III Baseball Committee. Mid-Atlantic region: Bill Stiles, director of athletics and recreation, Alvernia University.
- Division III Women's Basketball Committee. East region: Tara Ruckh, women's basketball coach, State University of New York at Potsdam. Great Lakes region: Dixie Jeffers, women's basketball coach/senior woman administrator, Capital University.

- Division III Field Hockey Committee. North Atlantic region: Wendy Andreatta, head field hockey coach, University of Rochester.
- Division III Football Committee. South region: Loren Dawson, head football coach, Austin College.
- Division III Women's Ice Hockey Committee. ECAC East Hockey League: Renee Hellert, assistant director of athletics, New England College.
- Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. Atlantic region: Mary Kate Curran, head women's track and field coach, St. Lawrence University.
- Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Sue DuMars – Mid-Atlantic region: Pamela Samuelson, director of athletics, Susquehanna University. Immediate vacancy replacing Elise Cooper – New York region: Jonathan Penn, head women's volleyball coach, Vassar College. September vacancy – West region: Mari Burningham, head women's volleyball coach, University of Redlands.
- Division III Wrestling Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Frank O'Brien – Midwest region: Dick Simmons, associate director of athletics, Cornell College.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) Men's and Women's Basketball Officials ArbiterSports Test.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the committee approved a proposal from the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Basketball Committees (and supported by Division III conference commissioners) that all basketball officials must take and pass an online test on ArbiterSports in order to be considered for selection to work the NCAA Division III Men's or Women's Basketball Championships. The policy is effective with the 2011-12 season.

In order to access the test, an official must register through ArbiterSports and pay a $100 membership fee. Therefore, any official who wants to be considered for NCAA championship selection must register on this website.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(j) Go Ground Transportation Program.

Management Council. Juanita Sheely, NCAA travel and insurance manager, visited the Council to provide an update and receive feedback on the NCAA's Go Ground Transportation pilot program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Hartung, Myers, Nesbitt

Council Rep: Rupert

(2) Financial Aid Committee.

Management Council. The Council received an oral report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Cooper, Elworth

Council Rep: Gunning

(3) Committee on Infractions.

- **NCAA Bylaw 19.5.2 – Penalties for Major Violations.**

Management Council. The Council ratified a policy and procedure to revise Bylaw 19.5.2, per the following:

19.5.2 Penalties for Major Violations

19.5.2.1 Presumptive Penalty. The presumptive penalty for a major violation, subject to exceptions authorized by the Committee on Infractions on the basis of specifically stated reasons, shall include all of the following:

(a) A two-year probationary period (including a periodic in-person monitoring system and written institutional reports);

(b) The reduction in the number of expense-paid recruiting visits to the institution in the involved sport for one recruiting year;

(c) **A restriction on activities and benefits provided during un-official visits**.

(d) A requirement that all coaching staff members in the sport be prohibited from engaging in any off-campus recruiting activities for up to one recruiting year;

(e) A requirement that all institutional staff members determined by the committee knowingly to have engaged in or condoned a major violation be subject to:

- Termination of employment;
- Suspension without pay for at least one year;
- Reassignment of duties within the institution to a position that does not include contact with prospective or enrolled student-athletes or representatives of the institution's athletics interests for at least one year; or
- Other disciplinary action approved by the committee.

(f) Sanctions precluding postseason competition in the sport, particularly in those cases in which:

- Involved individuals remain active in the program;
- A significant competitive advantage results from the violation(s); or
- The violation(s) reflect a lack of institutional control.

(g) Institutional recertification that the current athletics policies and practices conform to all requirements of NCAA regulations.

[Remainder of 19.5.2 unchanged]

It has come to the attention of the office of the Committees on Infractions that, over the past decade or so, many institutions have moved away from using official paid visits as a recruiting tool in favor of unofficial visits. A limitation on the number of expense-paid ("official") visits is a penalty available to the Committees on Infractions in all three divisions under Bylaw 19.5.2. (2010-11 NCAA Manuals). There is currently no penalty available that addresses unofficial visits. In Division III, there are no limits on the number of official or unofficial visits and it would be difficult to restrict prospects in making unofficial visits to campuses. However, it would appear that there could be restrictions placed on the benefits and activities made available to prospects by institutions during unofficial visits. In Division III, examples of such include the following (See: Bylaw 13.7):

- Tickets or passes to athletics contests.
- Transportation to view practice and competition sites on the institution's campus.
- A meal for the prospective student-athlete and his or her relative or legal guardian.
- Housing.
- Contact with institutional staff members.

The members of the Division III COI have approved the proposed new penalty relating to unofficial visits. The new penalty would restrict or prohibit activities and benefits allowed during unofficial visits. As reflected above, it would be inserted after the penalty which allows for a reduction in the number of expense-paid ("official") recruiting visits and would read "Restrictions on activities and benefits available during unofficial visits." The specifics of the restrictions would be spelled out in each case as deemed appropriate by the Committees on Infractions.

With this action, the Management Council directs the committee to focus on applying this penalty in an athletics context only and not impact general recruiting efforts by the institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Dantzler, Smith, Walters

Council Reps: Antonucci, Baldridge

(4) Infractions Appeals Committee.

- **Renaming the NCAA Division III Infractions Appeals Committee hearing.**

Management Council. The Council ratified a policy and procedure to revise NCAA Bylaws 19 and 32 to change "hearing" to "oral argument" in sections related to the Infractions Appeals Committee.

The NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions and the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee Clarification Task Force were charged by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors to review recommendations implemented as a result of the 2006 Enforcement Audit Report May 2006 (Duff Report). A particular area of focus for this working group was on those recommendations that addressed procedures for conducting hearings of the Committee on Infractions and the Infractions Appeals Committee, as well as reviewing and clarifying the relationship between Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee.

One of the recommendations from this group was to rename the Infractions Appeals' hearing. The Infractions Appeals Committee process should not be called a "hearing." It is not a hearing which would include the submission of evidence and witness testimony. It is an oral argument where an oral presentation of the party's position and reasoning behind it is presented to an appellate body. The task force believed this change further clarified the process.

Given the purpose of the Infractions Appeals Committee process is consistent across divisions, the Division III Infractions Appeals Committee recommends renaming its hearing to "oral argument".

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Davey, Orr

Council Rep: Robert

(5) Membership Committee

(a) Modification of Wording – NCAA Division III Constitution 3.2.4.15 (Convention and Regional Rules Seminar Attendance).

Management Council. The Council approved in concept and final legislative format a modification of wording to clarify that an institutional voting delegate must be present and vote at the NCAA Convention business session in order to meet the legislated attendance requirement. The NCAA Division III Membership Committee noted the original intent of

the NCAA Convention attendance legislation was that it be satisfied by an institutional staff member casting a vote. The committee has been operating under this threshold since the legislation was adopted. This modification of wording will reflect the committee's intent and better clarify the requirement for member institutions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Convention Legislation – NCAA Division III Constitution 3.3 (Member Conference) – Core and Member Conference Consistency.

Management Council. The Council approved a recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2012 Convention to clarify the benefits, conditions and obligations of conference membership and align conference membership requirements with those required for automatic qualification (AQ) standards as outlined in a separate 2012 Convention proposal.

The governance structure supported legislation for the 2012 NCAA Convention to permit institutions to only be core members in one conference for AQ purposes. In its support of this proposal, the governance structure charged the Membership Committee with reviewing conference membership regulations to ensure consistency and clarify in conference benefits, conditions and obligation regulations. This proposal reflects the committee's review of the regulations and brings increased consistency and clarity to the member conference regulations.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2012 Convention.

(c) Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division III Constitution 3.6.3.1.1 (Fee for Provisional Members).

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to modify the provisional and reclassifying membership fee structure such that the amount of the fee(s) will be determined annually by the Division III Membership Committee based on the continual analysis of expenses and benefits associated with the membership process.

As expenses to provide educational services and support to provisional and reclassifying members increase due to changes in programming and costs, it has become necessary to change the fee structure to cover NCAA national office programming expenses. Therefore, it will be

necessary to periodically evaluate this fee and increase as appropriate. Further, use of the NCAA mark (e.g., blue disk) provides financial value and benefits to institutions and the committee recognizes that the blue disk value should be a factor in any future provisional and reclassifying fee(s).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Constitution 3.2.4.15.3 (Waiver) – NCAA Convention Attendance Waiver Request.

Management Council. The Council approved a waiver of the 2011 NCAA Convention attendance requirement per Constitution 3.2.4.15.3 (waiver) for Southern Vermont College. The effective date is September 1, 2010, through September 1, 2011; for the 2011 NCAA Convention.

The institution was unable to attend due to extraordinary weather conditions, personal hardship and the combination of both factors. The committee recognized, however, that the institution still took measures to ensure its vote was cast through its conference commissioner.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Sports Sponsorship Waiver – Wheelock College Waiver of 20.11.3 (Sports Sponsorship).

Management Council. The Council approved a sport sponsorship waiver for Wheelock College (2010-11 academic year) per NCAA Division III Bylaw 20.11.3.6.1 (male-female enrollment ratio waiver).

The committee noted that the institution was granted a sports sponsorship waiver per NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.9.2 (single-gender institution transitioning to coeducational institution) during the 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 academic years. Specifically, the institution anticipated the full integration of males during this three-year transition period. However, during the 2010-11 academic year the institution still had a disproportionate enrollment ratio and few men had enrolled. The institution sponsors the requisite number of sports for males, but was unsuccessful in meeting the minimum participant requirement in one sport. The institution provided the committee a plan that demonstrated how the institution will meet future sports sponsorship requirements and outlined active measures the institution takes to solicit male student-athletes. Further, the institution demonstrated that a large number of male students are student-athletes and are provided participation opportunities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) NCAA Division III Constitution 3.2.5.1 (Termination or Suspension – Membership Termination – New York City College of Technology.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that New York City College of Technology withdrew its NCAA membership, effective on conclusion of the 2010-11 academic year. The Membership Committee in July had recommended terminating the school's NCAA membership for failure to satisfy penalty terms. At that time, the institution was in restricted status for failure to adhere to sports sponsorship requirements for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years. Since the Membership Committee's meeting, however, the institution informed the NCAA that it is withdrawing its membership. Thus, the institution will no longer be considered an NCAA member as of the 2011-12 academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) NCAA Constitution 3.1.2 (athletics consortiums) – Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges – Athletics Consortium Request.

Management Council. The Council approved renewal of a four-year athletics consortium between the Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges, subject to renewal prior to the 2015-16 academic year.

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges have a prior, ongoing academic consortium relationship. The institutions also have a long-standing athletics consortium and this request is a renewal of the previously approved athletics consortium. Further, the conference(s) in which the institutions are a member have approved the requested athletics consortium. Renewal of the athletics consortium permits student-athletes from each institution to continue to participate as part of one athletics program.

[Please note that during the discussion and voting on this recommendation, the director of athletics at University of Redlands recused himself and did not participate.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) NCAA Constitution 3.1.2 (athletics consortiums) – Pomona-Pitzer Colleges – Athletics Consortium Request.

Management Council. The Council approved renewal of a four-year athletics consortium membership between the Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, subject to renewal prior to the 2015-16 academic year.

The Pomona-Pitzer Colleges have a prior, ongoing academic consortium relationship. The institutions also have a long-standing athletics consortium and this request is a renewal of the previously approved athletics consortium. Further, the conference(s) in which the institutions are a member have approved the requested athletics consortium. Renewal of the athletics consortium permits student-athletes from each institution to continue to participate as part of one athletics program.

[Please note that during the discussion and voting on this recommendation, the director of athletics at University of Redlands recused himself and did not participate.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) Provisional Member Annual Reports – Active Membership – NCAA Constitution 3.2.3.1 (Application).

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to elect the following institutions to active Division III membership per NCAA Constitution 3.2.3.1 (application):

- Franciscan University Steubenville;
- Geneva College; and
- St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)

Based on its review of the aforementioned institutions' annual reports, the committee agreed that the institutions should be elected into active membership.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(j) Reclassifying Member Annual Reports – Active Membership – NCAA Constitution 3.2.3.1 (Application).

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to elect Birmingham-Southern College to active Division III membership per NCAA Constitution 3.2.3.1 (application).

Based on its review of Birmingham-Southern's annual report, the committee agreed that the institution should be elected into active membership.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(k) Provisional/Reclassifying Member Waiver of the Four-Year Provisional Period – Penn State Abington – NCAA Bylaw 20.3.3.1.1 (General).

Management Council. The Council approved a waiver of the four-year provisional period per Bylaw 20.3.3.1.1 (general) for Penn State Abington.

The committee noted that the institution has been exemplary during provisional years one and two, reflecting the ideals of Division III and deserves to be exempt from year three of the standard four-year process consistent with established waiver criteria. For example, the committee noted the institution prepared for Division III membership prior to commencing the provisional process. Further, several institutional administrators (e.g., chancellor, provost/vice president, director of athletics) have been involved and active within the division and its programming opportunities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(l) Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contest and Participants Review.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the committee reviewed contest and student-athlete participant data. The committee considered the variation in institutional contests and participants and noted that the current contest and participant minimums as legislated in NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.8 (minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship) are still appropriate. The committee agreed to solidify the process and criteria it would use to make modifications to the minimums at a future meeting.

The committee also considered a number of sports sponsorship minimum related topics as follows:

a. Women's Golf. The committee reviewed a request from the Division III Women's Golf Committee that sought to reduce the minimum participant number per Bylaw 20.11.3.8 from five to four. The committee observed unique challenges exist in recruiting women's golf student-athletes in Division III and the corresponding lower participant numbers, but did not find that the reported data supported a reduction in the participant minimum. The committee recognized that relief could be provided through a Championships Committee waiver and, therefore, was not in favor of a permanent, legislative reduction. Further, the committee agreed that, generally, the minimum participant and minimum contest numbers should be standardized

across gender within the same sport; therefore, the committee also considered whether to reduce the minimum participant number for both men's and women's golf. The committee noted that lowering the minimums for both genders may not benefit either gender and, consequently, took no action.

b. Swimming and Diving. The committee reviewed a referral from the Interpretations and Legislation Committee (ILC). ILC referred Division I Proposal No. 2010-103 which reduces the Division I contest minimums in swimming and diving. The Division I sports sponsorship minimums were higher than Division III standards. The committee reviewed Division III swimming and diving sports sponsorship data and noted that current Division III swimming and diving minimums are appropriate.

c. Club Competition. The committee reviewed a request to consider permitting contests against club teams of four-year degree granting institutions to count toward meeting contest minimums detailed in Bylaw 20.11.3.8. The committee discussed the issue and declined to take action. In reaching its decision, the committee noted a lack of rigor in regulations and consistency for club teams that is contrary to the regulations that must be followed by Division III institutions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(m) Dashboard Indicators.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report noting that the NCAA Executive Committee charged the Division II and III Membership Committees with developing an educational initiative that would take the form of a mandatory, broad-based preliminary educational model for institutions interested in entering the provisional or reclassifying membership process in any division. An institution pursuing NCAA membership should be required to study its potential affiliations in order to ensure the institution reaches a well-informed decision. The Executive Committee indicated this model should include detailed and "user-friendly" comparisons of each division and a comparison model that highlights differences among divisions prior to an institution entering a provisional membership process. In its consideration of the Executive Committee's charge, the committee considered possible indicators that would be of value to any institution considering NCAA membership. The committee suggested that data be included among dashboard indicators such as ethnic/minority enrollment and participation; facility structure and use; personnel salary information (including athletic training staff); budget with scholarships (Divisions I and II institutions)

versus budget without scholarships; length of the playing season and its financial impact on an institution; and the population of residential and nonresidential students. The committee noted the aforementioned elements should be considered in conjunction with any previous recommendations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(n) Provisional/Reclassifying Process and Advancement.

Management Council. The Council acknowledged that the committee reviewed annual reports and educational materials for each provisional and reclassifying institution currently in the provisional/reclassifying process. As a result of each respective institution's performance in the provisional/reclassifying program, the following designations will take effect September 1, 2011:

- Year One to Year Two: Centenary College (Louisiana).
- Year Two to Year Three: Berry College and Covenant College.
- Year Three to Year Four: Penn State Abington, Spalding University, and State University of New York at Cobleskill.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(o) Exploratory Membership.

Management Council. The Council acknowledged the committee's report accepting the following institutions to the Division III exploratory process for the 2011-12 academic year.

- Georgetown College.
- Houghton College.
- Kentucky Wesleyan College.
- Sarah Lawrence College.
- Southern Virginia University.
- State University of New York at Canton.
- Valley Forge Christian College.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Tufano

Council Rep: Hoeg

(6) Nominating Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Davey, Hollomon Montgomery,

Council Reps: Glass, Khan

(7) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation – Committees - Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Vacancies.

Management Council. The Management Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to shift the SAAC selection process wholly to the Division III Nominating Committee. Further, a student-athlete shall serve on the Nominating Committee in an ex-officio capacity to advice on selections to Division III SAAC.

The SAAC discussed the legislation requiring that the committee review and nominate candidates to fill committee vacancies. The committee indicated that committee nominations and selections should be handled in the same manner as other Division III committees. SAAC noted its preference for involvement in some capacity (e.g., ex-officio on student-athlete committee selections) to provide student-athlete specific guidance to the Nominations Committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Referral to NCAA Division III Nominating Committee: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Composition.

Management Council. The Council referred to the Division III Nominating Committee a request that it consider decreasing the ethnic minority composition requirement (NCAA Bylaw 21.9.5.10.1) for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

The committee reviewed data related to ethnic minority enrollment at Division III institutions and current ethnic minority requirements for all Division III committees and Division I and II SAACs. The committee recognized that its ethnic minority composition requirement is high and creates administrative challenges and potential imposed commitments and appointments. The committee also recognized that it should be an advocate for diversity and have an ethnic minority composition requirement that is slightly higher than other committees. Therefore, the committee referred this issue to the Nominating Committee for a review and potential decrease.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Referral to NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee – Championships.

Management Council. The Council referred to the Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee a request that it review the current championship format for men's and women's swimming and diving and consider separating the championships.

The SAAC discussed the co-ed Division III Swimming and Diving Championships. The committee was concerned with several aspects that negatively affect student-athletes including crowded deck space that may result in reduced roster sizes, missed class time due to the expansion of days to accommodate both championships, less opportunity to rest between competition because of a condensed schedule and less opportunity for quality warm-up due to both genders sharing lanes. Further, it was noted that this model results in decreased opportunities for institutions with smaller facilities to host swimming championships and would have a disparate impact on single-gender institutions. There was a concern that one gender's student-athletes may receive more attention from coaches who are responsible for both men's and women's teams at a particular institution.

In its referral, the Management Council also requested the Swimming and Diving Committee consider the reason why these championships are currently combined, and to consider the impact of shared coaches and combined programs at the institutional level.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Response to Referrals from the Interpretations and Legislation Committee.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the SAAC responded to referral requests from ILC:

i. Text messaging to prospective student-athletes on club teams. The committee was in favor of allowing text messaging to prospective student-athletes that participate on a team coaches by a Division III athletics staff member for administrative-related purposes (e.g., cancel practice). The committee noted that its concerns relative to informality and personal intrusion were not relevant because a coach in this situation already has a relationship with the prospective student-athlete. The committee concluded practical aspects outweighed other communication concerns.

ii. Transfer exception for a student-athlete who is academically ineligible but has not used a season of participation. The committee discussed the potential for student-athletes to participate in a

nontraditional segment, render themselves academically ineligible, transfer and be immediately eligible for competition at a second institution. The committee noted that the division should hold student-athletes accountable for academic standards rather than providing opportunities to student-athletes who render themselves academically ineligible. The committee discussed the concept that a student-athlete should not be allowed to transfer out of trouble. Further, it noted that recently adopted legislation that allows participation in the nontraditional segment without using a season of participation produced an unintended loophole that should be closed. The committee would be in favor of adjusting the legislation to eliminate the unintended loophole. The committee reasoned that allowing student-athletes to transfer out of trouble is inconsistent with Division III values and emphasis on academics.

iii. Certified strength and conditioning coaches. The committee considered whether all strength and conditioning coaches should be certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use, similar to the requirement for head coaches. The committee noted that certification in first aid, CPR and AED use is a safety consideration and strength and conditioning coaches should be trained in these areas since they are now allowed to conduct voluntary workouts.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Special Olympics Partnership.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the committee received an update on the relationship between Division III Championships and Special Olympics. The committee reviewed its role and potential ideas for a continued, enhanced relationship between Special Olympics and championships. The committee noted that conducting Special Olympics activities and involving Special Olympics Athletes in Division III championship finals will be both rewarding for Division III student-athletes and Special Olympics Athletes. Further, these efforts work well with the division-wide initiative. SAAC members will work with NCAA championships staff, host conferences and institutions and state Special Olympics representatives to conduct Special Olympics events or involvement at all championships sites that are predetermined.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Committee on Women's Athletics and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee structural changes.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the committee reviewed the proposed restructuring of the inclusion advocacy committees within the governance structure, and, while it recognized the value of combining the efforts of the two committees, it also noted the subcommittees‟ historical focuses and expertise have been on race and gender. SAAC supports the restructuring only if the nominations process for the newly composed committees specifically seeks individuals that are equipped to handle issues beyond the scope of race and gender (e.g., sexual orientation, disabilities).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee – Confederate Flag.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the committee discussed the NCAA championships policy regarding states that fly the Confederate flag. The committee discussed the meaning of and emotion evoked by the flag. It was noted the messaging that is associated with the Confederate flag is not only contrary to equity that intercollegiate athletics represents, but also may make student-athletes feel unsafe and unwelcome. The committee discussed whether the policy should extend to both predetermined and non-predetermined championships sites and determined that any institution in a state that has the Confederate flag as part of its state flag should not be considered a safe site for all student-athletes. It was recognized that institutions are not in control of state policy and there may be an impact on student-athletes that attend these institutions, but the committee concluded that when an institution hosts an event, the event and its related activities are not just conducted on the campus but are also in the town, community and state that may endorse anti-NCAA value(s).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Ghiloni, Groddy

Council Rep: Gunning

(8) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Huchthausen, Myers

Council Rep: Beron

(9) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) 2012 NCAA Convention Legislation – Personnel – Conduct of Athletics Personnel – Sports-Safety Training for Certified Strength and Conditioning Personnel.

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2012 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Division III Bylaw 11.1.6 (sports-safety training) to require certified strength and conditioning coaches to maintain certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use.

The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2010-85 that requires strength and conditioning coaches that conduct voluntary weight training and conditioning to hold an active certification in first aid, CPR and AED use. The committee noted recent legislation that permits only certified strength and conditioning coaches to conduct voluntary workouts and agreed that first aid, CPR and AED certification would provide additional safety measures for student-athletes. The committee observed that some organizations that offer strength and conditioning certifications already require individuals to have some first aid, CPR and/or AED certification but it is unclear whether all entities require this and whether it needs to be active at all times. In light of these considerations, the committee agreed that limiting first aid, CPR and AED certification requirements only to certified strength and conditioning personnel is the option that is most consistent with the current legislation requiring certification only for head coaches and provides additional health and safety benefits to student-athletes.

Minimal for certification ($0 to $30 per coach) since institutions can outsource the training or train their own staff as instructors. Moreover, this is not an annual cost since first-aid certification is valid for three years and CPR certification is valid for one to two years (depending on the certifying organization). Division III grant and initiative funding may be used to offset these costs.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Approval of Official Interpretation – Contact at Prospective Student-Athlete's Practice or Competition Site.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Contact at Prospective Student-Athlete's Practice or Competition Site (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed it is permissible for an institution's coach to contact a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's away-from-home practice or competition site provided the competition has been completed, the prospect has departed the meeting and dressing facility and the prospective student-athlete's coach has released the prospective student-athlete. A prospective student-athlete may be "released" for purposes of allowing contact even if the prospective student-athlete will be traveling back home with the team. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 13.1.4.2 (practice or competition site)]

The committee reviewed issues that arose from the 2011 NCAA Regional Rules Seminars and agreed to issue a formal official interpretation on this particular question.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Approval of Official Interpretation – Expenses for Mandatory Medical Exam Prior to Becoming a Student-Athlete.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Expenses for Mandatory Medical Exam Prior to Becoming a Student-Athlete (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that an institution may conduct a medical examination of a prospective student-athlete during an official or unofficial visit, or in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's arrival to campus prior to the beginning of preseason practice and/or the academic year, provided the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for regular full-time enrollment at the institution. [Reference: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.02.6 (prospective student-athlete), 13.11.1 (prospective student-athlete defined for tryout-rule purposes), 16.4 (medical expenses), 16.5.1-(a) (preseason practice expenses) and a staff interpretation (6/9/04, Item Ref. 1)]

The committee reviewed issues that arose from the Regional Rules Seminars and agreed to issue a formal official interpretation on this particular question.

President Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Approval of Official Interpretation – Uniformity of Participation Awards.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to archive an official interpretation (12/13/91, Item Ref. e) and approve the following official interpretation:

Uniformity of Participation Awards (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that a member institution, conference or other approved agency may provide different partcipation awards based on the year or class (e.g., freshman, sophomore, first year participant, second year participant) of a student-athlete, provided the awards are uniform for all recipients within a given year or class. [Reference: NCAA Division III Bylaw 16.1.2 (uniformity of awards) and a staff interpretation (12/13/91, Item Ref. e), which has been archived)]

The committee reviewed issues that arose from the Regional Rules Seminars and agreed to issue a formal official interpretation on this particular question.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Approval of Official Interpretation – Demonstrators at Coaches' Clinics and Institutional Camps and Clinics.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Demonstrators at Coaches' Clinics and Institutional Camps and Clinics (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that a prospective student-athlete may serve as a demonstrator during a coach's clinic or session conducted by an institutional staff member or during an institutional camp or clinic without such participation constituting an impermissible tryout. An enrolled student-athlete may serve as a demonstrator at an institutional camp or clinic with staff members from any institution. Further, an enrolled student-athlete may serve as a demonstrator at a coaches clinic; however, if the coaches clinic is conducted outside the playing season, the student-athlete may serve as a demonstrator only if he or she participates with coaching staff members from institutions other than his or her own. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.11.2 (prohibited physical activities involving prospective student-athletes), 13.11.3 (permissible physical activities involving prospective student-athletes), 13.12.2.1 (prospective student-athletes), 17.1.1.1 (playing season – athletically related activities), and a staff interpretation (2/14/90, Item Ref. a) which has been archived]

The committee re-examined its recent official interpretation regarding demonstrators at coaches' clinics [Reference: 2/10/11, Item Ref. 14-b]. The rationale for the original interpretation was to address whether the tryout prohibition allowed prospective student-athletes and/or enrolled student-athletes to be used as demonstrators at coaches' clinics. The wording of the original interpretation unintentionally seemed to prohibit an enrolled student-athlete from serving as a demonstrator at a coach's clinic or an institutional camp or clinic that is governed by Bylaw 13.12, if in either circumstance the student-athlete were to serve as a demonstrator for his or her own coach. The committee noted that Bylaw 13.12.2 specifically allows both prospective student-athletes and enrolled student-athletes to be employed at an institutional camp or clinic, and Bylaw 13.12.2.2.1(c) implies that enrolled student-athletes can be used as demonstrators at an institutional camp or clinic. The committee further noted that Bylaw 17 specifies that outside of the playing season, |student-athletes may be employed in camps and clinics but are prohibited from participating as campers in their own institution's camp or clinic. For these reasons, prohibiting student-athletes from serving as demonstrators for their own coaches at coaches' clinics is consistent with the legislation, but prohibiting demonstration for a student-athlete's own coach at the institution's camp or clinic is contrary to the legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Approval of Official Interpretation – Playing Season Waivers.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Scope of Playing-Season Waivers for Institutions with Nontraditional Academic Calendars (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that the scope of playing-season waivers for institutions with nontraditional academic calendars shall extend only to those situations in which the institution's nontraditional academic calendar interferes with its ability to adhere to playing season regulations, as opposed to a one-time or limited request which is handled through a separate waiver provision. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 5.4.1.7 (review authority of Management Council) and 17.1.13 (playing-season waiver)]

The committee noted the NCAA Division III Management Council Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee has more expertise in addressing adjustments to the playing season regulations for schools with nontraditional academic calendars, thereby establishing a waiver that could apply for as long as the institution needs, provided its academic calendar did

not change. This type of waiver can be distinguished from the authority of the NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief which is designed to address unique circumstances that warrant relief only on a limited or one-time basis. Further, the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief has oversight of all operating by-laws and, therefore, is not a substantive authority on any given bylaw.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Association-Wide and Common Committees.

Staff Liaisons: Klossner Wilfert

Council Rep: Martinez

(1) Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).

(a) Student-Athlete Sickle Cell Train (SCT) Status.

Management Council. The Council approved a recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2012 NCAA Convention to require a sickle cell solubility test (SCT) as part of NCAA Bylaw 17.1.5 (mandatory medical examination) unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release.

The committee believes that requirements for SCT status testing should be consistent across divisions. The committee reviewed the 2011 sickle cell trait membership survey and estimated that approximately 40 percent of responding Division II and Division III institutions currently confirm sickle cell trait status as part of their medical examination process. Even though there is a lack of death cases in Division III athletes and one within Division II, the committee assumes the potential for collapse and complications from sickle cell trait is not dependant on the division. In addition, student-athletes' positive SCT tests are not dependant on division, sport, gender or race. Within the recent study, a higher percentage of Division I institutions had knowledge about student-athletes sickle cell trait status; educated medical staff, coaches and strength staff; and provided consulting to student-athletes with a positive test. The committee stressed that the education of staff conducting workouts continues to be the most important factor for preventing catastrophic events, as SCT generally does not result in a medical emergency unless the student-athlete is driven beyond their physiological limit. Typically, athletes that self regulate their workload and intensity are able to modify the overall stress placed on them and still succeed athletically at the highest level. Division II and III often have fewer sports medicine staff available during workouts; therefore, knowledge of sickle cell trait of student-athletes by key staff can be a gateway to precaution implementation, preparation and emergency response activation. Finally, in an effort to ensure student-athletes make an informed decision, the committee recommends institutions educate student-athletes about the risks of the condition if the student-athlete elects to sign a written release.

The effective date is August 2012 for all student-athletes, including both new and continuing student-athletes as well as those trying out for a Division II team in the 2012-13 academic year.

SCT testing costs can range from $15-20 for the initial screening especially if negotiated with a laboratory or campus health clinic in advance. The costs are rarely covered by an athlete's insurance plan. Costs may fluctuate locally, regionally and nationally. The NCAA is examining a service agreement for laboratory services that would make the testing available to all member institutions for a set cost.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2012 Convention.

(b) Football Preseason Conditioning.

Management Council. The Council approved in concept and legislative format a noncontroversial proposal to amend the football preseason period to allow a one-hour conditioning test (e.g., speed, conditioning, agility) period and a two-hour practice period to occur only on the first day of the five-day period as an option to the current three-hour practice period.

The committee discussed allowing a conditioning test (e.g., speed, conditioning, agility) period the day before the first preseason practice day in Division III; however, further discussion narrowed the option for Division III to only allowing this option to occur on the first day of the five day acclimatization period or on any single day of the five day period. A three-hour recovery period would still need to be applied between the test period and the practice session that day. Division I currently allows a one-hour conditioning session and two-hour practice session during the five-day acclimatization period as an option to the single three-hour practice period. The intent of the conditioning test is to serve as a brief assessment of an athlete's physical preparedness for beginning the rigors of the practice period and not as a conditioning session. Student-athletes performing under expectations should not be punished or required to perform additional physical activity beyond what is required for the rest of the team as the accumulated effects of this additional workload can increase an athlete's risk of injury. The committee discussed the importance of having consistency across divisions for issues impacting student-athlete well-being. During any part of a new practice period, institutions should consider factors of increased risk such as student-athletes within underlying medical conditions (e.g., sickle cell trait, previous heat illness, flu, medications, etc.)

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Certification Standards for Strength and Conditioning Personnel.

Management Council. The Council received an update that the committee developed an educational piece about appropriate certification standards for strength and conditioning personnel. This resource was developed in light of recent legislative action to permit strength and conditioning coaches to conduct out of season workouts. The resources will be distributed to the Division III membership in the coming weeks.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Tufano

Council Rep: Klika

(2) Honors Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Ford, Bracken, Rossello

Council Rep: Ching

(3) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Calandro, Smith, Suscha

Council Rep: Ingold

(4) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

(a) NCAA Division I Bylaw 16.8.1.3-(c) Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition – Other Competition.

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to modify NCAA Bylaw 16.8.1.3-(c) to allow institutions to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to attend two national team tryouts. Current legislation restricts institutions to providing a student-athlete the actual and necessary expenses to attend only one such national team tryout.

Current national team selection processes for many Olympic sports include more than one tier. Often, student-athletes who are athletically successful in the first tier are required to shoulder the financial burden in order to continue through additional levels within the existing tier structures or withdraw from the tryout process prior to being identified as viable national team candidates. While there is no standardized tier system among the various national governing bodies, an expansion of Bylaw 16.8.1.-(c) to allow for two team tryout competitions would allow student-athletes greater potential access to the current selection processes.

Institutions with eligible student-athlete(s) may bear the expense of additional national team tryouts. By covering the expense of a second national team tryout opportunity, institutions will better assist student-athletes to become viable national team candidates for international competition.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) World University Championships in Select NCAA Bylaws.

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to modify several NCAA bylaws that reference the World University Games to also reference the World University Championships.

The U.S. Intercollegiate University Sport Federation (USIUSF), an official member of the International University Sports Federation (FISU), is the rights holder to the U.S. World University Games and Championships. The USIUSF also works in collaboration with the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and various National Governing Bodies (NGBs) to select U.S. national team members for the two events.

Budget impact varies, depending on the relevant bylaws and eligibility of student-athletes to participate in the World University Championships. By expanding the noted bylaws to include the World University Championships, student-athletes participating in baseball, softball, cross country and women's equestrian at the World University Championships will receive the same opportunities/benefits afforded student-athletes who participate in the World University Games.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Chichester

Council Rep: Hathorn

(5) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Bracken

Council Rep: Thomforde

(6) Research Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Miller, Smith

Council Rep: Ingold

(7) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Chichester

Council Rep: Hass

(8) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report noting the 2011 honorees: Jessica Pixler, a track and cross country runner form Seattle Pacific University and David Gats, a swimmer from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Barnhart, Holzman, Morrison

Council Rep: Hoeg

(9) Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA).

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(10) Legislative Changes to MOIC and CWA.

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to amend the composition of the CWA and MOIC by increasing the committee size from 15 to 18 respectively and specifying that the three additional positions be filled by a president from each division. Further, the distribution of members shall be equal among each division.

The Council reviewed a memorandum from Bernard Franklin, Executive Vice President of Membership and Student-Athlete Affairs/Executive Committee Liaison/Chief Inclusion Officer regarding committee restructuring. During its April 29, 2011, meeting the NCAA Executive Committee took action to restructure the inclusion advocacy committees within the governance structure. This action included the dissolution of the NCAA Executive Committee Subcommittee on Gender and Diversity Issues; the creation of a joint body of representatives of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) and the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC) to provide broad oversight on inclusion matters and manage specific agendas beyond those related to race and gender; and the creation of joint CWA/MOIC subcommittees to focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues, physical disability, and other inclusion priorities that may arise. Additionally, the committee noted the need for greater involvement of presidents within the substructure to provide guidance and insight at the policy development level.

The impetus for these changes was the adoption, in 2010, of an expanded framework around diversity, inclusion and gender equity that provides for greater focus across dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to, age, race, sex, class, creed, national origin, educational background, disability and gender expression, and the internal reorganization of the NCAA's inclusion office to support this mission. An examination of the charge and duties of the three primary advocacy committees within the governance structure indicated some overlap of mission but also areas where the structure was not adequately positioned to handle specific issues beyond race and gender. Additionally, there was an identified need for increased presidential involvement at the policy development level. Current composition requirements prescribe six members from Division I and three members each from Divisions II and III, with three unallocated members. The committee supports equal representation from all divisions on these very important issues. The addition of three members per committee will permit an equal distribution of six members from each division.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council acknowledged the memorandum from Bernard Franklin, Executive Vice President of Membership and Student-Athlete Affairs/Executive Committee Liaison/Chief Inclusion Officer regarding committee restructuring and the action taken by the Management Council. No additional action was necessary.

4. MANAGEMENT AND PRESIDENTS COUNCIL APPOINTEMENTS AND ELECTIONS.

a. Management Council Elections.

Management Council. The Management Council elected Jeff Martinez, Director of Athletics, University of Redlands as chair for the 2012-13 and Terry Rupert, Director of Athletics, Wilmington College as vice-chair.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Appointments.

Presidents Council. Upon recommendation by the Division III Presidents Council Nominations Subcommittee and approved by the Administrative Committee on June 9, President Thomas Chema was appointed to the Presidents Council fulfilling the remaining term of Ken Baker. President Chema's term expires at the conclusion of the January 2013 Convention, with an opportunity for reappointment.

The Presidents Council Nominations Subcommittee has begun to identify prospective candidates to serve on the Presidents Council beginning in 2012. Some mandatory requirements include: Region 3, ethnic minority, female representation; and large student representation (4,000 or larger). The Presidents Council Nominations Subcommittee will discuss these vacancies during its September teleconference.

5. DIVISION III INITIATIVES.

a. Virtual Focus Group Communication (VFG).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the VFG responses regarding Communication #22 and the best way to make the membership aware of Division III week, Division III Facebook and use of the Purchasing Website. The Council noted the importance of input from the membership serving on the focus groups.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. The Student-Athlete Experience: Finding from the CIRP Studies.

Presidents Council. The Council heard a presentation on research conducted by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program through the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA. The surveys are similar to the NCAA's GOALS study. Overall, the studies strongly reinforced the positive experience of Division III student-athletes and statements included in the Division III strategic positioning platform. In particular, the findings indicate that Division III student-athletes:

(1) Are highly engaged in campus activities,
(2) Report active academic engagement and participation in academic "extras" that are offered by their institution (e.g., research with faculty, study abroad, capstone/senior thesis),
(3) Report significant gains in personal skills and attributes, including problems solving, ability to get along with other races and leadership, and
(4) Report significantly greater gains in time management and leadership when compared with non-athletes.

Further analysis of this data will be shared with the Council at a future meeting and findings from this study and NCAA GOALS will be shared with the membership at the 2012 Convention.

6. PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2012 CONVENTION.

a. Membership-Sponsored Legislation.

[NOTE: The Management Council reviewed all proposals noting that three out of five proposals were not yet properly sponsored. The deadline to obtain co-sponsorship is September 1.]

(1) NCAA Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Eliminating Regional Rules Seminar Attendance Requirement.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Membership Committee, ILC and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Playing and Practice Seasons – Required Day Off – Voluntary Strength and Conditioning Activities Prohibited During Required Day Off.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC, the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Postseason Activities Exempting One Postseason Championship from the 18 or 19 Week Declared Playing Season.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC, the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee, SAAC and the Championships Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Eligibility – Hardship Waiver – Practice after Injury.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Academic Issues Subcommittee, ILC, the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee, and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Recruiting – Permissible Electronic Transmissions.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Governance-Sponsored Proposals.

(1) Convention Legislation – Recruiting – Electronic Transmissions – Allowing Text Messaging.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2012 NCAA Convention to permit the use of text messaging to a prospective student-athlete by athletics department staff. Text messaging would be regulated in the same manner as e-mail, for which there are no restrictions on the timing or amount of the communication.

In its review of a membership-sponsored proposal to permit both text messaging and the use of social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Twitter), in the recruiting process, the Council recognized the need to sponsor a proposal specific to the use of text messaging. While the Council does not support the use of social media platforms in the recruiting process (because those platforms represent "personal" space that should not be invaded by coaches in the recruiting process) it agreed that the realities of how current prospect-aged individuals communicate, including a proclivity of text messaging, justifies lifting the division's current ban on texting. This position was similar to the unofficial position taken by SAAC, which included support to lift the ban on texting, while agreeing that the prohibition on the use of social media should remain.

The financial concerns that helped prompt the initial texting ban have since been mitigated by the evolution of text messaging plans, with most prospects now able to manage expenses through unlimited or low-cost texting options. Also, the Council noted the awkward nature of not being able to respond to a prospect in the same medium the prospect uses to contact a coach, and that texting will not completely replace use of the phone or other forms of communication in the recruiting process. To be a successful recruiter, coaches will still need to engage in direct contact. The Management Council used its new authority to sponsor legislation deemed operational in nature, and will communicate to the sponsors of the broader electronic transmission proposal their opportunity to collaborate on the text messaging portion of the Council's proposal, especially if the sponsoring conference is not able to find a co-sponsor to officially offer the proposal for the 2012 Convention.

The estimated budget impact would be minimal, because most athletics personnel and perspective student-athletes have unlimited or low-cost testing plans. The effective date would be August 1, 2012.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Convention Legislation – Division III Membership – Division III Philosophy Statement – Affirmation and Clarification of Undergraduate Experience, Broad-Based Athletics Programs, Participation in Non-Athletic Pursuits and Autonomy in Eligibility Standards.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed draft language of philosophy statement amendments under consideration by the Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2012 Convention to amend the Division III philosophy statement as follows:

- Emphasize that Division III intercollegiate athletics is primarily focused on a four-year, undergraduate experience.

- Clarify that initial-eligibility and continuing-eligibility progress-toward-degree standards are best left to institutional and conference autonomy.

- Express a commitment to supporting a student-athlete's right to meaningful participation in non-athletic pursuits as a method of enriching the overall educational experience.

- Clarify expectations related to broad based sports sponsorship.

The modifications address issues included in the Division's 2008 white papers on membership growth and are a reflection of strategies to best manage the large and diverse Division III membership under a unifying philosophy statement.

c. Review of Modifications of Wording Approved by the Management Council per Constitution 5.4.1.1.1.

(1) NCAA Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – NCAA Convention – Attendance – Representation and Vote by Certified Voting Delegate.

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to clarify that each year an active member institution must be represented by an institutional staff member who is certified as a voting delegate and who votes at the NCAA Convention Division III business session.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Eligibility – Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility – Wrestling.

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format a proposal in wrestling, to clarify 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.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Amateurism – Promotional Activities – Permissible – Prospective Student-Athlete's Participation in Institutional Fundraisers or Promotional Activities.

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to clarify that prospective student-athletes may not be involved in institutional fundraisers of promotional activities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Review of Noncontroversial Legislation approved by the Management Council per Constitution 5.4.1.1.1.

(1) Division Membership – Establishment and Compliance with Division Criteria – Noncompliance and the Enforcement Process – Authority of the Membership Committee.

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to specify that the NCAA Division III Membership Committee shall review issues regarding membership requirements that are discovered during the enforcement process and may impose penalties for not satisfying membership requirements.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Eligibility – General Eligibility Requirements – Full-time Enrollment - Requirement for Practice or Competition – Exception – Cooperative Educational Work Experience.

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to permit a student-athlete to practice and represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics while he or she is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) offered by the institution that is a required part of the student's academic program, provided the student is considered to be enrolled in a full-time program of studies, regardless of the credit value of the program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Recruiting – Unofficial Visit – Entertainment/Tickets – General Restrictions – Complimentary Admissions for a Prospective Student-Athlete's Parents, Guardian(s), Spouse or Individual of a Comparable Relationship.

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to permit an institution to provide additional complimentary admissions to a home athletics event to a prospective student-athlete's parents, guardian(s), spouse or individual of a comparable relationship accompanying the prospective student-athlete during an unofficial visit.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Participation Awards – Maximum Value of Award – Increase to Maximum Values.

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format a proposal 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.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Amateurism – Preferential Treatment – Exception – Designation of Fundraising Money – Prospective Student-Athletes.

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to permit the designation of funds raised through fundraisers for individuals before initial, full-time collegiate enrollment provided the amount raised does not exceed actual and necessary expenses for athletics participation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Eligibility – Full-Time Enrollment – Requirement for Practice – Waiver – U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body – Former Student-Athlete Practicing at Another Institution – Individual Sports and Women's Rowing.

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format a proposal in individual sports and women's rowing, in a case in which the U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation, to permit a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining to participate in organized practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Litigation Update.

Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils accepted the Litigation Report. No action was necessary.

b. Governmental Relations Report.

Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils accepted the Governmental Relations Report. No action was necessary.

c. Student-Athlete Affairs Advisory Group Meeting.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the group's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Transgender Student-Athlete Policy.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from NCAA staff Karen Morrison and Mary Wilfert on the draft policy to assist the membership with questions about fair and equitable participation by student-athletes who identify as transgender, i.e., a psychological and social identification as a man or a woman that differs from the person's sex at birth. The Presidents Council endorsed the draft policy language at it April meeting, and the Executive Committee will review the policy for adoption at its August 2011 meeting. In addition to developing the policy, the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and the Committee on Women's Athletics have developed a resource handbook and a video to help the membership with a full understanding of the issues.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. NCAA President's Report.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received a visit from NCAA President, Mark Emmert, who provided an update on the Division I Presidential retreat.

f. Executive Committee Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received a visit from NCAA Executive Vice President, Bernard Franklin, and Director of Membership and Student-Athlete Affairs, Delise O'Meally. The staff provided an update on the Executive Committee working group on membership issues, the upcoming policy consideration on transgender student-athlete eligibility, the NCAA's confederate flag policy and the continued study of its application to pre-determined and non pre-determined championship sites, a request to amend the composition of CWA and MOIC (see page 44), the NCAA communications task force, and the plans for the September NCAA Inclusion summit.

8. *OTHER BUSINESS.*

- **Conference Meeting Feedback.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the input received from spring conference meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Management Council. The Management Council meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Westin Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana

August 11, 2011

Participants:

Michael Alden, University of Missouri, Columbia
William Beauchamp, University of Portland
Drew Bogner, Molloy College
James Bultman, Hope College
Rick Cole Jr., Dowling College
Judy Genshaft, University of South Florida
Nathan Hatch, Wake Forest University
Chris Martin, College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin
Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University
William Meehan, Jacksonville State University
Ann Millner, Weber State University
J. Patrick O'Brien, West Texas A&M University
Harris Pastides, University of South Carolina, Columbia
John Peters, Northern Illinois University
Edward Ray, Oregon State University, chair
David Schmidly, University of New Mexico
James Schmotter, Western Connecticut State University
Lou Anna Simon, Michigan State University
Mark Emmert, NCAA
Bernard Franklin, NCAA
Delise O'Meally, NCAA, recording secretary

William Harvey, Hampton University, was unable to attend.

Also in attendance were: Gary Brown, director of NCAA News; Joni Comstock, senior vice president of championships/senior woman administrator; Jim Isch, chief operating officer; Julie Lach, vice president of enforcement services; Kevin Lennon, vice president of academic and membership affairs; Kathleen McNeely, vice president of administration and chief financial officer; Karen Morrison, director of gender inclusion; Todd Petr, managing director of research; Donald Remy, vice president of legal affairs/general counsel; Wallace Renfro, vice president and chief policy advisor; Greg Shaheen, interim executive vice president of championships and alliances; Robert Vowels, vice president of student-athlete affairs and leadership development programs and resources; Bob Williams, vice president of communications; David Berst,

Daniel Dutcher and Mike Racy, NCAA governance vice presidents; and Jackie Campbell, Leah Kareti and Terri Steeb, NCAA governance directors.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by the chair, President Ray. All members were present as noted above.

1. Welcome and announcements. Ray welcomed William Beauchamp, president of the University of Portland, and William Meehan, president of Jacksonville State University.

2. Approval of April 28, 2011, meeting minutes.

   It was VOTED

   "To approve the Executive Committee minutes of the April 28, 2011, meeting as distributed."

3. Update from national student-athlete advisory committee (SAAC). Representatives from each of the divisional national SAACs shared key issues with the presidents. Scott Krapf, the Division I national SAAC chair, discussed the creation of a student-athlete voice project team that will focus on ensuring that student-athletes are included in significant matters that impact well-being. Krapf also discussed the division's interest in a division-wide community service initiative. Lastly, he covered other key topics areas on the Division I SAAC agenda including text messaging, men's basketball recruiting and opportunities for transgender student-athletes. Division II initiatives were presented by Sarah Hebberd, the Division II national SAAC vice chair, and she discussed the Make-a-Wish Foundation fundraiser, efforts to educate on student athlete mental health, as well as multimedia communication initiatives designed to increase the Division II student-athlete voice. Finally, Division III topics were presented by Azure Davey, NCAA staff liaison, and focused on issues around text messaging, as well as the Division III partnership with Special Olympics.

4. NCAA President's report. President Emmert called on Jim Isch to provide an overview of the national office "One Team, One Future" initiative. The initiative, which was launched in May of this year, focuses directly on the mission-critical priorities of embedding academics; protecting and sustaining the collegiate model; and delivering membership-defined value. Isch noted that the national office also would focus on accountability and the implementation of various performance metrics. At its next meeting, the Committee will receive additional updates on the One Team, One Future initiative and will be asked to review and approve a presidential scorecard.

   Emmert also provided an update on the Native American Mascot Policy and called on Bernard Franklin to alert the Committee to a meeting that is to be held with representatives from the University of North Dakota, the North Dakota state legislature, and the North Dakota governor's office. Franklin noted that the parties would discuss the recent North Dakota state law that requires the institution to maintain its logo and nickname despite the settlement agreement between the institution and the Association. The Committee expressed continued support for the implementation of the policy, as well as the terms of the settlement agreement.

5. NCAA Executive Committee Finance Committee report.

   a. Audit Charter proposed changes. The Finance Committee recommended a change to the Audit Charter that would add an additional member to serve as a financial expert. The addition of a financial expert is a best practice for not-for-profit organizations and will assist the Finance Committee in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities.

      The Finance Committee noted the following:

      (1) In order to obtain the financial expertise, the financial expert could be an individual who is outside the NCAA committee structure.

      (2) The financial expert committee member would have a term of four years, with the option for renewal by the Executive Committee for one additional four-year term.

      (3) Other minor changes to the charter include the addition of the chief operating officer as part of management that would meet separately with the committee.

      The Finance Committee recommended the appointment of David E. Lechner, vice president for business and finance, University of Nebraska System, as the financial expert for the Finance Committee for the next four years. Lechner is a

certified public accountant and has been the chief financial officer of the Nebraska system for 11 years and, prior to joining Nebraska, was a director with Deloitte in its audit practice.

It was VOTED

"To approve the changes to the Audit Charter and to appoint David Lechner as the financial expert."

b. Third Quarter FY 2010-11 budget-to-actual. The Finance Committee reviewed the third quarter budget-to-actual report and noted that the Association is on track to meet its budget projections

(1) Revenue. The Association has received 99 percent of budgeted revenues, which is in line with the prior year.

(2) Expenses. Total Association-wide expenses through the first nine months were 69 percent of budget, which also aligns with the prior year. The remaining amounts will be distributed in the fourth quarter of the year.

(3) Audit firm. As reported in April, the Finance Committee interviewed three audit and tax firms (KPMG, Deloitte and Crowe Horwath). Unanimously, the committee voted to offer the engagement to Deloitte for the next five years. The agreement with Deloitte is complete, and work on the 2010-11 audit has started.

6. Transgender student-athlete participation policy. The Committee reviewed a request from the NCAA Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport Committee (CSMAS) and the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) to consider adopting a policy that would assist the membership with questions about fair and equitable participation by student-athletes who identify as transgender. A person who was born female and transitions to male is termed trans-male. A person who was born male and transitions to female is termed trans-female.

In consultation with medical and research experts who have advised both the Olympic committee and others working with transgender athletes, CSMAS and CWA support the following to provide direction regarding the participation of a transgender student-athlete:

(1) A [trans-male] student-athlete who has received a medical exception for treatment with testosterone for diagnosed Gender Identity Disorder (GID), for the purposes of NCAA competition may compete on a men's team, but is no longer eligible to compete on a women's team without changing that team status to a mixed team.

(2) A [trans-female] student-athlete being treated with testosterone suppression medication for GID, for the purposes of NCAA competition may continue to compete on a men's team but may not compete on a women's team without changing it to a mixed team status until completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment.

(3) It is the responsibility of the NCAA institution to submit the request for a medical exception for testosterone treatment prior to the student-athlete competing while undergoing treatment. In the case of testosterone suppression, the institution must submit written documentation of the year of treatment and ongoing monitoring of testosterone suppression.

(4) For the purpose of NCAA competition, cases of GID treatment being interrupted will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to addressing policy, the above committees and NCAA staff have developed a resource handbook and a video to help the membership with full understanding of the issues.

It was VOTED

"To approve the policy for transgender student-athlete participation as noted above."

7. 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) Presidential Retreat. Received a report on the Presidential Retreat and directed President Emmert to bring to the Board in October an action plan to address the various issues discussed at the retreat, which may include legislation for immediate adoption.

(2) Committee reports. Received several updates and expects final reports in October related to men's basketball recruiting, NCAA postseason bowl licensing and NCAA Division I Committee on Academic Progress penalty structure, including an academic performance requirement for championships eligibility.

(3) Committee restructuring. Adopted noncontroversial legislation to modify the composition of the CWA and the NCAA Minority Opportunities and

Interests Committee by increasing the size of each committee from 15 to 18 members and to specify that the three additional positions be filled by a president from each division. Further, that there be an equal distribution of committee members from each division.

(4) Membership. Elected Florida Gulf Coast University, Houston Baptist University, University of North Carolina Central and the University of South Carolina Upstate to active Division I membership status. The Board also approved conference applications from the Great West Conference, a multisport conference, and the single-sport National Lacrosse Conference.

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

(1) Presidents Council-sponsored legislation.

a. Membership. Sponsored a set of proposals that support the strategic growth of the Division II membership. The proposals deal with the required number of institutions to be considered an active Division II conference; the benefits provided to conferences; and the process related to conference membership.

b. Recruitment. Sponsored three legislative proposals that align recruitment of student-athletes with overall institutional recruitment efforts and provide an ease of burden on Division II administrators and coaches. The concepts will allow for an unlimited number of in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts made with a prospective student-athlete each year; permit unlimited electronic communication (e.g., text messaging, instant messaging) with prospects; and permit an unlimited number of telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, all starting June 15 prior to the prospect's junior year in high school.

c. Sickle Cell Testing. Agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2012 NCAA Convention to require a sickle cell solubility test as part of the mandatory medical examination, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release.

(2) Model strategic communications document for Division II. Endorsed a model communications document, which was developed by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America, Division II Sports Information Directors of America, Division II Athletics Directors Associa-

tion, Division II Conference Commissioners Association and NCAA staff, and builds on the work of the Division II Model Strategic Communications Toolkit, reflecting the need to develop strategic and purposeful communications.

(3) Transgender student-athlete participation. Endorsed the proposed policy regarding participation of transgender student-athletes.

c. Division III Presidents Council. The Committee received an update on the actions of the Division III Presidents Council. These included:

(1) Identity activation. Received an update on the Division III Identity initiative activation.

(a) Special Olympics partnership. Student-athletes will work events, coach teams or fund-raise on behalf of Special Olympics. All Division III championships will include Special Olympics events. A website has been launched to support and track on this initiative.

(b) Division III week. During a seven-day period beginning April 6, National Student-Athlete Day, every member institution and conference will be asked to conduct an outreach activity related to academic accomplishment, athletics experience or community outreach. The division will communicate nationally the number of student-athletes and projects, and institutions can locally describe their contributions.

(2) Amendments to Division III Philosophy Statement. Formally sponsored a series of amendments to the Division III philosophy statement. As a final action related to the division's 2008 white paper series on membership growth, the Presidents Council will sponsor a proposal for the 2012 NCAA Convention that will update the philosophy statement to:

(a) Emphasize that Division III intercollegiate athletics is primarily focused on a four-year, undergraduate experience.

(b) Clarify that initial- and continuing-eligibility standards are best left to institutional and conference autonomy.

(c) Express a commitment to supporting a student-athlete's right to meaningful participation in nonathletics pursuits as a method of enriching the overall educational experience.

(3) Other legislative actions.

(a) Sponsored 2012 Convention legislation relaxing current restrictions on how professional sports organizations may serve as financial sponsors of competitions and ancillary events, consistent with the other divisions.

(b) Also sponsored legislation to mirror the Division I requirements around the sickle cell solubility test.

(c) Received an update that the Management Council sponsored a proposal to allow coaches to use text messaging in the recruiting process.

(d) In response to a related Executive Committee action to dissolve its subcommittee on gender and diversity, ratified the Management Council vote to increase MOIC's and CWA's size from 15 to 18 members, with the three additional positions to be filled by a president from each division.

(4) Strategic initiatives. The Presidential Advisory Group advised the Presidents Council on a series of the division's strategic initiatives. Specifically, the Advisory Group advised the Council on:

(a) Future drug-education models, endorsing the pursuit of a partnership with the student-affairs community through the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and advising that the division should not allocate any funding towards year round drug testing.

(b) Financial aid education for nonathletics staff.

(c) How to best leverage the positive results of the division's ongoing academic reporting pilot.

(d) Enhancing presidential leadership in Division III.

(5) The student-athlete experience – findings from the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) studies. Heard a presentation on research conducted by the CIRP through the Higher Education Research Institute at University of California, Los Angeles. The surveys are similar to the

NCAA's GOALS and SCORE studies, but they contain much more Division III-specific data. Overall, the studies strongly reinforced the positive experience of Division III student-athletes. In particular, the findings indicated Division III student-athletes:

(a) Are highly engaged in campus activities;

(b) Report active academic engagement and participation in academic "extras" that are offered by their institution (e.g., research with faculty, study abroad, capstone/senior thesis);

(c) Report significant gains in personal skills and attributes, including problems solving, ability to get along with other races and leadership; and

(d) Report significantly greater gains in time management and leadership when compared with nonathletes.

8. Future meetings. The Committee reviewed its future meetings schedule.

9. Adjournment. Ray adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE

NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE NO. 9

Those participating were James Bultman, Division III Presidents Council chair; Chris Martin, Division III Management Council chair; Jeff Martinez, Division III Management Council vice chair; Jim Schmotter, Division III Presidents Council vice chair; Chris Thomforde, Division III Management Council; Dan Dutcher, NCAA; Amy Huchthausen, NCAA; Leah Kareti, NCAA, recording secretary; Kiera Miller, NCAA; Jeff Myers, NCAA and Kristin Nesbitt, NCAA.

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The teleconference occurred August 29, 2011, as was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Acting for the Division III Presidents Council and Management Council, the Administrative Committee took the following actions:

1. 2012 NCAA Convention Legislation. Reviewed and approved as written or as amended the following legislative drafts of 2012 NCAA Convention legislation sponsored by the NCAA Division III Presidents and Management Councils, consistent with the September 1 deadline.

    a. Amateurism and Executive Regulations – Financial Donations and Advertising and Sponsorship of NCAA Championships – Professional Sports Organizations. To specify that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publically identified as such; and that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such; further, to eliminate the prohibition on sponsorship of NCAA championship activities or promotions by professional sports organizations or teams.

    b. NCAA Membership – Member Conference – Conditions, Obligations Privileges and Automatic Qualification – Core Institution. To align the membership requirements for a conference with the automatic qualification requirements for a conference, by doing the following: (1) confirming that member conferences must be comprised of at least seven core Division III institutions; (2) specifying that institutions may be a core member in only one multi-sport conference; and (3) specifying that a member conference is entitled to a two-year grace period if it fails to satisfy the membership requirements. Finally, any institution considered a core institution in more than one multi-sport conference prior to September 1, 2011, may continue as a core institution in those conferences for purposes of satisfying the automatic qualification and conference membership requirements.

c. Division Membership – Division III Philosophy Statement – Affirmation and Clarification of Undergraduate Experience, Broad-Based Athletics Programs, Participation in Non-Athletic Pursuits and Autonomy in Eligibility Standards. To specify in the philosophy statement that Division III institutions: emphasize intercollegiate athletics as primarily focused on a four-year, undergraduate experience; encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of sport offerings for their students through broad-based athletics program; assure that student-athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in non-athletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience; and exercise institutional and/or conference autonomy in the establishment of initial and continuing eligibility standards for student-athletes.

d. Personnel – Conduct of Athletics Personnel – Certified Strength and Conditioning Coaches – Required Sports-Safety Training. To require certified strength and conditioning coaches to maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use if they conduct voluntary strength and conditioning activities outside the playing season.

e. Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations – Required Sickle-Cell Testing. To require a sickle cell solubility test as part of the mandatory medical examination, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release; applicable to all student-athletes beginning their initial season of eligibility and continuing student-athletes.

f. Recruiting – Electronic Transmissions – Allowing Text Messaging. To allow text messaging to be used in the recruiting process.

2. Sage Colleges Appeal of a Denied Sports Sponsorship Waiver. The Administrative Committee granted the institution's appeal request, noting that, based on the correspondence sent to the institution at the time the initial sports sponsorship waiver was granted, it was reasonable for the institution to assume that the original sports sponsorship waiver covered the 2010-11 year. Specifically, the committee's interpretation of the waiver letter was such that the terms of the waiver covered 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11. Regarding the application of the original waiver to women's sports, the committee agreed that the original correspondence was ambiguous as to which sports it covered, and believed the institution acted in good faith by interpreting the letter to cover both men's and women's sports in the 2010-11 year.

With this decision, the committee indicated that the appeal decision letter should include a statement of admonishment about scheduling practices. It is considered bad policy to schedule only the minimum number of required contests in any sport needed for sports sponsorship purposes. The committee also recommended that the Division III Membership Committee require an annual reporting process for institutions covered by multi-year sports sponsorship waivers where resulting correspondence is clear about expectations for the upcoming year.

3. Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee Vacancy. The Administrative Committee approved the following committee appointments for one immediate and two January 2012 vacancies.

- Immediate vacancy: Donna Ledwin, commissioner, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.
- January 2012 vacancies: Jason Fein, director of athletics, Drew University; and Lisa Wisniowicz, compliance coordinator, Aurora University.

4. The teleconference adjourned at 3 p.m.

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DIVISION III STRATEGIC POSITIONING PLATFORM

NCAA Mission

What the brand wants to accomplish

To govern competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner, and to integrate intercollegiate athletics into higher education so that the educational experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

DIII Positioning Statement

Who we are

Follow your passions and discover your potential. The college experience is a time of learning and growth – a chance to follow passions and develop potential. For student-athletes in Division III, this happens most importantly in the classroom and through earning an academic degree. The Division III experience provides for passionate participation in a competitive athletics environment, where student-athletes push themselves to excellence and build upon their academic success with new challenges and life skills. And student-athletes are encouraged to pursue the full spectrum of opportunities available during their time in college. In this way, Division III provides an integrated environment for student-athletes to take responsibility for their own paths, follow their passions and find their potential through a comprehensive educational experience.

DIII Attributes

What we stand for

	Proportion: appropriate relation of academics with opportunities to pursue athletics & other passions.	**Comprehensive Learning:** opportunity for broad-based education and success.	**Passion:** playing for the love of the game, competition, fun and self-improvement.	**Responsibility:** development of accountability through personal commitment and choices.	**Sportsmanship:** fair and respectful conduct toward all participants and supporters.	**Citizenship:** dedication to developing responsible leaders and citizens in our communities.
NCAA Brand Attributes	*Balance*	*Learning*	*Spirit*	*Character*	*Fair Play*	*Community*

Audiences

Who we are addressing

Student-Athletes / Parents | **DIII Internal Constituencies** | **General Public / Media**

Audience Benefits

Key benefits of the DIII experience

Student-Athletes / Parents

- Continue to compete in a highly competitive athletics program and retain the full spectrum of college life.
- Focus on academic achievement while graduating with a comprehensive education that builds skills beyond the classroom.
- Access financial aid for college without the obligations of an athletics scholarship.
- Opportunities to play more than one sport.
- Be responsible for your own path, discover potential through opportunities to pursue many interests.

DIII Internal Constituencies

- Academics are the primary focus for student-athletes. Shorter practice and playing seasons, no red-shirting and regional competition minimize time away from their academic studies and keep student-athletes on a path to graduation.
- Student-athletes are integrated on campus and treated like all other members of the general student-body, keeping them focused on being a student first.
- Participation in athletics provides valuable “life lessons” for student-athletes (teamwork, discipline, perseverance, leadership, etc) which often translate into becoming a better student and more responsible citizen.

General Public / Media

- Division III institutions develop student-athlete potential through a comprehensive educational approach.
- Division III institutions offer athletics for the educational value and benefit to the student-athlete, not for the purposes of revenue generation or entertainment.
- Participation in athletics provides valuable “life lessons” for student-athletes (teamwork, discipline, perseverance, leadership, etc) which often translate into becoming a better student and more responsible citizen.
- Student-athletes compete in a highly competitive athletics program and retain the full spectrum of college life.
- Student-athletes do not receive monetary incentive to play sports but rather participate for the love of the game.

Reasons to Believe

Supporting features of DIII

1. **Comprehensive educational experience.** Division III institutions develop student-athlete potential through a holistic educational approach that includes rigorous academics, competitive athletics and opportunity to pursue other interests and passions.
2. **Integrated campus environment.** About one-quarter of all students at Division III institutions participate in athletics. Those participating in athletics are integrated into the campus culture and educational missions of their colleges or universities:
   - Student-athletes are subject to admission and academic performance standards consistent with the general student body;
   - Student-athletes are not provided any special housing, services or support from their institution different from other students or student groups;
   - Athletics departments are regulated and managed through the same general procedures and practices as other departments of the institution.

   This integration of athletics allows the student-athletes to take full advantage of the many opportunities of campus life and their entire collegiate experience.
3. **Academic focus.** Student-athletes most often attend a college or university in Division III because of the excellent academic programs, creating a primary focus on learning and achievement of their degree. The division minimizes the conflicts between athletics and academics through shorter playing and practicing seasons, the number of contests, no red-shirting or out-of-season organized activities and a focus on regional in-season and conference play.
4. **Available financial aid.** Three-quarters of all student-athletes in Division III receive some form of grant or non-athletics scholarship. Student-athletes have equal opportunity and access to financial aid as the general student body – but are not awarded aid based on athletics leadership, ability, performance or participation.
   - Division III does not award athletics scholarships. Without the obligation of an athletics scholarship, student-athletes can emphasize academics, athletics and other opportunities of college life appropriate to the necessary commitment and their own passions.
5. **Competitive athletics programs.** Student-athletes do not receive any monetary incentive (athletics scholarship) to play sports in college. They play for the love and passion of the game and to push themselves to be their best, creating an intense, competitive athletics environment for all who participate.
6. **National championship opportunities.** Division III has over 155,000 student-athletes competing annually in 36 different national championships. These competitions provide an opportunity for student-athletes to compete at the highest level and fulfill their athletics potential.
7. **Commitment to athletics participation.** Division III institutions are committed to a broad-based program of athletics because of the educational value of participation for the student-athlete. The division has a higher number and wider variety of athletics opportunities on average than any other division in the NCAA, emphasizing both competitive men’s and women’s sports.

NCAA Division III
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2010-11 Division III Budget-to-Actual (as of August 31, 2011 - UNAUDITED)

	2009-10 Year-to-date Actual	2010-11 Budget	2010-11 Year-to-date Actual	Difference
Revenue:				
Division III 3.18% Revenue Allocation	24,220,734	24,073,000	24,073,000	-
Total Revenue	24,220,734	24,073,000	24,073,000	-
Expenses:				
Championship Expenses				
Men's Championships				
Baseball	1,451,017	1,692,740	1,619,545	73,195
Basketball	735,473	805,050	751,641	53,409
Cross Country	419,662	499,060	545,613	(46,553)
Football	1,296,360	1,366,150	1,257,656	108,494
Golf	400,673	498,890	461,620	37,270
Ice Hockey	246,042	314,180	345,336	(31,156)
Lacrosse	325,801	365,720	389,079	(23,359)
Soccer	861,497	1,001,740	908,679	93,061
Swimming & Diving	408,265	522,680	498,708	23,972
Tennis	464,179	498,360	494,088	4,273
Indoor Track	360,752	385,820	340,233	45,587
Outdoor Track	518,071	647,970	618,051	29,919
Volleyball	-	-	4,431	(4,431)
Wrestling	227,423	287,780	250,119	37,661
Championship Webcasting	15,000	15,000	-	15,000
Total Men's Championships	7,730,215	8,901,140	8,484,799	416,341
Women's Championships				
Basketball	817,341	928,860	852,142	76,718
Cross Country	418,053	507,820	519,898	(12,078)
Field Hockey	341,845	381,850	376,479	5,371
Golf	241,560	275,010	272,621	2,389
Ice Hockey	286,524	229,830	183,146	46,684
Lacrosse	452,249	591,180	474,913	116,267
Rowing	372,747	417,570	372,054	45,516
Soccer	963,440	976,050	1,008,728	(32,678)
Softball	1,278,421	1,292,700	1,384,734	(92,034)
Swimming & Diving	386,893	530,220	509,942	20,278
Tennis	495,459	577,320	512,648	64,672
Indoor Track	372,621	400,360	348,163	52,197
Outdoor Track	529,067	660,160	619,865	40,295
Volleyball	778,644	969,720	837,018	132,702
Championship Webcasting	15,000	15,000	-	15,000
Total Women's Championships	7,749,865	8,753,650	8,272,351	481,299
Championships Expense	15,480,080	17,654,790	16,757,150	897,640
Overhead	247,400	289,100	289,100	-
Total Championships Expense	15,727,480	17,943,890	17,046,250	897,640

Strategic Initiative Conference Grants	1,845,850	2,234,300	2,205,440	28,860
Other Division III Strategic Initiatives				
NAD3AA Partnership	61,698	51,000	47,166	3,834
SWA Enhancement Grant Program (NACWAA)	17,049	20,000	16,817	3,183
Division-wide Sportsmanship Initiative	11,000	15,000	16,250	(1,250)
Strategic Alliance Matching Grant	472,673	670,000	625,193	44,807
Women & Minority Intern Program	814,623	820,000	751,981	68,019
Regional Seminar Planning	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
S-A Leadership Conference	676,208	400,000	300,196	99,804
Campus-based Student-Athlete Leadership Programming	-	80,000	45,000	35,000
Drug and Alcohol Education	14,000	-	-	-
Drug Education and Testing Pilot	-	125,000	-	125,000
FAR Institute	-	75,000	80,652	(5,652)
Conference Commissioners Meeting	7,157	15,000	11,602	3,398
Academic Reporting Stipend	-	50,000	50,000	-
Division III Identity Program	129,357	600,500	561,888	38,612
Officiating	52,950	150,000	149,984	16
Division III Contributions	100,000	-	50,000	(50,000)
Division III Financial Recovery Insurance	200,000	200,000	150,000	50,000
Other Division III Initiatives	-	90,000	28,716	61,284
Overhead Allocation	786,500	856,000	856,000	-
Total Program Expenses	5,204,065	6,466,800	5,961,885	504,915
Total Division III Expenses	20,931,545	24,410,690	23,008,135	1,402,555
Excess Revenue over Expense	3,289,189	(337,690)	1,064,865	
Add: Previous Year's Fund Balance (Unallocated/Unused Funds)	14,172,756	17,461,945	17,461,945	
Total Fund Balance (Funds Available for Reserve/Future Use)	17,461,945	17,124,255	18,526,810	
Less: Mandated Reserve Funds Needed (Note 1)	2,422,073	9,258,400	9,258,400	
Total Funds Available for Contingency/Future Use	15,039,871	7,865,855	9,268,410	
Less: Encumbered for future year programs (Note 2)	970,250	488,000	488,000	
Total Division III Projected Unallocated Funds	14,069,621	7,377,855	8,780,410	

Note 1: The Mandated Reserve Funds Needed equals 80% of the annual revenue allocation less the $10 million in Division III financial recovery insurance coverage.

Note 2: Amount of Encumbered for Future Year Programs is based on proposed budget initiatives/increases for the next budget cycle.

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2011-12 Division III Budget-to-Actual (as of September 28, 2011)

	2010-11 Year-to-date Actual	2011-12 Budget	2011-12 Year-to-date Actual	Difference
Revenue:				
Division III 3.18% Revenue Allocation	24,073,000	24,709,000	24,709,000	-
Total Revenue	24,073,000	24,709,000	24,709,000	-
Expenses:				
Championship Expenses				
Men's Championships				
Baseball	1,619,545	1,719,040	-	1,719,040
Basketball	751,641	805,550	50	805,500
Cross Country	545,613	555,635	-	555,635
Football	1,257,656	1,374,050	6	1,374,044
Golf	461,620	505,490	-	505,490
Ice Hockey	345,336	319,280	-	319,280
Lacrosse	389,079	389,620	230	389,390
Soccer	908,679	1,026,240	-	1,026,240
Swimming & Diving	498,708	531,180	399	530,781
Tennis	494,088	519,560	-	519,560
Indoor Track	340,233	388,320	-	388,320
Outdoor Track	618,051	674,270	-	674,270
Volleyball	4,431	247,800	-	247,800
Wrestling	250,119	287,380	1,283	286,097
Championship Webcasting	-	15,000	-	15,000
Total Men's Championships	8,484,799	9,358,415	1,968	9,356,447
Women's Championships				
Basketball	852,142	945,560	150	945,410
Cross Country	519,898	530,595	-	530,595
Field Hockey	376,479	388,050	-	388,050
Golf	272,621	279,110	-	279,110
Ice Hockey	183,146	231,430	-	231,430
Lacrosse	474,913	574,980	-	574,980
Rowing	372,054	413,470	390	413,080
Soccer	1,008,728	1,032,350	8	1,032,342
Softball	1,384,734	1,364,000	9	1,363,991
Swimming & Diving	509,942	538,020	-	538,020
Tennis	512,648	589,520	-	589,520
Indoor Track	348,163	402,760	-	402,760
Outdoor Track	619,865	711,360	-	711,360
Volleyball	837,018	943,720	1,826	941,894
Championship Webcasting	-	15,000	-	15,000
Total Women's Championships	8,272,351	8,959,925	2,384	8,957,541
Championships Expense	16,757,150	18,318,340	4,352	18,313,988
Overhead	289,100	366,550	91,638	274,913
Total Championships Expense	17,046,250	18,684,890	95,989	18,588,901

Strategic Initiative Conference Grants	2,205,440	2,384,300	2,273,656	110,644
Other Division III Strategic Initiatives				
NAD3AA Partnership	47,166	51,000	-	51,000
SWA Enhancement Grant Program (NACWAA)	16,817	20,000	-	20,000
Division-wide Sportsmanship Initiative	16,250	15,000	-	15,000
Strategic Alliance Matching Grant	625,193	670,000	617,704	52,296
Women & Minority Intern Program	751,981	820,000	648,084	171,916
Regional Seminar Planning	15,000	15,000	-	15,000
S-A Leadership Conference	300,196	356,000	9,563	346,437
Campus-based Student-Athlete Leadership Programming	45,000	80,000	-	80,000
Drug and Alcohol Education	-	125,000	-	125,000
Drug Education and Testing Pilot	-	150,000	-	150,000
FAR Institute	80,652	75,000	(100)	75,100
Conference Commissioners Meeting	11,602	15,000	-	15,000
Academic Reporting Stipend	50,000	-	-	-
Division III Identity Program	561,888	600,500	93,193	507,307
Officiating	149,984	-	-	-
Academic All-America Team Program (CoSIDA)	-	44,000	-	44,000
Division III Contributions	50,000	-	-	-
Division III Financial Recovery Insurance	150,000	200,000	100,000	100,000
Other Division III Initiatives	28,716	90,000	-	90,000
Overhead Allocation	856,000	861,000	215,250	645,750
Total Program Expenses	5,961,885	6,571,800	3,957,351	2,614,449
Total Division III Expenses	23,008,135	25,256,690	4,053,340	21,203,350
Excess Revenue over Expense	1,064,865	(547,690)	20,655,660	
Add: Previous Year's Fund Balance (Unallocated/Unused Funds)	17,461,945	18,526,810	18,526,810	
Total Fund Balance (Funds Available for Reserve/Future Use)	18,526,810	17,979,120	39,182,470	
Less: Mandated Reserve Funds Needed (Note 1)	9,258,400	9,767,200	9,767,200	
Total Funds Available for Contingency/Future Use	9,268,410	8,211,920	29,415,270	
Less: Encumbered for future year programs (Note 2)	488,000	600,000	600,000	
Total Division III Projected Unallocated Funds	8,780,410	7,611,920	28,815,270	

Note 1: The Mandated Reserve Funds Needed equals 80% of the annual revenue allocation less the $10 million in Division III financial recovery insurance coverage.

Note 2: Amount of encumbered for future year programs is based on proposed budget initiatives/increases for the next budget cycle.

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Division III Budget Projections

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Revenue:								
Division III 3.18% Revenue Allocation	24,073,000	24,709,000	25,364,000	26,296,000	27,071,000	27,941,000	28,727,000	29,525,000
Projected Revenue Increase	-0.6%	2.6%	2.7%	3.7%	2.9%	3.2%	2.8%	2.8%
Expenses:								
Championships Base Budget (Note 1)	17,943,890	18,296,890	19,052,810	19,428,090	19,810,870	20,201,310	20,599,560	21,005,770
Championships Initiatives	-	388,000	-	-	-	-		
Division III Insurance	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Programs Base Budget	5,682,800	6,271,800	6,416,800	7,016,800	7,062,800	7,062,800	7,111,400	7,111,400
Programs Initiatives	584,000	100,000	600,000	-	-	-	-	-
Total Division III Expenses	24,410,690	25,256,690	26,269,610	26,644,890	27,073,670	27,464,110	27,910,960	28,317,170
Net Change in Fund Balance	(337,690)	(547,690)	(905,610)	(348,890)	(2,670)	476,890	816,040	1,207,830
Projected Expense Increase	16.6%	3.5%	4.0%	1.4%	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.5%
Beginning Fund Balance (Projected Reserve and Unallocated Funds)	$ 17,461,946	$ 17,124,256	$ 16,576,566	$ 15,670,956	$ 15,322,066	$ 15,319,396	$ 15,796,286	$ 16,612,326
Less:								
Net Change in Fund Balance	(337,690)	(547,690)	(905,610)	(348,890)	(2,670)	476,890	816,040	1,207,830
Ending Fund Balance (Projected Reserve and Unallocated Funds)	$ 17,124,256	$ 16,576,566	$ 15,670,956	$ 15,322,066	$ 15,319,396	$ 15,796,286	$ 16,612,326	$ 17,820,156
Percent of Mandated Reserve	89%	84%	77%	73%	71%	71%	72%	75%
Mandated Reserve (Note 2)	$19,258,400	$19,767,200	$20,291,200	$21,036,800	$21,656,800	$22,352,800	$22,981,600	$23,620,000
Financial Recovery Insurance Policy	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Additional Reserve Funding Required	$9,258,400	$9,767,200	$10,291,200	$11,036,800	$11,656,800	$12,352,800	$12,981,600	$13,620,000
Including the following contingencies:								
Championship Contingency (Note 3)	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Note 1: Beginning with 2011-12, the championships budget increases each year based on 2% inflation. The conference grant program within the non-championship initiative budget would increase by 2% every two years.

Note 2: Beginning with 2010-11, the mandated reserve balance should equal 80% of the Division III revenue allocation. The Division III Financial Recovery Insurance policy of $10 million can provide a portion of this mandated funding.

Note 3: The Championships Contingency fund was created to support year-end championships budget shortfalls. It is not included in the championships base budget or the total Division III budget, but is a portion of the overall Mandated Reserve that has been allocated to championships. Only the unused portions of this contingency will roll over into the next year.

Future Budget Initiatives (new funding only since inflationary amounts have already been factored in):

2011-12 $388,000 - Division III Men's Volleyball (includes overhead)
$100,000 - Drug Education Module Development

2012-13 $600,000 - Drug Education & Testing

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ACADEMIC ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Action Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Action Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA SPOPL No. 2-6 – Eligibility -- Hardship Waiver – Practice After Injury.** The subcommittee was referred NCAA SPOPL No. 2-6 for comment. After a discussion of various factors, the subcommittee supported the proposal. In coming to a decision, the subcommittee noted the purpose of the hardship waiver is to provide a student-athlete the ability to preserve his or her season of eligibility due to injury or illness that prevents participation. Permitting participation in physical practice activity beyond rehabilitative exercises is inconsistent with the intent of the legislation. The subcommittee also noted that a student-athlete is still permitted to attend practices without physical participation to maintain his or her involvement with athletics.

2. **Waiver of Bylaw 14.1.8.1 – University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.** The subcommittee granted a waiver of NCAA Division III Bylaw 14.1.8.1 (requirement for practice and competition) for a student-athlete at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. The subcommittee approved the request based on the totality of the circumstances and noted the student-athlete is continuing at the same institution, is currently enrolled full time in courses applicable to a second baccalaureate degree program, provided hardship waiver documentation confirming he was deprived of the opportunity to engage in a meaningful season of participation, and displayed high academic achievement.

3. **Staff-approved waiver requests.** Per the authority designated by the NCAA Division III Management Council Academic Issues Subcommittee, the NCAA staff reviewed and granted a total of four requests for a waiver of Bylaw 14.1.8.1 (requirement for practice and competition) for the following two institutions.

A. Bard College. The staff granted three waivers to Bard College based on case precedent involving enrollment in all courses required for completion of the degree program, substantial cost savings, and graduation within four years of matriculation.

B. The City College of New York. The staff granted a waiver to The City College of New York based on case precedent involving participation in a non-required program that is considered a common and recommended institutional process. The staff also noted the student-athlete completed a baccalaureate degree within four years of matriculation and was admitted to and pursuing a graduate degree at the same institution.

Subcommittee Chair: Tim Downes, Emory University
Staff Liaisons: Azure Davey, Academic and Membership Affairs
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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF SEPTEMBER 7, 2011, FALL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. **Directive for Review of Requests Seeking Relief of NCAA Bylaw 17 to Extend the Playing Season Citing Nontraditional Academic Calendars as Mitigation.**

(1) Recommendation. To establish the following directive for review of requests seeking relief of NCAA Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) citing nontraditional academic calendars as mitigation.

Requests for Institutions with Nontraditional Academic Calendars to Extend the Playing Season. [Bylaw 17]

During its September 2011 teleconference, the NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief reviewed whether relief was appropriate in one-time or limited requests for institutions with nontraditional academic calendars to extend the playing season. The subcommittee believed that in general, these requests are inconsistent with the divisional philosophy. The subcommittee would review these circumstances on a case-by-case basis but is inclined to deny.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Bylaw 17.1.6.2 (playing-season waiver) was revised to state that an institution with a nontraditional academic calendar may apply to the NCAA Division III Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, for a waiver of the general or sport-specific playing-season regulations; however, there shall be no waivers to extend an institution's playing season beyond the legislated maximum number of weeks. The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that the scope of such waivers shall

extend only to those situations in which the institution's nontraditional academic calendar interferes with its ability to adhere to playing season regulations, as opposed to one-time or limited requests.

During its March 2011 teleconference, the subcommittee reviewed a case in which the staff provided relief for an institution to begin its playing-season a week earlier than the legislated start date due to the institution operating on a trimester system. The subcommittee directed the staff to archive the case, noting this was contrary to the divisional philosophy. Developing a directive for such waivers provides guidance to the staff and direction to the membership when considering such cases.

b. **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Review Guidelines as it Relates to Tie Votes in Appeal Cases.**

(1) Recommendation. To revise the review guidelines in the policies and procedures concerning tie votes in appeal cases as follows:

In situations where there is a tie vote, the initial decision of the staff shall be considered to be upheld.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Currently the policies and procedures indicate that in situations where there is a tie vote, the chair of the Management Council will be forwarded the materials and cast the tie-breaking vote. By revising the procedures as recommended, the decision remains with those individuals who review legislative relief requests on a routine basis and who have expertise in this particular area. Additionally, there will be consistency among all three divisions as it relates to the tie-breaking procedure for appeal cases.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Summary of Cases. From February 1, 2011, through July 31, 2011, the subcommittee and/or the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff reviewed a total of 14 Division III waiver requests (Attachment). The following is a summary of the decisions made by the staff and subcommittee:

a. Staff approved five cases. Two cases were approved based on the totality of circumstances and/or student-athlete well-being.

- One case involved an institution that sought a waiver to provide travel expenses for a student-athlete who had dropped below full-time status due to an injury. The other case involved an institution's request to provide expenses for a women's basketball team to participate in a professional sports event where the team was being recognized for extraordinary achievement. In these cases, case precedent or a directive was not directly on point; however, based on the flexible approach, staff determined that the cases should be approved.

b. Staff denied nine cases. Four of the staff decisions were appealed to the subcommittee. Of the seven cases denied by the staff that were not appealed, one sought relief from the graduate student/postbaccalaureate participation legislation, one involved relief from practice limitations associated with a foreign tour, two involved preseason practice limitations and three requested relief from transfer legislation.

c. Of the four cases that were appealed, the subcommittee affirmed staff denials in all cases. One appeal sought relief from the graduate student/postbaccalaureate participation legislation and three requested relief from transfer legislation.

2. Academic and Membership Affairs Business Practices Review. The subcommittee received an update from staff regarding the academic and membership affairs business practices review. As a result of reviewing the ways staff provides interpretative assistance to the membership, it was determined to change the interpretation hotline to have full-time staff solely receiving calls from the membership in an effort to provide further assistance to institutions. The part-time staff members will continue to field calls from the public. This change was implemented on September 1.

3. Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures Related to Archiving Cases. The subcommittee discussed the procedures for archiving cases decided prior to a given date. Currently, cases shall be archived by the staff every five years; however, the subcommittee and staff recognize that there may be an opportunity to archive cases on a shorter time frame (e.g. every three years) to assist in ensuring the current divisional philosophy is reflected within case precedent. The staff will conduct a study of all case precedent to determine if an adequate number of cases are available to archive every three years as opposed to every five. The staff will present its findings to the subcommittee for review at an upcoming meeting.

Committee Chair: *Charlyn Robert, Nichols College, The Commonwealth Coast Conference*
Staff Liaisons: *D. Kelly Brooks, Academic and Membership Affairs*
Natasha Oakes, Academic and Membership Affairs

ATTACHMENT
SUPPLEMENT NO. 04
DIII Mgmt Council 10/10

Summary of Cases Decided
February 1, 2011 – July 31, 2011

CASES GRANTED

Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
36425	Legislative Relief Waiver	Request for Any Other Individual, Entity or Event	No

Student-Athlete Name	Institution	Division	Sport(s)
		III	

Legislative Cite(s)

14.2.4.1 - Minimum Amount of Participation.
14.02.2 - Collegiate Institution.

Decision Information

Decision	Decision Date	Decision Level
Approved	06/09/2011	Staff

Conditions

Decision Rationale

Case precedent.: 10920
Other:: Management Council's October 2004 determination that a waiver of the definition of a collegiate institution be granted for an indefinitely.

Case Summary

- The applicant institution, has used a preparatory school (Prep School) for many years to provide academic enhancement for perspective student-athletes (PSA) who seek to gain admission to the applicant institution.
- These candidates have attended the prep schools under the sponsorship of the applicant institution to strengthen the PSA's academic backgrounds prior to admission to the applicant institution.
- PSA's meet with faculty and take a full battery of placement tests, which are repeated when they enroll as freshman at the applicant institution about one year later with specific requests for course work tailored to each PSA's individual needs while at the Prep School.
- There are no transferable credits from the prep schools that are applied to their course load at the applicant institution, and there is no academic degree that is earned.
- The applicant institution would like the PSA's to have the ability to particiapte in athletics at the prep schools; however, NCAA Division III legislation prohibits participation during or after the first contest in the traditional segment following the student-athlete's initial participation of that academic year at that institution

Applicant institution asserts;
(1) PSA's attend the prep schools under the sponsorship of the applicant institution to strengthen their academic backgrounds;
(2) PSA's repeat these courses when they enroll as freshman cadets at the applicant institution; and,
(3) Similar waivers have been granted in 2005 and in 2008.

Specific Case Information

Describe the institution's request for relief. This letter is written on behalf of the United States Coast Guard Academy regarding our request for an eligibility waiver for prospective cadets who are attending a preparatory school prior to admissi

Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
21885	Legislative Relief Waiver	Request for a Prospective Student-Athlete or Student-Athlete Eligibility and Transfer Graduate/Postbaccalaureate Participation (DIII Only)	No

Student-Athlete Name	Institution	Division	Sport(s)
		III	Men's Soccer

Legislative Cite(s)

14.1.9 - Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation.

Decision Information

Decision	Decision Date	Decision Level
Approved	05/12/2011	Staff

Conditions

Decision Rationale

Overall academic record.: SA graduated ahead of schedule in three and a half years with a 3.250 GPA
(Sub)Committee for Legislative Relief Guideline(s).: April 2008 NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief directive regarding graduate student transfers

Case Summary

2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years, 2010 fall quarter and 2011 winter quarter: Student-athlete (SA) attended Institution No. 1 (a Division I institution). SA did not participate in athletics.
March 2011: SA graduated from Institution No. 1.
Fall 2011: SA has been accepted and expects to enroll as a full-time student in the Masters of Counseling Program at applicant institution.

Assertions:
(1) SA graduated from institution No. 1 ahead of schedule;
(2) SA possesses a 3.250 grade point average; and
(3) SA has never participated in athletics and has eligibility remaining.

Applicant institution is requesting SA to be immediately eligible to compete as a graduate student; however, Division III graduate transfer legislation prohibits transfer SAs who have not previously attended applicant institution as an undergraduate student to participate in athletics.

Specific Case Information

Describe the institution's request for relief.

Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
17025	Legislative Relief Waiver	Request for Any Other Individual, Entity or Event	No

Student-Athlete Name	Institution	Division	Sport(s)
		III	

Legislative Cite(s)

13.1.1.1 - Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule.
13.7.2.1.1 - Meals.
13.1.1.1 - High School Prospective Student-Athletes.
13.7.2.7 - Eligibility Ramifications -- Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits.
13.7.2.7 - Eligibility Ramifications -- Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits.
13.7.2.1.1.2 - Exception -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

Decision Information

Decision	Decision Date	Decision Level
Approved	05/10/2011	Staff

Conditions

Decision Rationale

Intent of the legislation.
Case precedent.

Case Summary

Applicant institution is a Division III institution in all sports except for Division I rowing. In celebration of its 150th year anniversary, applicant institution will be hosting a Convocation at a local convention and exhibition center. The event is open to applicant institution's entire community and is expected to draw a very large attendance. In conjunction with the Convocation, applicant institution's athletics department has planned a large reception with an expected attendance of approximately 16,000 alumni and their families, current student-athletes (SA), parents of current SAs and athletics department staff. The planned reception will include complimentary refreshments. During the same weekend as this very large event, applicant institution's admissions office has planned its annual Campus Preview Weekend for all admitted high school seniors and their families and has extended an invitation to the Convocation to all Campus Preview Weekend attendees. Although they have not been invited to attend the athletics department reception, applicant institution believes that there is a potential for some of the Campus Preview Weekend attendees who are prospective student-athletes (PSAs) to wander into the reception and help themselves to refreshments. In addition, it is possible that invited alumni might bring their children who are PSAs to the reception and partake in the refreshments.

Application institution asserted: (1) The Convocation will be open to a very large audience which will include PSAs and there is a potential that the PSAs may partake in refreshments at the DAPER reception; and (2) The waiver is not intended to provide applicant institution with any recruiting advantage.

Due to the close proximity of the events, applicant institution would like to be permitted to provide the complimentary refreshments of nominal value to any PSAs who should enter the reception on their own and eat something; however,

NCAA regulations prohibit the institution from providing meals to PSAs.

Specific Case Information

Describe the institution's request for relief.

Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
28485	Legislative Relief Waiver	All Other Full-Time Enrollment Waivers-Practice and Competition Less Than Full-Time Enrollment	No

Student-Athlete Name	Institution	Division	Sport(s)
[illegible]	[illegible]	III	Women's Lacrosse

Legislative Cite(s)

14.1.8.1 - Requirement for Practice or Competition.
16.8.1.2 - Competition While Representing Institution.

Decision Information

Decision	Decision Date	Decision Level
Approved	05/03/2011	Staff

Conditions

Decision Rationale

Student-athlete well-being.: Staff noted the timing of SA's medical condition which required her to fall below full-time status.
Totality of the circumstances.: .

Case Summary

2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 academic years: Student-athlete (SA) initially enrolled, practiced and competed at applicant institution.

March 15, 2011: SA sustained a concussion and whiplash injury when hit in the head by a lacrosse ball.

SA subsequently was instructed by medical professionals to cease athletic participation and withdraw from courses therefore falling below full time.

Applicant institution requests permission to provide transportation, lodging and meals to SA for her to accompany the team to the conference and subsequent NCAA tournament. However, NCAA benefits legislation prohibits the provision of travel expenses to a SA who is not eligible for competition.

Waive the normal application of benefits legislation to permit the applicant institution to provide SA with the benefits of transportation, lodging and meals in order to attend the conference lacrosse championships and NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Regional Championships.

Assertions:
1) Athough SA is not eligible for competition, allowing her to accompany the team to the tournament will be helpful in her recovery from her whiplash and concussion symptoms which were outside of her control;
2)SA will not be participating in any practice or competition; and
3) SA is a good student and; but, for the injury would be traveling to the contests.

Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
20285	Legislative Relief Waiver	Request for a Sports Team	Yes

Student-Athlete Name	Institution	Division	Sport(s)
		III	Women's Basketball

Legislative Cite(s)

16.10.1.6 - Recognition by Professional Sports Organization.

Decision Information

Decision	Decision Date	Decision Level
Approved	04/13/2011	Staff

Conditions

Decision Rationale

Student-athlete well-being.: .

Case Summary

FACTS
A WBNA team would like to recognize applicant institution's women's basketball team for their accomplishments during the 2010-11 season. The on-court recognition will occur during the WNBA game on June 24, 2011. Student-athletes (SAs) will pay for and provide their own transportation from their summer home to campus.

Applicant institution would like to provide transportation to the WNBA game and back to campus, expenses for one night in a hotel, and four meals en route to and from the WNBA arena; however, it is prelude from doing so by recognition by professional sports organization legislation. Specifically, institutions may only provide actual costs for reasonable entertainment that take place during a trip where an institution is recognized by a professional sports organization.

ASSERTIONS
(1) Applicant institution's women's basketball team will be recognized for their run into the NCAA playoffs during the 2010-11 academic year;
(2) This is a unique opportunity for the SAs to experience;
(3) Applicant institution is three hours away from the site of the WNBA arena and will need to stay in a hotel; and
(4) This provides applicant institution with a unique opportunity to emphasize and promote women's athletics in the local area.

Specific Case Information

Describe the institution's request for relief.

CASES DENIED

Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
22565	Legislative Relief Waiver	Request for a Prospective Student-Athlete or Student-Athlete Eligibility and Transfer Pending Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Waiver (DIII Only)	Yes

Student-Athlete Name	Institution	Division	Sport(s)
[illegible]	Concordia University Chicago	III	Baseball

Legislative Cite(s)

14.5.1.2 - Disciplinary Suspension.

Decision Information

Decision	Decision Date	Decision Level
Denied	04/22/2011	Staff

Conditions

Decision Rationale

Other:: SA was serving a disciplinary penatly at Institution No. 1 at the point of which he triggered transfer to applicant institution.
Circumstances do not warrant relief of the legislation.
Circumstances within applicant institution's control and/or student-athlete's control.
Intent of the legislation.
Lack of knowledge of legislation does not warrant relief.

Case Summary

2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years: Student-athlete (SA) practiced and competed at Institution No. 1 (a Division III institution).
April 27, 2010: SA was removed from the baseball team at Institution No. 1.
May 2010: SA applied for admission to applicant institution.
June 16, 2010: SA was accepted for admission to applicant institution.
June 23, 2010: SA attempted to withdraw from Institution No. 1; however, he was unable to do so due to an athletics hold on his classes.
July 8, 2010: A judicial hearing was held at Institution No. 1 regarding SA's repeated conduct violations at Institution No. 1. SA's attendance at the hearing was excused.
July 9, 2010: SA received an email from Institution No. 1 indicating he was suspended from Institution No. 1 until January 2011 and that he was to have no contact with the head baseball coach at Institution No. 1 and any violation of the no contact order would result in his immediate arrest.
2010-11 academic year: SA transferred to applicant institution and did not participate in athletics.

Assertions:
(1) SA was on probation at Institution No. 1 until May 31, 2010. He violated his probation which led to his suspension from Institution No. 1 July 9, 2010. SA's conduct that led to the violations included harrassment, behavior that caused distrubance and

breaking local laws;
(2) SA left Institution No. 1 with a 2.54 grade-point average and 52-credit hours earned;
(3) If SA had waited until the 2011 spring term to transfer to applicant institution his suspension at Institution No. 1 would have been completed and he would be immediately eligible for competition at applicant institution; and
(4) SA fulfilled his disciplinary suspension at Institution No. 1 and was eligible to reapply to Institution No. 1.

Waive the normal application of the disciplinary suspension legislation and permit SA to be immediately eligible at applicant institution for the 2011 spring term.

Specific Case Information

Describe the institution's request for relief.

Legislative Relief Waiver Report

Case Number 14091

Action Staff Denied

Decision Date March 15, 2011

Division III

Sport(s)
Football

Bylaw(s)
14.1.9 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation.

Facts:
4-4-4 graduate student transfer.
Fall 2007: Student-athlete (SA) attended Institution No. 1 (a Division III Institution). SA did not participate in athletics.
Spring 2008, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years: SA transferred to Institution No. 2 (a Division II Institution). SA did not participate in athletics.
May 2011: SA will be graduating from Institution No. 2.
2011 fall term: SA plans to attend Institution No. 3 (a Division III institution) as a degree-seeking graduate student but has not yet been admitted to the program.
Applicant institution would like SA to be immediately eligible for competition during the 2010 fall term; however, SA will be a 4-4-4 graduate student transfer in the sport of football and does not satisfy the graduate student/post baccalaureate participation legislation.

Request of Institution:
Waive the normal application of the graduate student/postbaccalaureate participation legislation and permit SA to be immediately eligible for participation (practice and competition) in intercollegiate athletics at applicant institution. Applicant institution asserts: (1) SA has not practiced or competed in the sport of football at either one of his previous institutions because SA enrolled at Institution No. 1 too late to participate during fall 2007 and Institution No. 2 did not sponsor the sport of football; (2) SA will graduate in four years from Institution No. 2 with two semesters of eligibility remaining; (3) SA currently has a grade-point average greater than 3.000; (4) Institution No. 2 does does not offer the specific graduate program SA is seeking; and (5) Although SA was accepted to Institution No. 3 to complete his undergraduate degree in December 2009, he remained at institution No. 2 to complete his degree based on advice from Institution No. 3's director of athletics that he would be eligible to compete in football as a graduate student even if he graduated from a different institution.

Rationale:
STAFF DENIED: Based on the NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief April 2008 directive involving graduate student transfers and case precedent. Specifically, the staff noted that even if SA had not been misadvised, SA graduated in four years and does not meet the subcommittee's directive that requires a SA to graduate ahead of schedule.

Legislation:

14.1.9 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation.

A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the institution he or she most recently attended as an undergraduate (regardless of whether the individual has received a U.S. baccalaureate degree or its equivalent), 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 10-semester/15-quarter period set forth in Bylaw 14.2 (see Bylaw 14.1.8.1.6.4). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 7/22/08, 10/20/09)*

Case Number 13934

Action Staff Denied

Decision Date March 3, 2011

Division III

Sport(s)
Men's Lacrosse

Bylaw(s)
14.5.5.1 General Rule.

Facts:
November 28, 2007: Student-athlete (SA) was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) while in high school. SA's physician prescribed SA medication to address his ADHD.
2009-10 academic year: Institution No. 1 (a Division I institution). SA practiced. SA attempted 29 credit hours, earned 17 credit hours and achieved a 1.724 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) during the 2009-10 academic year.
August 2009: SA was advised to stop taking his ADHD medication until neuropsychiatric and educational testing was conducted.
September 19 and 20, 2009: SA underwent a neurocognitive learning assessment.
Late October 2009: The results of SA's neuropsychiatric and educational testing were provided to the appropriate individuals at Institution No. 1. The results determined SA suffered from ADHD and had significant difficulties with inattention and distractibility, impulse control, inappropriate activity levels, noncompliant behaviors, difficulties with disorganization and underachievement and intermittent difficulties with emotionality. SA's physician prescribed SA with two medications to assist SA with classes and studying. SA was provided a specific list of recommendation for accommodations including a single room to live in, extended time, tape recording of classes, use of a calculator, copies of class notes, tutoring and preferential seating in the classroom.
2010 summer term: SA attended Institution No. 1. SA attempted 10 credit hours, earned seven credit hours and achieved a 1.766 cumulative GPA. SA was academically dismissed from Institution No. 1. SA left Institution No. 1 on academic suspension, not in good academic standing and academically ineligible because he did not meet the six-credit hour, 18-credit hour and GPA requirements.
2010 fall term: SA attended a two-year institution part time while living at home with his parents.
2011 spring term: SA transferred to applicant institution.

Applicant institution would like SA to be immediately eligible to compete for the 2011 spring term; however, SA is a 4-4 transfer who was not academically eligible when he departed Institution No. 1 and must serve a transfer year in residence. Due to assertions involving the actions of personnel at Institution No. 1, applicant institution provided a copy of the waiver materials, per NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief policies and procedures to Institution No. 1. Institution No. 1 provided a written statement indicating: (1) SA was informed August 25, 2009, of the NCAA's newly implemented ADHD medical exceptions policy and was given a packet of information explaining the policy and the process that needed to be undertaken and the documentation needed in order to be in compliance with the NCAA ADHD policy; (2) SA submitted documentation from his physician August 28, 2009. The documentation was reviewed by the head team physician at Institution No. 1 August 30, 2009. At that time, it was determined by the head team physician that SA needed to submit the actual results of the evaluation tests and tools performed; (3) SA met with Institution No. 1's assistant director of athletics for sports medicine September 7, 2009, and was informed that his documentation was incomplete and what was needed to complete his documentation. SA was also advised that if he were to be tested by the NCAA and the tests were to come back positive for the ADHD medication that SA would be suspended by the NCAA until he could provide the required documentation; (4) At no time was SA instructed by the staff at Institution No. 1 to discontinue his ADHD medication; (5) SA was provided Institution No. 1's head team physician's email address in the event that his parents or his personal physician had questions regarding the NCAA ADHD policy, the approval process and the documentation that was submitted; (6) SA submitted the required documentation to complete his file October 13, 2009; and

Request of Institution:
FACTS CONTINUED: (7) Institution No. 1 has no problem with the waiver being granted; however, is opposed to the waiver being granted based on the current rationale provided by applicant institution that Institution No. 1 did not treat SA

properly.

REQUEST OF THE INSTITUTION:

Waive the normal application of the transfer legislation and permit SA to be immediately eligible to compete for the 2011 spring term. Applicant institution asserts: (1) SA was diagnosed with ADHD prior to arriving at Institution No. 1 for the 2009-10 academic year. SA was prescribed medication to assist with his ADHD. Institution No. 1's staff instructed SA to discontinue his medication to comply with NCAA rules until a full neuropsychiatric and education assessment could be performed. SA was not on medication for the first two months of the 2009 fall term. When SA was able to resume his medication, he had already fallen behind in his courses and was unable to catch up academically to meet eligibility requirements; (2) Institution No. 1 forced SA to choose between taking his ADHD medication and not being a Division I student-athlete or not taking his medication in order to play lacrosse at Institution No. 1; (3) SA's physician documented it was clinically unnecessary for SA to go through the neuropsychiatric and educational testing October 12, 2009, which was why SA had not going through the testing previously. SA's physician provided a letter to Institution No. 1 regarding SA's treatment and need for medication but Institution No. 1 determined the physician's notes were not sufficient to approve SA's participation while on ADHD medication; (4) SA requested accommodations for his ADHD at Institution No. 1; however, he was not provided any accommodations to help him succeed at Institution No. 1 during the 2009 fall term; (5) SA requested a room change at Institution No. 1 to provide a more suitable learning environment with less distractions; however, Institution No. 1 did not fulfill SA's request; (6) SA will receive the accommodations he needs at applicant institution to be successful. With the proper guidance, support and opportunities, SA is capable of achieving great success both in the classroom and on the playing field at applicant institution; and (7) SA was not recruited by applicant institution.

SA asserts: (1) SA was told to immediately stop taking his ADHD medication on enrolling at Institution No. 1. SA was greatly affected by the lack of medication as he had taken it routinely for two years. SA was advised to get a formal evaluation and written documentation verifying his diagnosis. The letter supplied by SA's treating physician for the past two years was not adequate. This caused SA to struggle with his ADHD for the first few months at Institution No. 1; (2) During the 2010 spring term, SA was unable to continue his medication routinely without the assistance of his physicians due to the abrupt stop in medication during the 2009 fall term. It took SA until the beginning of the 2010 summer term to finally meet with his physicians and get on the right medication; (3) SA struggled with his living situation at Institution No. 1 because he lived in an apartment with seven other SAs and two people shared each bedroom; (4) SA did not receive accommodations for his ADHD and his roommates did not respect his illness. SA and his mother approached Institution No. 1's lacrosse coach to address SA's living situation; however, the coach indicated nothing could be changed until after the 2009-10 academic year; and (5) SA did better academically during the 2010 summer term when he lived by himself and the smaller class sizes during the summer term fit the needs of his ADHD.

Rationale:

STAFF DENIED: Based on the intent of the legislation, circumstances not warranting a waiver of the legislation and circumstances within the control of SA. The staff noted: (1) Once SA was considered to be a student with a disability at Institution No. 1, he received accommodations to assist with his education; however, SA was unable to achieve academic eligibility requirements with the use of accommodations; (2) SA's decision to transfer to applicant institution because he prefers the small class sizes and to participate in applicant institution's educational support program is a preference and not a circumstance that warrants relief of the legislation; (3) SA's assertion that he was advised by personnel at Institution No. 1 to stop taking his ADHD medication August 2009 could not be substantiated; (4) It was documented that SA stopped taking his ADHD medication for a two-month period of time August through October 2009; however, this lapse does not explain SA's poor academic performance during the 2010 spring term; (5) The size of SA's academic deficiencies. Specifically, SA left Institution No. 1 not in good academic standing and not meeting the six-credit hour, 18-credit hour and GPA requirements; and (6) SA was academically dismissed from Institution No. 1. Finally, the staff noted the intent of the transfer legislation is to allow transfer SAs to academically acclimate at the certifying institution.

Legislation:

14.5.5.1 General Rule.

A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition until the student has fulfilled an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution unless the student qualifies for one of the transfer exceptions set forth in Bylaws 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2 or 14.5.5.1.3. A transfer

student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) may qualify for an exception to the academic year of residence requirement provided he or she does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 5/7/10)*

Case Number 14011

Action Staff Denied

Decision Date March 2, 2011

Division III

Sport(s)
Men's Lacrosse

Bylaw(s)
14.5.5.1 General Rule.
14.5.5.1.1 Exception.

Facts:
Qualifier.
2-4-4 transfer
2007-08 academic year: Institution No. 1 (a two-year institution); Student-athlete (SA) practiced and competed.
2008-2009 academic year: Institution No. 1; SA practiced and competed.
2009 fall term: SA moved to locale of Institution No. 2 (a Division II institution). SA enrolled part time in online courses at Institution No.1 after being advised by Institution No. 2 that successful completion of the nine hours of online courses would get SA eligible for the 2010 spring term.
SA attempted nine hours, earned six with a 2.000 grade-point average (GPA).
2010 spring term: SA attended Institution No. 2 full time without practice or competition.
2010 fall term: SA attended Institution No. 3 (a Division III institution) full time and practiced.

SA is a 2-4-4 transfer who wishes to be immediately eligible for competition during the 2010-11 academic year at applicant institution; however, SA does not satisfy a transfer exception.

Request of Institution:
Waive the normal application of the transfer year-in-residence legislation and permit SA to be immediately eligible for competition at applicant institution during the 2008-09 academic year. Applicant institution asserts: (1) SA was not informed by Institution No. 2 that he was lacking the required 48 transferable hours for fall 2009, despite any plan provided to him to regain his eligibility for the 2010 spring term; (2) SA currently maintains a 3.070 GPA at Institution No. 3; and (3) He has demonstrated an ongoing and unwavering commitment to the sport.

Rationale:
STAFF DENIED: Based on case precedent, intent of the legislation and circumstances within SA's control. The staff noted: (1) SA was not originally advised of his transferable hours before the 2009 fall term; however, SA was properly advised of the online hours needed to regain his eligibility in the 2010 spring term and failed to complete all nine hours; and (2) There was no specific event or mitigation that forced SA to transfer to Institution No. 3; and (3) Had SA remained he would have served his residency requirement by the 2011 spring term.

Legislation:

14.5.5.1 General Rule.

A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition until the student has fulfilled an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution unless the student qualifies for one of the transfer exceptions set forth in Bylaws 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2 or 14.5.5.1.3. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) may qualify for an exception to the academic year of residence requirement provided he or she does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 5/7/10)*

14.5.5.1.1 Exception.

A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if: *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) The student has not previously used a season of participation at a Division III institution pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, and has never practiced or competed in intercollegiate athletics at a non-Division III institution. This provision is not applicable to a Division III student who has been granted a hardship waiver per Bylaw 14.2.5 or a season-of-participation waiver per Bylaws 14.2.6 or 14.2.7; *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

(b) The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution and would have been academically and athletically eligible, at the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), had he or she remained at the previous institution; or *(Revised: 1/12/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(c) The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete's sport and, while at that institution, the student-athlete: *(Adopted: 1/12/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(i) Successfully completed at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit; and

(ii) Completed at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters.

Legislative Relief Waiver Report

Case Number 13968

Action Staff Denied

Decision Date February 24, 2011

Division III

Sport(s)
Football

Bylaw(s)
17.28.1.6 Practice Limitation.

Facts:
Applicant institution's football team is participating in a foreign tour in Winnipeg, Canada May 15, 2011. Applicant institution is permitted to begin practice 20 calendar days before the foreign tour departure date, which is April 22, 2011. Applicant institution requests to begin practice a day earlier April 21, 2011.

Applicant institution would like to begin its 10 practices 21 days prior to the foreign tour departure date; however, it is prohibited from doing so by NCAA legislation. Specifically, institutions are allowed to begin foreign tour practice 20 days prior to the foreign tour departure date.

Request of Institution:
Waive the normal application of the foreign tour practice limitation legislation and permit applicant institution to begin practice 21 days prior to the foreign tour departure date. Applicant institution asserts: (1) applicant institution's academic schedule includes commencement, final exams and Easter holidays during the 20 days preceding the foreign tour departure date; (2) this foreign tour provides a unique opportunity for the institution and its student-athletes to meet and compete against foreign student-athletes; (3) the team is conducting a football clinic for the area youth; and (4) applicant institution is not asking for any additional practice time, but only an additional day to have a practice so it can accommodate its campus academic schedule conflicts.

Rationale:
STAFF DENIED: Based on the intent of the legislation and circumstances not warranting relief from the legislation. Specifically, staff noted that the scheduling of the foreign tour was within the institution's control.

Legislation:

17.28.1.6 Practice Limitation.

Not more than 10 days of practice are permitted before departure. The 10 days of practice are not required to occur on consecutive days, provided extenuating circumstances exist (e.g., final exams, convocation, summer class schedules, summer employment, etc.) that affect the institution's ability to conduct 10 days of practice in the 10 days immediately before departure and all practice days are conducted during the 20 calendar days immediately before the foreign tour departure date. Only student-athletes who will accompany the team on the foreign tour are permitted to participate in the 10 practice days (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2). *(Revised: 10/18/04, 1/10/05, 1/9/06, 10/20/06)*

CASES DENIED AND APPEALED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE

Case Number 14012
Action Denied
Decision Date May 5, 2011
Division III
Sport(s)
Football
Bylaw(s)
14.5.5.1 General Rule.
14.5.5.1.1 Exception.

Facts:
2-4-2-4-2-4 transfer.
2007-08 academic year: Student-athlete (SA) initially enrolled at Institution No. 1 (a two year institution), SA practiced and competed.
2008 fall term: SA transferred to applicant institution, SA practiced and competed.
December 2008: SA was dismissed from applicant institutition for disciplinary reasons.
2009 spring term: SA transferred to Institution No. 1. SA did not participate in athletics.
2009 fall term: SA transferred to applicant institution. SA practiced and competed.
January 2010: SA was dismissed from applicant institution for disciplinary reasons.
2010 spring term: SA did not attend any collegiate institution.
2010 summer and fall terms: SA attended Institution No. 1; SA earned 33 credits with a 3.181 grade-point average.
December 2010: SA graduated from Institution No. 1 with an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree. Head coach at applicant institution invited SA to rejoin the team when informed that SA was re-admitted for the 2011 spring term.
Applicant institution requests SA be immediately eligible for competition; however, SA is a 4-2-4 transfer who was not eligible to remain at the four-year institution and did not spend a minimum of two semesters at the two-year institution.
March 31, 2011: Following notification of the staff decision, applicant institution submitted additional information for reconsideration. Applicant institution provided documentation indicating that SA was diagnosed with ADHD - Predominantly Inattentive Type on January 23, 2010. SA began taking and continues to take prescribed medication for this condition.
The diagnosing clinician recommended that SA be provided access to campus accommodations, specifically extra time to take tests and copies of classmates' notes.
SA did not receive accommodations at Institution No. 1 and first received accommodations at applicant institution following midterms for the 2011 spring term; SA indicates that he did not seek accommodations because he did not realize they were available.

Request of Institution:
Waive the normal application of the transfer legislation and permit SA to be eligible for the 2011 fall term. Applicant institution asserts: (1) SA did not enroll for the 2010 spring term at Institution No. 1 due to the timing of his dismissal from applicant institution; (2) SA was withdrawn from a four-year institution for two regular terms and earned 33 credit hours at the two-year institution during the 2010 summer and fall terms; (3) SA could have enrolled at Institution No. 1 for an additional term (i.e., 2011 spring term) had the head coach at applicant institution advised him to do so; and (4) SA earned an A.A. degree at Institution No. 1 prior to transferring so there would be no academic reason for SA to return to Institution No. 1 for an additional term. In support of the request for reconsideration, applicant institution further asserts: (1) SA was suffering from an undiagnosed education-impacting disability (EID) at the time of the disciplinary incidents that resulted in his two suspensions; (2) SA has since been diagnosed with ADHD and is taking medication that has been extremely beneficial from a social and academic perspective; and (3) SA exhausted eligibility for state Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) payments at a two-year institution at the conclusion of the 2010 fall term.

Rationale:
STAFF DENIED (March 3, 2011): Based on circumstances within SA's control, circumstances not warranting relief of the legislation and intent of the legislation. The staff noted: (1) SA would not have been required to attend Institution No. 1 for two semesters but for SA's disciplinary suspension from applicant institution prior to the 2010 spring term; and (2) Lack of awareness of the legislation is not a circumstance that warrants relief.

STAFF RECONSIDERATION DENIED (April 29, 2011): Based on circumstances within SA's control, circumstances not warranting relief of the legislation, the October 2000 NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief information standards regarding education-impacting disabilities and case precedent. The staff noted: (1) Documentation does not support a nexus between the diagnosed EID and SA's multiple disciplinary suspensions; and (2) SA has provided no documentation to establish that the SA needed accommodations were unavailable at Institution No. 1.

SUBCOMMITTEE DENIED (May 5, 2011): The subcommittee upheld the staff's decision and agreed with the staff's rationale for the waiver request.

Legislation:

14.5.5.1 General Rule.

A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition until the student has fulfilled an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution unless the student qualifies for one of the transfer exceptions set forth in Bylaws 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2 or 14.5.5.1.3. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) may qualify for an exception to the academic year of residence requirement provided he or she does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 5/7/10)*

14.5.5.1.1 Exception.

A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if: *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) The student has not previously used a season of participation at a Division III institution pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, and has never practiced or competed in intercollegiate athletics at a non-Division III institution. This provision is not applicable to a Division III student who has been granted a hardship waiver per Bylaw 14.2.5 or a season-of-participation waiver per Bylaws 14.2.6 or 14.2.7; *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

(b) The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution and would have been academically and athletically eligible, at the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), had he or she remained at the previous institution; or *(Revised: 1/12/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(c) The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete's sport and, while at that institution, the student-athlete: *(Adopted: 1/12/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(i) Successfully completed at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit; and

(ii) Completed at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters.

Case Number 14075

Action Denied

Decision Date March 24, 2011

Division III

Sport(s)
Baseball

Bylaw(s)
14.1.9 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation.

Facts:
Qualifier.
2-4-4 transfer.
2006 fall term: Student-athlete (SA) enrolled full time at Institution No. 1(a two-year institution). SA practiced.
2007 spring term: SA attended Institution No. 1 as a part-time student.
2007 fall term: SA attended Institution No. 1 full time. SA practiced.
2008 spring term: SA attended Institution No. 2 (a Division II institution). SA practiced and competed.
2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years: SA attended Institution No. 2. SA practiced and competed.
2010-11 academic years: SA transferred to applicant institution.

Applicant institution would like SA to be immediately eligible to compete as a graduate student; however, SA is pursuing a graduate degree at an institution other than the institution SA attended as an undergraduate and; therefore, is not eligible to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

Request of Institution:
Waive the normal application of the graduate student transfer legislation and allow SA to participate in intercollegiate athletics at applicant institution which is not the same institution SA previously attended and earned his degree. Application institution asserts: (1) Institution No. 2 went through a coaching change after the 2010 spring season. SA graduated from Institution No. 2 in May 2010 and was informed that his athletically related aid would not be renewed for graduate school. Specifically, SA's out-of-state tuition waiver would not be given for graduate school; (2) SA contacted applicant institution's head coach about transferring as a graduate student and was not informed that he would be ineligible; and (3) SA graduated with an undergraduate degree in four years while taking one part-time semester.

Rationale:
STAFF DENIED (March 18, 2011): Based on the NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief April 2008 directive involving graduate student transfers and case precedent. Specifically, the staff noted: (1) SA completed four years of undergraduate study and did not graduate ahead of schedule at Institution No. 2; (2) SA did not continue his education as a full-time student but; rather, he enrolled one semester as a part-time student; and (3) That while applicant institution may have misadvised SA, SA would not have been eligible at any Division III institution.
SUBCOMMITTEE DENIED (March 24, 2010): The NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief upheld the staff's decision and agreed with the staff's rationale for the waiver request. Further, the subcomittee noted SA received four meaningful years of athletics participation and noted there was nothing extenuating in the waiver request.

Legislation:

14.1.9 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation.

A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the institution he or she most recently attended as an undergraduate (regardless of whether the individual has received a U.S. baccalaureate degree or its equivalent), 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 10-semester/15-quarter period set

forth in Bylaw 14.2 (see Bylaw 14.1.8.1.6.4). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 7/22/08, 10/20/09)*

Case Number 14051
Action Denied
Decision Date March 17, 2011
Division III
Sport(s)
Men's Golf
Bylaw(s)
14.5.5.1 General Rule.
14.5.5.1.1 Exception.

Facts:
2-4-2-4-4 transfer.
2005-06 academic year: Student-athlete (SA) attended Institution No. 1 (a two-year institution), SA did not practice, compete or receive athletically related aid.
Fall 2006: SA transferred to Institution No. 2 (a Division III institution), SA practiced and competed.
Spring 2007: SA enrolled part-time at Institution No. 1.
Fall 2007: SA enrolled part-time at Institution No. 2.
Spring 2008: SA enrolled full-time at Institution No. 1.
2009-10 academic year: SA enrolled full-time at Institution No. 2, SA practiced and competed.
Fall 2010: SA enrolled full-time at Institution No. 2, SA practiced and competed.
October 30, 2010: SA went out with friends to celebrate Halloween and damaged a bed of flowers and a walkway light in front of Institution No. 2's admissions building.
November 2010: It was discovered SA's friends committed additional vandalism the same night SA had been out celebrating Halloween.
November 17, 2010: SA met with Institution No. 2's dean of students during a formal hearing. SA informed the dean of students about the walkway light and flowers that were damaged and another student admitted to the additional vandalism that was committed. It was determined SA had committed disorderly conduct and destruction of property and was required to complete 15 hours of community service by January 31, 2011.
November 29, 2010: SA completed the self-release form and submitted it to applicant institution.
December 2, 2010: SA met with Institution No. 2's president.
January 7, 2011: SA met with Institution No. 2's dean of students to acknowledge completion of 15 hours of community service.
January 10, 2011: Classes began at applicant institution.
January 15, 2011: SA had a call with Institution No. 2's director of athletics to discuss his eligibility.
Spring 2011: SA transferred to applicant institution.

Applicant institution would like SA to be immediately eligible to compete for the 2011 spring term; however, SA is a 4-4 transfer and does not meet any exception to the transfer legislation. Specifically, SA left Institution No. 2 athletically ineligible.

Institution No. 2 provided a written statement indicating:

(1) Institution No. 2's director of athletics met with SA in November 2010 to discuss sanctions that were being imposed by the department of athletics in addition to those imposed by the institution. SA was aware of the additional penalties six weeks prior to January 15, 2011. Further, the head golf coach at Institution No. 2 communicated the additional sanctions that were imposed by the department of athletics with SA following SA's November meeting with the director of athletics; and
(2) The call January 15, 2011, came only when SA learned his eligibility at applicant institution was in question due to Institution No. 2 declaring him athletically ineligible as a result of him not completing the additional sanctions imposed by the department of athletics. SA's call was not for clarification of the additional sanctions that had been imposed by the department of athletics but rather SA's call was regarding his eligibility at applicant institution.

Request of Institution:
Waive the normal application of the transfer legislation and permit SA to be immediately eligible to compete at applicant institution for the 2011 spring term. Applicant institution asserts:

(1) SA completed the 15 hours of community service and fulfilled his obligation to Institution No. 2 for SA' s actions October 30; 2010;
(2) Institution No. 2's department of athletics imposed additional sanctions for SA's actions; however, SA was not given the opportunity to complete those sanctions due to them being added after SA was subjected to transfer status at applicant institution;
(3) SA never had a formal meeting with the athletics administration at Institution No. 2 and never received anything in writing detailing additional sanctions. SA was not told until January 15, 2011, that he had additional conditions to satisfy in order to be in good standing and by this time SA was already at applicant institution; and
(4) Applicant Institution would require SA to fulfill his obligation with Institution No. 2 before being eligible to participate for the 2011 spring term.

SA asserts:

(1) During his November 17, 2010, meeting with the dean of students at Institution No. 2, SA noted he was considering transferring in January. SA subsequently called the golf coach at applicant institution during the Thanksgiving break and filed his self-release form;
(2) The golf coach at Institution No. 2 called SA during the second week of December to inform him of additional sanctions from the department of athletics, which included community service, a letter of apology and a one tournament suspension. The golf coach told SA that Institution No. 2's director of athletics would contact SA to discuss but SA never received a call;
(3) SA tried calling the director of athletics at Institution No. 2 several times, but did not hear from him until January 15. During the call, the director of athletics told SA he would be ineligible at applicant institution because he did not complete the sanctions for the department of athletics; and
(4) SA was never given any documentation regarding the sanctions imposed by Institution No. 2's department of athletics and SA believed he did not receive a fair course of action from Institution No. 2.

Rationale:
STAFF DENIED (March 10, 2011): Based on intent of the legislation and circumstances within the SA's control. Specifically, the staff noted Institution No. 2 provided documentation stating SA was informed of the sanctions imposed by the department of athletics prior to SA being subjected to transfer status at applicant institution.

SUBCOMMITTEE DENIED (March 16, 2011): The NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief upheld the staff's decision and agreed with the staff's rationale for the waiver request.

Legislation:

14.5.5.1 General Rule.

A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition until the student has fulfilled an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution unless the student qualifies for one of the transfer exceptions set forth in Bylaws 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2 or 14.5.5.1.3. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) may qualify for an exception to the academic year of residence requirement provided he or she does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 5/7/10)*

14.5.5.1.1 Exception.

A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if: *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) The student has not previously used a season of participation at a Division III institution pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, and has never practiced or competed in intercollegiate athletics at a non-Division III institution. This

provision is not applicable to a Division III student who has been granted a hardship waiver per Bylaw 14.2.5 or a season-of-participation waiver per Bylaws 14.2.6 or 14.2.7; *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

(b) The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution and would have been academically and athletically eligible, at the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), had he or she remained at the previous institution; or *(Revised: 1/12/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(c) The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete's sport and, while at that institution, the student-athlete: *(Adopted: 1/12/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(i) Successfully completed at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit; and

(ii) Completed at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters.

Case Number 13972

Action Denied

Decision Date February 24, 2011

Division III

Sport(s)
Men's Lacrosse

Bylaw(s)
14.5.5.1 General Rule.

Facts:
Qualifier.
4-4 transfer.
2008-09 academic year: Student-athlete (SA) initially enrolled at Institution No. 1 (a service academy), practiced, competed and received athletics aid.
2009-10 academic year: SA practiced, competed and received athletics aid at Institution No. 1.
2010 fall term: SA practiced and received athletics aid at Institution No. 1.
September 2010: SA met with his company chief to discuss career options and was informed that his plan to be a pilot or SEAL would not be possible due to a history of concussions; SA decided to resign and began the separation process.
October 29, 2010: SA completed the resignation requirements and withdrew from all classes.
January 2011: SA enrolled at applicant institution for the 2011 spring term.
Applicant institution would like SA to be immediately eligible for the 2011 spring term; however, SA is a 4-4 transfer and does not meet any exception to the transfer year in residence. Specifically, SA did not complete six credit hours during the 2010 fall term and was not academically eligible had he remained at Institution No. 1.

Request of Institution:
Waive the normal application of the transfer legislation and permit SA to be immediately eligible for the 2011 spring term. Applicant institution asserts: (1) SA did not wish to remain in the military once he learned that he would not be eligible to pursue the specialties for which he had enlisted; (2) The service academy separation process can take as much as several months so SA could not wait until the conclusion of the academic term to submit his resignation; and (3) SA was not eligible to remain enrolled at Institution No. 1 once he received his discharge.

Rationale:
STAFF DENIED (February 18, 2011): Based on circumstances within the SA's control and circumstances not warranting relief of the legislation. The staff noted: (1) SA's decision to transfer from Institution No. 1 is a circumstance within SA's control; (2) SA did not decide to transfer until the start of classes for the 2010 fall term; and (3) It could not be demonstrated that Institution No. 1 deviated from its standard policy for withdrawal.
SUBCOMMITTEE DENIED (February 24, 2011): The NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief upheld the staff's decision and agreed with the staff's rationale for the waiver request.

Legislation:

14.5.5.1 General Rule.

A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition until the student has fulfilled an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution unless the student qualifies for one of the transfer exceptions set forth in Bylaws 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2 or 14.5.5.1.3. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) may qualify for an exception to the academic year of residence requirement provided he or she does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 5/7/10)*

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. Convention Proposal No. 2-8 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing Season Regulations -- Postseason Activities -- Exempting One Postseason Championship from the 18- or 19-Week Declared Playing Season.

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division III Management Council oppose 2011 Convention Proposal No. 2-8.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. The committed noted that while certain season-ending tournaments (e.g., Eastern College Athletic Conference championships) are exempted from contest limitations and not from the playing season limitations, there is not a significant undue burden on institutions that choose to participate in these championships to warrant extension of the playing seasons as proposed. The committee expressed concern about the timing of such postseason championships under this proposal, which could result in a significant lengthening of the playing season. Further, the committee observed that this proposal is likely targeted to a specific area of the country where existing and traditional postseason championships occur, but could increase pressure on other institutions to establish new events in order to gain a competitive edge, thereby adding contests and increasing costs.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaws 17.4.2 and 17.4.3 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Preseason Practice and First Date of Competition -- October 1.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council sponsor as noncontroversial legislation that an institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to October 1.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. This recommendation would standardize across the three NCAA divisions the first permissible dates of preseason practice and competition, and it would minimize the pressure to begin the season early in the academic year.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. This change may reduce the length of the preseason practice period.

c. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaws 17.4.5.1 and 17.4.5.2 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Number of Dates of Competition.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council sponsor as noncontroversial legislation that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to 32 dates of competition, and that an individual student-athlete shall limit her participation each academic year to 32 dates of competition. Further, all dates of competition of a tournament shall be included in the maximum limitation.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. Under current legislation, institutions and student-athletes may participate in 26 dates of competition. However, with the tournament provision, up to 10 three-day tournaments may count as single dates of competition, which permits institutions and student-athletes to participate in as many as 46 dates of competition (i.e., 10 x 3 = 30 plus 16 additional dates of competition = 46 total). By eliminating the tournament provision, this recommendation 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.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Potential cost savings to institutions due to a decrease in dates of competition.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. This change limits the dates of competition in which student-athletes may participate and reduces travel and missed class time.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Championship Bench Size Limits -- Football.

(1) Recommendation. Adjust bench size limits for football from 75 to 78 for the 2011-12 academic year. The additional positions are to be filled at the institution's discretion with student-athletes permitted to be in uniform and participate in practice and warm-ups. The established squad size limit (i.e., 52 - the number of student-athletes permitted to participate in a contest) will remain unchanged.

(2) Effective Date. 2011-12 academic year (single championship season only).

(3) Rationale. The committee is recommending the bench size increase in response to a resolution adopted at the 2011 NCAA Convention that promised to study the appropriate number of student-athletes allowed in the bench area at various championships. The bench size for football previously was increased from 72 to 75. However, the NCAA Division III Football Committee has confirmed its support for increasing the bench size to the full number permitted under current guidelines (squad size of 52 plus six student-athletes previously approved to be in uniform and participate in practice and warm-ups plus 20 individuals equaling 78 total people) rather than capping the bench size at 75.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Funding for the additional bench positions will be at the institution's expense in 2011-12, since additional personnel above and beyond the squad size and travel party are not reimbursed by the NCAA. In subsequent years, the increases would be fully funded as an expansion of the squad size, pending budget approval.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. This recommendation will indirectly impact student-athletes by ensuring that the number of non-athletes allowed as bench personnel is maintained.

b. Sport Sponsorship -- Rowing.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council refer to the Division III Membership Committee the issue of the minimum number of boats an institution must have (e.g., a I Eight and a II Eight) and the minimum number of regattas in which the boat(s) must compete in order for an institution to sponsor women's rowing.

(2) Effective Date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. The NCAA Division III women's rowing championship follows the playing rules of the U.S. Rowing Association, the national governing body, and the rules do not clearly define how many boats are necessary for a completed contest. Similarly, NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.8 mandates that an institution's rowing team participates in a minimum of eight contests for sport sponsorship but does not specifically define how many boats must compete on behalf of the institution. The Division III Membership Committee should review this issue and confirm the sport sponsorship requirements for women's rowing prior to the women's rowing committee determining the minimum number of boats and the minimum number of regattas necessary for a team to be eligible for selection to the championship.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Budget Priorities for 2012-15 Triennium. The committee solicited feedback from sport committee chairs regarding potential budget priorities for the next budget cycle. The committee expressed concern regarding whether the current reimbursement policies fully cover the expenses of institutions participating in NCAA championships and agreed that upcoming budget discussions should focus on providing a fully funded championship experience. Top priorities include increasing the per diem rate, increasing the number of per diem days (for all teams or for selected championships) and increasing the squad size for the championships that were previously approved to include additional student-athletes in the bench size at the institution's expense for the 2011-12 year. An additional budget priority is officials' fees.

2. Regional Alignment. The committee continued to discuss regional alignment. The initial regional alignment models that were reviewed by conference commissioners at the 2011 NCAA Convention and also reviewed by sport committees were developed based on the goals of 1) emphasis on conference affiliation (e.g., all members of a conference assigned to the same sport region); 2) standardized region nomenclature (e.g., all sports with eight regions use the same name for each region, all sports with six regions use the same name for each region, etc.); 3) consistent application for sport region assignments (e.g., sports sponsored by more than 300 institutions are eight-region sports; sports

sponsored by 200-299 institutions are six-region sports, etc.); and 4) concern for geographic proximity. The committee reviewed updated regional alignment models that also address concerns raised regarding a lack of equity in the number of institutions assigned to each sport region (e.g., 79 teams in the New England region and 34 teams in the West region). Initial feedback from the sport committee chairs indicated that the eight-region models were most consistent in achieving the goals of the realignment project. The updated models will be provided to conference commissioners and sport committees for additional feedback. The timeline for implementation of the new regional alignment models is the 2013-14 academic year.

3. **Selection Criteria.** The committee discussed the selection principle that teams are selected for Division III championships on a national basis using regional selection criteria and noted that sport committees often find it challenging to compare teams from different regions if the teams have no head-to-head contests or common opponents; there is little data in the regional (primary) criteria to compare. The committee discussed including all contests against Division III opponents in the primary criteria and including all contests against non-Division III opponents in the secondary criteria (i.e., "a game is a game" against Division III opponents). To maintain the Division III philosophy of emphasizing in-region competition, an institution must meet a minimum threshold (e.g., 70 percent) of in-region contests to be eligible for selection. Initial feedback from the sport committee chairs was positive, especially with the understanding that the potential change to the selection criteria, the implementation of the regional alignment models and any changes to the ranking process (e.g., sport committees to rank 15 percent of the teams in each region, with an established minimum and/or maximum number of teams ranked) would occur at the same time (i.e., 2013-14 academic year). It is anticipated that regardless of changes to the selection criteria or ranking process, many institutions will continue to schedule the majority of their contests based on geographic proximity to minimize travel expenses.

4. **Update from NCAA Travel Staff.** The committee received a report from the NCAA travel staff regarding the ground transportation pilot program with GO Ground Options, which resulted in approximately 33 percent savings overall for ground transportation from 2009-10 to 2010-11. Following a request for proposal (RFP) bid process, GO Ground Options, in conjunction with Game Day Operations, has been awarded a contract to provide ground transportation for NCAA championships for 2011-12. GO Ground Options will provide bus transportation and Game Day Operations will handle transportation logistics in the locale of selected championships. For 2011-12, all Division III team sport championships will be required to utilize GO Ground Options for any ground transportation to be reimbursed by the NCAA. Institutions with an existing bus contract for the regular season and postseason will receive a one-year grace period. Information regarding the ground transportation program will be communicated to directors of athletics, senior woman administrators and conference commissioners.

The travel staff also discussed the concept of increasing by a half day the number of days of per diem provided for teams participating in championships (i.e., on the day prior to the practice day). Further discussion related to the possibility of the NCAA, rather than championship hosts, assuming responsibility for negotiating team hotel rates and the NCAA paying lodging expenses for championship participants directly, similar to the current ground transportation program.

5. **Waiver of Bylaw 31.3.3.2.1 – Fifty-Percent Requirement.** The committee approved the waiver request for the University of California at Santa Cruz for men's basketball.

6. **Field Hockey Eyewear.** The committee received a report from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports recommending that NCAA field hockey student-athletes be required to wear protective American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)-approved eyewear during play. The committee noted the recent action of the National Federation of State High School Associations to mandate the use of ASTM-approved eyewear in 2011-12 for high school field hockey players. The committee referred the issue to the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Committee and requested that formal feedback from the sport committee and the field hockey community be provided to the committee prior to its October teleconference. The committee noted that if ASTM-approved eyewear is mandated, the implementation should be no earlier than August 2012 to allow institutions to plan for the equipment purchase in their budget cycle.

7. **Championships Preview.** NCAA staff provided an update regarding the new Championships Preview that replaces the former preseason memorandum or newsletter sent on a sport-by-sport basis and any other sport-specific correspondence as appropriate (e.g., reminders memos, solicitation of bids for nonpredetermined sites, etc.). This monthly communication will be sent on a divisional basis to all directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, sports information directors, conference commissioners, conference senior woman administrators and head coaches of those sports that are specifically noted in the email. The Championships Preview was developed in an effort to reduce the volume of correspondence sent to institutions and conference offices. The goal of the Preview is to highlight important dates and deadlines and direct the membership to a central platform of championships information (i.e., sport landing pages on www.ncaa.org).

8. **Special Olympics.** NCAA staff provided a report regarding the formal launch of the Special Olympics initiative in 2011-12, which will be spearheaded by the national Student-Athlete Advisory Committee with support from championship hosts and championship managers. Expectations of activation include 1) interaction with Special Olympic athletes (e.g., team social); 2) a platform to recognize the Special Olympic athletes (e.g., scrimmage, first pitch, team introductions, etc.); and 3) promotion of the

initiative to elevate awareness (e.g., signage, public address announcements). Each championship will receive $1,000 to activate, and the funds may be used for such items as a clinic, T-shirts, transportation reimbursement for SAAC members to travel to the championship site, etc. Equipment suppliers will be encouraged to participate, and a detailed website also will offer resources.

9. **Division III Identity Initiative.** NCAA staff provided an update regarding Division III Identity Initiative activation at championships. In 2010-11, approximately 85 to 90 percent of finals sites displayed Division III Identity Initiative signage. The most popular items were media backdrops, feather flags and A-frame banners. The inventory of available signage for use at championships will increase each year, and division-specific messaging will be added to webcasts of championship competition (e.g., during timeouts, at halftime, etc.). In addition, institutions will receive a $500 credit in 2011-12 to purchase Division III Identity Initiative items on the purchasing website.

10. **Score Reporting.** The NCAA statistics staff informed the committee that beginning with the 2011-12 academic year, the statistics staff will oversee all input of schedules and results for the following Division III sports: field hockey, football, men's soccer, women's soccer and women's volleyball in the fall; men's and women's basketball in the winter; and baseball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, softball and men's volleyball in the spring. Results will now be reported through the statistics system rather than through the online score-reporting system. This process will avoid duplicate work by sports information directors. Baseball, softball and women's volleyball will be reported through conference offices, and for all other sports, the host team will report results through the single game reporting system. It is anticipated that within two to three years, the statistics staff will assume responsibility for collecting schedules and results for all sports.

11. **Locker Room Program.** The NCAA championships staff informed the committee that Association-wide funding has been made available effective immediately for all Division III championships to be included in the Locker Room program that provides T-shirts and hats to the national championship team immediately following the championship finals. The T-shirts will include the sport and the year but not specific team names to ensure that all T-shirts and hats are able to be presented to the winning team.

12. **Attendance of Institutional Administrator at Championships.** The committee reviewed the current championships policy requiring that an administrator for each participating team attend the coaches and administrators meeting and be present throughout competition by the institution at each round of the championship. The current policy mandates that the administrator cannot be a member of the coaching staff for that sport, the sports information director or the athletics trainer, given that those individuals have specific responsibilities at the championship site, and a mandatory fine of $300 shall

be assessed to each institution that is not represented by an institutional administrator at the coaches and administrators meeting. The committee reviewed the budget priorities for the 2012-2015 triennium and determined that funding to increase the official travel party to include an institutional administrator is a lower priority than fully funding the championship experience for participating student-athletes. Therefore, attendance of an administrator (who may be a sports information director or athletics trainer) at the coaches and administrators meeting will be highly recommended, but no fine will be assessed if an administrator does not attend the meeting.

13. Sport Committee Recommendations.

a. Baseball.

(1) Bylaw 31.1.5 Squad Limits. Did not support a recommendation to modify Bylaw 31.1.5 to allow all student-athletes included in the bench size to be in uniform. The committee confirmed that the bylaw, which mandates that the number of eligible student-athletes in uniform not exceed the established squad size, should be applied consistently to all team sports. The committee noted the previously approved exception for several sports to increase the number of student-athletes as designated in the bench size for the 2011-12 year at the institution's expense. With this exception, the number of student-athletes that may be in uniform and participate in pre-game warm-ups for baseball will increase from 24 to 25 for the 2012 NCAA Division III Baseball Championship.

(2) Officials Selection Criteria. Approved that all umpires assigned to work NCAA postseason games be registered with ArbiterSports, effective with the 2012 championship. Umpires will be required to pay a $100 registration fee, which includes a copy of the NCAA Baseball Rules Book, access to the Central Hub-Home Plate platform and a $25 credit toward officials' gear. Umpires also must take an online rules test each year and achieve a minimum score of 80 percent to be eligible for postseason assignments.

(3) Ranking and Selection. Did not support a recommendation that "record versus teams that are .500 or better" be added as a criterion to the primary and secondary selection criteria. The committee confirmed that the primary and secondary selection criteria for all team sports should be consistent. (Currently the only exceptions permitted to the standard team selection criteria are whether a sport committee chooses to use end-of-season performance or a strength-of-schedule multiplier based on home and away contests.)

(4) Wood Bat Study. The committee accepted as information that the baseball committee has established a subcommittee to study all pertinent factors relating to the use of wood bats at the Division III level.

b. Football. The committee accepted information that the football committee issued a public reprimand and fine of $1,000 to the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater head football coach Lance Leipold for unprofessional and unsportsmanlike conduct exhibited leading up to and in conjunction with the 2010 NCAA Division III Football Championship.

c. Men's Golf. Approved that the following 31 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, American Southwest Conference, Centennial Conference, College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin, Colonial States Athletic Conference, Commonwealth Conference, Empire 8, Freedom Conference, Great Northeast Athletic Conference, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Liberty League, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Midwest Conference, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, New England Collegiate Conference, New England Small College Athletic Conference, North Atlantic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference, North Eastern Athletic Conference, Northern Athletics Conference, Northwest Conference, Ohio Athletic Conference, Old Dominion Athletic Conference, Presidents' Athletic Conference, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Skyline Conference, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, USA South Athletic Conference and the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.

d. Women's Golf.

(1) Automatic Qualification Waiver. Approved continuing to waive the normal application of the automatic qualification (AQ) legislation for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years such that an institution shall count as one of the seven institutions sponsoring women's golf if the institution satisfies the following: four participants (instead of five participants) completing six contests or eight rounds of 18 holes. The NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships selection requirement of 12 rounds of 18 holes will remain, but an institution may count rounds played with four players. The committee agreed that the increase in the number of teams that were able to meet the relaxed standards in 2009-10 and 2010-11 is promising, and the sport will benefit from an additional two-year window

in which institutions will be able to continue to grow and create interest in their women's golf programs.

(2) Bracket Size. Approved continuing to waive the normal application of the calculation of the bracket size for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years such that an institution shall count as sponsoring women's golf if the institution satisfies the following: four participants completing at least six contests or eight rounds of 18 holes.

(3) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following 13 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 championships: American Southwest Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

(4) Rankings. The committee accepted as information that the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee will implement two published regional rankings (one in the fall and one in the spring) for the 2011-12 season. The rankings will help to educate the golf community regarding the difference between the selection criteria and Golfstat rankings.

e. Men's Ice Hockey.

(1) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following eight conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship: ECAC DIII Men's East Hockey League; ECAC DIII Men's Northeast Hockey League; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference; Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; Northern Collegiate Hockey Association; and State University of New York Athletic Conference.

(2) Officials. Approved that a two-referee, two-linesman officiating system be used for all rounds of the 2012 championship, and that fees will be as follows: referees - $200 each; and linesmen - $150 each. The minimal increase in officials' fees and paying a second linesman instead of a back-

up official will be covered through a reallocation of funds in the men's ice hockey games budget.

(3) Misconduct. The committee accepted information that the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee issued a public reprimand and fine of $1,000 to Adrian College for inappropriate and unsportsmanlike conduct by men's ice hockey student-athletes in conjunction with the 2011 championship.

(4) Championship Date Formula Change. The committee accepted as information that the men's ice hockey committee anticipates requesting a championship date formula change to facilitate a joint championship format with Division I men's ice hockey in 2015.

f. Women's Ice Hockey.

(1) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following five conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship: ECAC DIII Women's East Hockey League; ECAC DIII Women's West Hockey League; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; and Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

(2) Officials. Approved that a two-referee, two-linesman officiating system be used for all rounds of the 2012 championship, and that fees will be as follows: referees - $200 each; and linesmen - $150 each. Paying a second linesman instead of a backup official will be covered through a reallocation of funds in the women's ice hockey games budget.

(3) Predetermined Finals Site. Approved that the championship finals be held at a predetermined finals site for the 2013 championship. The committee noted that confirming a host in advance will encourage institutions and/or conferences that otherwise might not have an opportunity to host to bid for the championship, and a predetermined host will have more opportunity to prepare to host and to promote the championship.

g. Men's Lacrosse. Approved that the following 18 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference; Midwest

Lacrosse Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Pilgrim League; Skyline Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; and State University of New York Athletic Conference.

h. Women's Lacrosse.

(1) Approved that the following 19 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

(2) Site Selection Criteria – Regionals. Approved that, effective for the 2012 championship, regional hosts without a bye to the regional round will be tentatively selected selection Sunday. The NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee will identify two tentative hosts for each regional site during selections. If both institutions win their first-round matches, the higher-seeded team, provided geographical proximity is maintained and no flights are created, will be selected as the host. If the higher-seeded team loses its first-round match, the other potential host will be selected, provided geographical proximity is maintained and no flights are created.

i. Women's Rowing.

(1) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following conference be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Women's Rowing Championship: New England Small College Athletic Conference.

(2) Format Change. Approved that the I Eights and II Eights be separated into their own races so that I Eights compete only against I Eights and II Eights compete only against II Eights, similar to competition throughout the season. The scoring format will be adjusted accordingly.

(3) Automatic Qualification Standards. The committee tabled the NCAA Division III Women's Rowing Committee's request to mandate that in order for a conference to receive automatic qualification, it must have seven institutions that have both a I Eight and a II Eight that compete in a minimum of three regular season competitions. The committee will review this issue after the membership committee has confirmed the sport sponsorship requirements for women's rowing.

j. Softball.

(1) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following 41 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Softball Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Great South Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

(2) Officials Selection Criteria. Approved that all umpires assigned to work NCAA postseason games be registered with ArbiterSports, effective with the 2012 championship. Umpires will be required to pay a $100 registration fee, which includes a copy of the NCAA Softball Rules Book, access to the Central Hub-Home Plate platform and a $25 credit toward officials' gear. Umpires also must take an online rules test each year and

achieve a minimum score of 90 percent to be eligible for postseason assignments.

k. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving.

(1) Diving Championship Selection Process. Approved that four regional diving qualification meets be held annually to determine the divers that advance to the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, effective with the 2013 championships in order for institutions to budget for travel expenses (i.e., the NCAA will not reimburse institutions for travel expenses for participation in the meets). The regional diving qualifications meets will replace the current video selection process. The recommendation is budget neutral, given that the proposed $1,000 stipend to each of the four regional hosts to help to defray the cost of hosting the meet is equal to the expenses incurred with the current video review system. The committee directed the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee to review the proposed regions in comparison with the recently updated regional alignment models for consistency. The committee also encouraged the swimming and diving committee to identify professional, unbiased judges (i.e., in order to discontinue the practice of active diving coaches serving as judges) for the regional qualification meets and evaluate budget implications for fees, travel expenses, per diem, etc. for the judges.

(2) Championships Entry Limits. The committee directed the swimming and diving committee to forward as an action item for the October teleconference the process institutions will be required to follow to identify the maximum of 18 competitors, including divers, for the championships. The swimming and diving committee should outline the pros and cons of both the current process and the proposed process.

l. Men's and Women's Tennis.

(1) Championships Date Formulas. Approved that the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships date formulas be changed so that the national championships, team followed by individual, begin the Monday prior to Memorial Day, effective with the 2012 championships season (pending agreement from already awarded national hosts). Dates for team regional competition will remain the same. The committee also referred to the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Committee

the issue of whether to change the championships date formulas to one week earlier.

(2) Men's Tennis Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following 30 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; President's Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; University Athletic Association; and USA South Athletic Conference.

(3) Women's Tennis Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following 38 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Great South Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; President's Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern California Inter. Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York

Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; University Athletic Association; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

m. Men's and Women's Track and Field.

(1) Championships Qualifying Format – Outdoor Track and Field. Approved that effective for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the qualifying format for the men's outdoor track and field championships allows for a standard maximum field size of 20 in all events and 16 relays, and that the format for the women's outdoor track and field championships allows for a standard maximum field size of 22 in all events and 16 relays. The new format would eliminate the participant cap of 796 (398 per gender) to determine field size.

(2) Championships Qualifying Format – Indoor Track and Field. Approved that effective for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships, the qualifying format for the men's indoor track and field championships allows for a standard maximum field size of 13 in all events and 10 relays, and that the format for the women's indoor track and field championships allows for a standard maximum field size of 15 in all events and 10 relays. The new format would eliminate the participant cap of 446 (223 per gender) to determine field size.

n. Women's Volleyball. Approved that the following 42 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Great South Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conferences; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic

Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; University Athletic Association; Upper Midwest Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

15. Sport Committee Appointments. The championships committee approved recommendations for appointments to the following sports committees. All appointments were effective September 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

a. Division III Men's and Women's Fencing Committee (immediate vacancy). Bruce Gillman, head men's and women's fencing coach and assistant director of athletics, Vassar College.

b. Division III Women's Golf Committee (two vacancies). Central region: Joe Worlund, associate director of athletics, Washington University in St. Louis. Great Lakes region: Melanee Atkinson, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, College of Mount St. Joseph.

c. National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Committee. Division III representative, North Central region: Gary Babjack, head women's gymnastics coach, State University of New York at Cortland.

d. Division III Men's Ice Hockey – Term Extension Request. The men's ice hockey committee requested that the term of Bruce Delventhal, director of athletics at Plattsburgh State University of New York, be extended for one year. Mr. Delventhal is the chair of the committee, and the committee indicated that allowing him to serve until September 1, 2012, would greatly help to facilitate the process of combining the Division III championship with the Division I championship. The NCAA Division III Nominating Committee supported this request.

e. Division III Softball Committee (two immediate vacancies). Atlantic region: Charlie Dobbbins, head softball coach, Peace College. Central region: Bonnie Skrenta, head softball coach, DePauw University.

f. Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. Midwest region: Erin Sullivan, assistant director of athletics, University of Wisconsin, Stout.

g. National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Committee. Division III representative, West region: Betsy Mitchell, director of athletics, California Institute of Technology.

h. Division III Wrestling Committee. East region: Brad Bruhn, head wrestling coach, State University of New York at Cortland.

Committee Chair: Stuart Robinson, State University College at New Paltz
Staff Liaisons: Jan Gentry, Championships
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships
John Williams, Championships

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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. Policies and Procedures – 32.3.8 – Enforcement Procedures – Investigative Procedures – Limited Immunity – Athletics Personnel and Student-Athlete.

(1) Recommendation: The committee recommends that the NCAA Division III Management Council ratify the following enforcement policy and procedure pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.3.8 (Limited Immunity), to specify that the Committee on Infractions, at the request of the enforcement staff, may grant limited immunity to at-risk individuals, even for information related to those individuals' involvement in violations already known by the staff.

32.3.8.1 Athletics Personnel. At the request of the enforcement staff, the Committee on Infractions may grant limited immunity to an institutional employee with responsibilities related to athletics based on information that the employee reports when such an employee otherwise would be subject to disciplinary action as described in Bylaws 19.5.1-(i) and 19.5.2-(k). Such immunity shall not apply to the employee's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported or to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by employee or to any action taken by an institution. ~~*In any case, such immunity shall not be granted unless the employee provides information not otherwise available to the enforcement staff.*~~

32.3.8.2 Student-Athlete **or Prospective Student-Athlete**. At the request of the enforcement staff, the Committee on Infractions may grant limited immunity to a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete when such individual otherwise might be declared ineligible for intercollegiate competition based on information reported to the enforcement staff by the individual or a third party associated with the individual. Such immunity shall not apply to the individual's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the individual or to any action taken by an institution. ~~*In any case, such immunity shall not be granted unless the relevant information would not otherwise be available to the enforcement staff.*~~

(2) Effective Date: Immediate.

(3) Rationale: The legislation governing immunity restricts the granting of it to only those situations in which the interviewee provides information not previously known to the enforcement staff. The immunity does not protect student-athletes, prospective student-athletes or athletics department staff members from penalties related to their involvement in violations already known to the enforcement staff. The intent of the limited immunity legislation was to encourage student-athletes and athletics department employees to assist the enforcement staff in obtaining full and complete information. However, the current legislation does not provide relief of possible penalties for information already available to the staff. By allowing immunity to cover any information provided to the enforcement staff, student-athletes, prospects and athletics department employees may be more willing to report additional violations unknown to the staff, recognizing they can benefit from providing the information.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact: None.

b. Policies and Procedures - 32.5.1 – Enforcement Procedures – Notice of Inquiry – Notice to Institution:

(1) Recommendation: The committee recommends that the NCAA Division III Management Council ratify the following enforcement policy and procedure pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.5.

32.5.1 Notice to Institution. **Prior to the enforcement staff coming onto an institution's campus to conduct an inquiry, the enforcement staff shall notify the institution's president or chancellor of the inquiry, either verbally or in writing. This notice shall toll the statute of limitations pursuant to Bylaw 32.6.3. The institution shall be informed of its obligation to cooperate pursuant to Bylaw 32.1.4 and of the confidential nature of the inquiry pursuant to Bylaw 32.1.1.** ~~*If the enforcement staff has developed reasonably reliable information indicating that an institution has been in violation of NCAA legislation that requires further investigation, the enforcement staff shall provide a notice of inquiry in writing to the chancellor or president unless the institution and enforcement staff have agreed to pursue the summary disposition process as set forth in NCAA Bylaw 32.7. The notice of inquiry shall advise the chancellor or president that the enforcement staff will engage in an investigation, that the investigation will be conducted under the direction of the vice president for enforcement services and that*~~

~~*members of the enforcement staff if requested, shall meet in person with the chancellor or president to discuss the nature and details of the investigation, and the type of charges that appear to be involved.*~~ **<u>The institution shall be notified</u>** ~~*The notice of inquiry shall state*~~ that if the **<u>inquiry</u>** ~~*investigation*~~ develops significant information of a possible major violation, a notice of allegations will be produced in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 32.6, or, in the alternative, the institution will be notified that the matter has been concluded. ~~*To the extent possible, the notice of inquiry also shall contain the following information:*~~
~~*(a) The involved sport;*~~
~~*(b) The approximate time period during which the alleged violations occurred;*~~
~~*(c) The identity of involved individuals;*~~
~~*(d) An approximate time frame for the investigation;*~~
~~*(e) A statement indicating that the institution and involved individuals may be represented by legal counsel at all stages of the proceedings;*~~
~~*(f) A statement requesting that the individuals associated with the institution not discuss the case prior to interviews by the enforcement staff and institution except for reasonable campus communications not intended to impede the investigation of the allegations and except for consultation with legal counsel;*~~
~~*(g) A statement indicating that other facts may be developed during the course of the investigation that may relate to additional violations; and*~~
~~*(h) A statement regarding the obligation of the institution to cooperate in the case.*~~

(2) <u>Effective Date</u>: Immediate.

(3) <u>Rationale:</u> The purpose of the Notice of Inquiry legislation, as it exists today, no longer is applicable or necessary. When adopted, Bylaw 32.5.1 was intended to be the first and official notice to an institution that the institution was under investigation by the enforcement staff, as the staff often would not notify the institution it was under inquiry until the investigation was complete. Inasmuch as the enforcement staff's now long-standing policy is to notify an institution's president or chancellor of the inquiry prior to coming on campus to conduct interviews, institutions are notified of the inquiry well in advance of the current Notice of Inquiry standard. The current practice of providing institutions notice of an inquiry earlier in the investigative process should be reflected in the legislation. In addition, by codifying the current practice, institutions will receive notice of the cooperative principle and the confidentiality of the process much earlier than under the current standard.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact: None.

c. Policies and Procedures – Bylaw 32.5.1.1 – Enforcement Procedures – Notice of Inquiry – Notice to Institution – Status Notification within Six Months.

(1) Recommendation: The committee recommends that the NCAA Division III Management Council ratify the following enforcement policy and procedure pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.5.1.1.

32.5.1.1 Status Notification within Six Months. The enforcement staff shall inform the involved institution of the general status of the inquiry within six months of the date after the chancellor or president receives the notice of inquiry from the enforcement staff**. If the investigation is continued, additional status reports shall be provided to the institution at least every six months thereafter, until the matter is concluded.**

(2) Effective Date: Immediate.

(3) Rationale: Once a notice of inquiry has been issued and an investigation is ongoing, institutions are entitled to a status notification every six months until the matter is completed. With the elimination of Bylaw 32.5.1 for other reasons (see below), it is necessary that the language regarding notice to the institution of a continuing investigation after the issuance of a notice of inquiry be moved to another bylaw.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact: None.

d. Policies and Procedures - Bylaw 32.5.1 – Enforcement Procedures – Notice of Inquiry – Review After One Year.

(1) Recommendation: The committee recommends that the NCAA Division III Management Council ratify the following enforcement policy and procedure pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to eliminate Bylaw 32.5.1.2.

~~*32.5.1.2 Review After One Year. If the inquiry has not been processed to conclusion within one year of the date that the chancellor or president*~~

~~*receives the notice of inquiry from the enforcement staff, the staff shall review the status of the case with the Committee on Infractions. The Committee on Infractions shall determine whether further investigation is warranted, and its decision shall be forwarded to the involved institution in writing. If the investigation is continued, additional status reports shall be provided to the institution in writing at least every six months thereafter, until the matter is concluded.*~~

(2) Effective Date: Immediate.

(3) Rationale: With regard to the elimination of Bylaw 32.5.1.2, investigations are within the purview of the enforcement staff, not the Committee on Infractions. It is an essential element of the infractions process that the enforcement staff has the sole discretion to continue or terminate an investigation. Given the distinct and necessary separation of the staff and the committee, the references to Committee on Infractions review in this bylaw should be eliminated.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact: None.

e. Policies and Procedures – Bylaw 32.5.2 – Enforcement Procedures – Notice of Inquiry – Termination of Investigation.

(1) Recommendation: The committee recommends that the NCAA Division III Management Council ratify the following enforcement policy and procedure pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to amend Bylaw 32.5.2.

32.5.2 Termination of Investigation. The enforcement staff shall terminate the investigation related to any notice of inquiry in which information is developed that does not appear to be of sufficient substance or reliability to warrant a notice of allegation~~*., it being understood that the Committee on Infractions shall review each such decision.*~~

(2) Effective Date: Immediate.

(3) Rationale: With regard to the revision of Bylaw 32.5.2, investigations are within the purview of the enforcement staff, not the Committee on Infractions. It is an essential element of the infractions process that the enforcement staff has the sole discretion to continue or terminate an investigation. Given the distinct and necessary separation of the staff and

the committee, the references to Committee on Infractions review in this bylaw should be eliminated.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact: None.

f. Policies and Procedures – Bylaw 32.7.1.4 - Enforcement Procedures – Summary Disposition and Expedited Hearing – Committee on Infractions Review – Penalties Not Approved.

(1) Recommendation: The committee recommends that the NCAA Division III Management Council ratify the following enforcement policy and procedure pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.7.1.4.

32.7.1.4.3 Penalties Not Approved. If the Committee on Infractions accepts the agreed-on findings but proposes penalties in addition to those set forth in the summary disposition report, the institution and/or involved individuals may request an expedited hearing on penalties before the Committee on Infractions. **The institution and/or the involved individual have the option to appear before the committee either in person or by videoconference or such other mode of distance communication as the Committee on Infractions may deem appropriate. The institution and/or the involved individual also have the option to provide a written submission in lieu of an in-person appearance.** The committee shall only consider information relevant to the imposition of penalties during the expedited hearing **or written review.** At the conclusion of the expedited hearing, the committee shall prepare a written report and provide notification of the committee's actions consistent with Bylaw 32.9. The institution and/or any involved individuals may appeal the additional penalties to the Infractions Appeals Committee in accordance with Bylaws 32.10 and 32.11.

(2) Effective Date: Immediate.

(3) Rationale: Expedited hearings are limited to discussions of penalties in summary disposition cases. Because the issues are very narrow in scope, the Committee on Infractions believes that such hearings can be effectively conducted via videoconferencing or via a written submission. Similarly, in major infractions hearings where the issues are narrow or relatively uncomplicated, institutions and other involved parties may make a written request to appear before the committee by videoconference. In

these instances, the committee will decided on a case-by-case basis whether conducting the hearing by videoconference is appropriate.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: Although there will be no budgetary impact on the NCAA, the use of videoconferencing will save institutions and involved parties expenses that otherwise would be used for airfare, lodging and meals associated with traveling to the city in which the hearing takes place.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None

g. Policies And Procedures - Bylaw 32.8.6.1 – Enforcement Procedures – Committee on Infractions Hearings - Appearance of Individual at Hearings – Request for Specific Individuals.

(1) Recommendation. The committee recommends that the NCAA Division III Management Council ratify the following enforcement policy and procedure pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.8.6 (Appearance of Individuals at Hearings).

32.8.6.1 Request for Specific Individuals. Institutional officials, staff members or enrolled student-athletes who are specifically requested to appear before the Committee on Infractions at an institutional hearing are **normally** expected to appear in person and may be accompanied by personal legal counsel. The Committee on Infractions also may request that former institutional staff members appear at a hearing. Such individuals also are expected to appear in person and may be accompanied by personal legal counsel. **In cases involving a small number of contested issues or where the contested issues are relatively uncomplicated, the institution and/or the involved individual may make a written request to appear before the committee by videoconference or such other mode of distance communication as the Committee on Infractions may deem appropriate. The decision regarding the use of videoconferencing rests with the Committee on Infractions.** Failure to ~~*attend*~~ **appear before the committee** may result in a violation of this bylaw ~~*in*~~ **and** a show-cause action by the Committee on Infractions.

(2) Effective Date: Immediate.

(3) Rationale: Expedited hearings are limited to discussions of penalties in summary disposition cases. Because the issues are very narrow in scope, the Committee on Infractions believes that such hearings can be effectively conducted via videoconferencing or via a written submission. Similarly, in major infractions hearings where the issues are narrow or relatively uncomplicated, institutions and other involved parties may make a written request to appear before the committee by videoconference. In these instances, the committee will decided on a case-by-case basis whether conducting the hearing by videoconference is appropriate.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: Although there will be no budgetary impact on the national office, the use of videoconferencing will save institutions and involved parties expenses that otherwise would be used for airfare, lodging and meals associated with traveling to the city in which the hearing takes place.

(5) Impact on Student-Athlete's Time: None.

2. Nonlegislative Item.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

- **Editorial change.** The committee made the following editorial revision:

  32.6.3 Statue of Limitation: Allegations included in a notice of allegations shall be limited to possible violations occurring not earlier than four years before the date the notice of inquiry is ~~*forwarded*~~ **provided** to the institution or the date the institution notifies (or, if earlier, should have notified) the enforcement staff of its inquiries into the matter. However, the following shall not be subject to the four-year limitation:
  [32.6.3-(a)] through (c) unchanged.]

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***ACTION ITEM*.**

NCAA Bylaw 19.5.2 – Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations.

1. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that the NCAA Division III Management Council approve a revision made by the Committee on Infractions, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 19.5.2 (Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations).

2. **Bylaw:** Amend 19.5.2 as follows [See: 19.5.2(k)]:

   19.5.2 Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations. The Committee on Infractions has the authority to determine the penalties, disciplinary measures and corrective actions that are imposed on an institution for major violations. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall hear and act on an institution's appeal per Bylaw 19.2. The committee(s) may consider institutional- or conference-determined penalties and, where appropriate, include those in the penalties. Institutional- or conference-determined penalties shall not displace or substitute for the committee's judgment regarding sanctions. Penalties, disciplinary measures and corrective actions for major violations shall include those penalties, disciplinary measures and corrective actions prescribed for secondary violations and may include any and all of the following:

   (a) Public reprimand and censure;
   (b) Probation for up to five years. Conditions of probation shall be determined on a case-by-case basis. A failure to satisfy the conditions of probation may result in additional findings of violation(s), including the failure to cooperate, lack of institutional control and/or violations of conditions for membership, and shall result in a reconsideration of the initial penalties imposed, including an extension of the probationary period and imposition of additional penalties. Conditions of probation shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
      (1) Annual written reports shall be submitted to the Committee on Infractions detailing compliance with probationary conditions; and
      (2) At the conclusion of probation, the institution shall certify that current athletics policies and procedures conform to all requirements of NCAA legislation and that all conditions of probation have been satisfied.
   (c) Information regarding the violations committed, the term of probation and penalties must be noted on the home page of the institution's athletics website, in the media guide for the involved sport(s) and in recruiting materials provided to prospective student-athletes in the involved sport(s). Such information must be displayed and provided to prospective student-athletes for the full term of probation. Information to prospective student-athletes must be provided as soon

as practicable after the prospective student-athlete is recruited pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.8 and, in all instances, before the prospective student-athlete signs a financial aid agreement or initially enrolls at the institution, whichever is sooner;

(d) Ineligibility for postseason competition in the involved sport(s), particularly in situations when:
   (1) Individual(s) involved in the violation(s) remain active in the sport program;
   (2) A significant competitive advantage resulted from the violation(s);
   (3) The violation(s) indicate a lack of institutional control or failure to monitor the involved sport(s) or athletics program;
   (4) The violation(s) include academic fraud; or
   (5) The institution is a repeat violator;

(e) Pursuant to Bylaw 14.12.1.2-(c), a recommendation to the Management Council that it waive the one-year residence requirement and permit full athletics participation in a sport for a student-athlete who transfers to another member institution when the Committee on Infractions renders the student-athlete's previous institution's team in that sport ineligible for postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility. No student-athlete will be allowed such a waiver unless the student-athlete would have been eligible for participation had he or she remained at the previous institution;

(f) Ineligibility for participation in or hosting outside, invitational and/or NCAA championship competition in the involved sport(s);

(g) Vacation of records when a student-athlete(s) has competed while ineligible, particularly when a case involved academic fraud, serious intentional violations, a large number of violations, direct or knowing involvement of a coach or high-ranking administrator, competition while academically ineligible, ineligible competition when there is a finding or failure to monitor or lack of institutional control or when vacation or a similar penalty would be imposed if the underlying violation(s) were secondary. Records to be vacated may include one or more of the following, as applicable:
   (1) Individual records and performances in individual sports, including reconfiguration of the institution team point totals after vacation of individual records and performances;
   (2) Relay, doubles and similar team records in individual sports when one or more team member competes while ineligible, including reconfiguration of the institution team point totals after vacation of relay, doubles or similar results;
   (3) Team and individual records and performances in team sports; and
   (4) Records of head coaches.

(h) A financial penalty;

(i) Ineligibility for selection involving network and/or broadband television broadcasts for the involved sport(s);

(j) A reduction in the number of expense-paid recruiting visits in the involved sport(s);

(k) A restriction on activities and benefits provided during unofficial visits.

(l) Limiting or prohibiting the recruiting activities of some or all coaching staff members in the involved sport(s);

(m) An outside audit or review of the institution's athletics policies and procedures (including, but not limited to, compliance policies and procedures);

(n) A requirement that the institution must provide a copy of the infractions report to the institution's regional accrediting agency when the violation(s) involves academic misconduct or reflects questionable academic conduct or procedures;

(o) Ineligibility of institutional staff members to serve on NCAA standing or special committees, councils or task forces, including as representatives of their institution or conference;

(p) Requirement that the institution take disciplinary action against an institutional staff member(s) who knowingly committed or condoned a major violation, including suspension of the head coach or the staff member(s) for one or more competition(s), and other disciplinary action(s) approved by the Committee on Infractions;

(q) Issuance of a show-cause order per Bylaw 19.5.2.2 against an institutional staff member if that staff member has committed unethical conduct (see Bylaw 10.1) or other serious violations;

(r) Pursuant to the provisions of Bylaw 19.5.2.6, exclusion of an individual or entity, including disassociation of a representative of an institution's athletics interests, from involvement in an institution's athletics program on a permanent basis or for a specified period of time; and

(s) Other penalties, corrective actions and disciplinary measures, as appropriate.

3. **Add Bylaw 19.5.2.1 Opportunity to Appear.**

19.5.2.1 Opportunity to Appear. In the event the committee considers additional penalties to be imposed on an institution in accordance with Bylaw 19.5.2 above, the involved institution shall be provided the opportunity to appear before the committee; further, the institution shall be provided the opportunity to appeal (per Bylaw 19.6.2) any additional penalty imposed by the committee.

19.5.2.2 Show-Cause Order. Penalties, corrective actions and disciplinary measures may be directed at a particular institutional staff member who has been found to have committed a violation(s). A show-cause order may also be directed at a representative of an institution’s athletics interests. A show-cause order shall specify the period of time over which the sanction(s) are in effect regarding the individual, whether the individual remains at the institution where the violation(s) occurred or the individual is employed by another institution.

19.5.2.2.1 Obligation to Comply. If an institutional staff member who is subject to a show-cause order is employed by an institution other than the institution at which the violation(s) occurred, that institution must comply with the sanctions imposed unless and until it can show cause to the satisfaction of the Committee on Infractions (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2) why it need

not comply. Failure to comply with the sanctions may subject the institution to findings of violations, including a failure to cooperate and lack of institutional control, as well as other penalties, corrective actions and disciplinary measures, as appropriate.

19.5.2.2.1.1 Opportunity to be Heard. If the individual is employed by another institution, the institution may show cause why it need not comply with an order either by written submission or in an appearance before the Committee on Infractions.

4. **Effective Date**: Immediate.

5. **Rationale**: This is a new Division III penalty structure for major violations cases. Penalties for major violations are presently divided into two subsections: presumptive penalties and disciplinary measures. The presumptive penalties must be imposed by the Committee on Infractions in every case unless there is a reason to deviate. The disciplinary measures may be imposed by the committee in addition to the presumptive penalties and the penalties available for secondary infractions. The recommended change combines the penalties for simplification and will allow the committee to impose any available penalty without a mandate to impose certain penalties, regardless of the circumstances of a particular case. This will allow the committee to determine an order of probation that is tailored to the issues of each institution in the major violations process.

6. **Estimated Budget Impact**: None.

7. **Impact on Student-Athlete's Time**: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Educating the membership regarding new penalty structure.**

  - The Committee on Infractions requests that there be consideration of implementing an education program to inform the membership of the significant changes that have taken place in Bylaw 19.5, the penalty provision in infractions cases. Not only has the bylaw been entirely revamped, the updated bylaw includes penalties that have not existed previously, such as the provision that an offending institution post on its website the fact that it is on probation due to having committed major infractions. The committee anticipates that this topic could be made a part of Regional Rules Seminars and/or newsletter columns and that the information be disseminated in any manner designed to reach the membership. "Getting the word out" will help ensure that member institutions are aware of all possible penalties as they go through an infractions investigation and hearing.

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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III INFRACTIONS APPEALS COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Legislative Items.**

  - **Enforcement Policies and Procedures – Appeal Procedure – Notice of Intent to Appeal – Appeal by Involved Individuals.**

    (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA DIII Management Council ratify the enforcement policy and procedure pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3, to amend Bylaw 32.10.1.2 to require individual appellants to disclose current or future employment at a member institution.

    [Note: This recommendation was tabled at the July 2010 Management Council meeting based on the assumption that the committee could authorize the amendment and submit a corresponding informational item to the Management Council in a future report. However, the legislative process detailed in Constitution 5.2.3.3 requires the Management Council to act on amendments to enforcement policies and procedures.]

    (2) Effective Date. Immediate.

    (3) Rationale. Because committee members recuse themselves from cases which involve, among other things, persons employed by institutions in the same conference as the member's institution, this modification will help the committee discover whether there are any conflicts of interest in a given case. Individuals would be required to disclose on their notice of intent to appeal form whether they currently are employed at an NCAA membership institution. Additionally, the proposed change would obligate appealing individuals to notify the committee's liaisons if they become employed at an NCAA member institution during the course of the appeal process.

    (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

    (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

- **Nonlegislative Items.**

  - None.

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Committee Chair: Robert V. Antonucci, Fitchburg State College, Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference
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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.8.9.2 (Minimum Contests) Request – The Sage Colleges. The NCAA Division III Membership Committee denied a request from The Sage Colleges for a waiver of the sports sponsorship requirements in NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.8.9.2. In its denial of the request, the committee noted the institution did not demonstrate a good-faith effort to meet the requirements of the legislation in Bylaw 20.11.3.8.9.2 because the institution scheduled only the minimum number of contests while conducting its athletics program in a geographical locale in which weather concerns are not uncommon. On appeal, the committee's decision was overturned by action of the NCAA Division III Administrative Committee. (See minutes of Administrative Committee Conference No. 9.)

2. Division III Exploratory Meeting. Members of the committee participated with NCAA staff in conducting a one-day informational session for institutions interested in the NCAA Division III Provisional/Reclassifying Membership Program. Seven institutions attended the meeting and were provided information on Division III's identity and philosophy, Division III legislation, and an overview of the membership process.

Committee Chair: *Shana Levine, Washington and Lee University*
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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT SEPTEMBER 14, 2011, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **2012 NCAA Convention – Proposal No. 2-6 – Eligibility – Hardship Waiver – Practice After Injury.** The NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement opposes this proposal noting the current application of hardship waiver legislation is effective in dealing with student-athletes suffering incapacitating injuries or illnesses following limited participation. In addition, the scope of participation is supported by the conclusions of medical personnel associated with a student-athlete's recovery. Finally, the committee noted the proposal could place institutions and conferences in difficult positions associated with determining permissible and impermissible activities (possibly after the fact), as well as create additional resource challenges at the campus level.

Committee Chair: Danny Miller, Averett University, USA South Athletic Conference
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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS

1. Legislative Items.

a. 2013 NCAA Convention Legislation – Amateur Status – Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment – Prize Money Based on Team Performance.

(1) Recommendation. To sponsor legislation for the 2013 NCAA Convention to specify that before initial 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.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2013.

(3) Rationale. Prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment a prospective student-athlete may individually compete in an open event and receive prize money based on his or her place finish or performance. Such prize money is not limited to actual and necessary expenses. Prospective student-athletes that compete on a team are not afforded the same opportunity to receive prize money based on performance. NCAA Divisions I and II permit prospective student-athletes to receive prize money based on a team's performance without jeopardizing their amateur status. Consequently, prospective student-athletes in team sports are being put in a difficult situation. The prospective student-athlete on a winning team may accept prize money while his teammate who is considering a Division III institution could not accept the money. It is not equitable to treat the team sport prospective student-athletes differently, nor is it reasonable for a prospective student-athlete to discern these amateurism nuances between divisions. Consistency as well as fairness for prospective student-athletes justifies allowing receipt of prize money based on a team's performance, so long as the prize money does not exceed actual and necessary expenses.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. May result in fewer amateurism concerns at time of enrollment.

b. 2013 NCAA Convention Legislation – Committees – Removal of NCAA Division III Bylaw 21.

(1) Recommendation. To sponsor legislation for the 2013 Convention to remove NCAA Division III Bylaw 21 from the NCAA Division III Manual and move its provisions to a committee handbook to be overseen and maintained by the NCAA Division III Management Council.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2013.

(3) Rationale. This proposal would eliminate Bylaw 21 in its entirety from the Division III Manual and move the provisions to a committee handbook, which would be maintained on the NCAA website and would be readily available for the membership and governance structure to review as necessary. The Management Council would continue to maintain oversight authority regarding the administrative functions related to the management of the Division III governance substructure and Division III representation on Association-wide and common committees. This proposal would not substantively change any current committee policies and procedures, such as those that set forth the selection, composition, duties, terms of office and operations of the various committees. However, the Management Council would have the flexibility to change elements related to committees as deemed necessary without the need to propose legislation, which would, in turn, reduce the number of proposals in the legislative cycle and the related bureaucracy. A review of legislative history indicates the membership has readily adopted proposals related to committees. Since 1997, 90 proposals have been sponsored with 88 being adopted (86 as noncontroversial), zero defeated, one rendered moot and one withdrawn. Finally, this proposal supports efforts to simplify the Manual and focus on the most strategically important matters.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Noncontroversial Legislation – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Expenses Provided by The Institution For Practice and Competition – National Team Tryouts – Not More Than Two Events.

(1) Recommendation. To approve in concept noncontroversial legislation to permit an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses for a

student-athlete to participate in not more than two national team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Current legislation permits an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to participate in only one national team tryout event. However, the national team selection process for many sports includes more than one round (tier) of tryout events, which may take place at different sites and on different dates. As a result, a student-athlete who is successful in the first tier may be required to incur the financial burden to continue through the additional tiers or withdraw from the tryout process prior to reaching the final tryout. This proposal would allow an institution to pay for a student-athlete to participate in a second (or later) round in the selection process. In addition, there are other sports that provide more than one opportunity in which a student-athlete may compete in an effort to advance in the selection process if the student-athlete fails to advance from the first round (tier). This proposal would allow an institution to pay for a student-athlete to participate in a second event on the same tier (if the student-athlete failed to advance from the first event). This proposal would allow student-athletes greater access to the current selection processes for international competition.

(4) Budget Impact. Institutions with eligible student-athletes may bear the expense of additional national team tryouts.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Varies.

d. Noncontroversial Legislation – Amateurism-Promotional Activities – Prospective Student-Athlete's Participation in Institutional Fundraisers or Promotions – De Minimis.

(1) Recommendation. To approve in concept noncontroversial legislation to identify that a violation of Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 (prospective student-athlete's participation in institutional fundraisers or promotions) is a de minimis violation.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. All Bylaw 12 violations affect eligibility unless there is specific language to the contrary. Because there is no specific language to the contrary, Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 affects a prospective student-athlete's eligibility. A student-athlete, however, who unknowingly participates in an impermissible institutional fundraiser does not have his or her eligibility affected. The violation is de minimis (meaning it is an institutional violation but does not affect the student-athlete's eligibility). It is not equitable in this type of situation to hold that a prospective student-athlete who participates in an institutional fundraiser suffers a stiffer penalty than a student-athlete. For that reason, the committee determined that violations of Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 should be de minimis.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes that participated in an impermissible fundraiser as a prospective student-athlete would not have to go through reinstatement as a condition of participation.

e. Noncontroversial Legislation – Recruiting – Transportation – Transportation to Enroll From Any Bus or Train Station or Airport.

(1) Recommendation. To approve in concept noncontroversial legislation to permit institutional staff members to provide transportation from any bus or train station or airport to campus on the occasion of the student-athlete's initial arrival at the institution to attend class.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Current legislation allows transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport, which can become a challenge when there are different stations and airports in close proximity to the institution. By amending the legislation, the burden of monitoring which location a prospective student-athlete is arriving at on the occasion of his or her initial enrollment will be eliminated.

(4) Budget Impact. Minimal, depending upon extent to which the institution provides transportation to enroll.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. May provide greater flexibility regarding means in which a prospective student-athlete may arrive to campus.

f. Noncontroversial Legislation – Amateurism – Awards and Benefits – Expenses for Practice and Competition – Expenses for Practice on Extended Road Trip – Practice en Route from Campus to Competition Site.

(1) Recommendation. To approve in concept noncontroversial legislation to permit an institution to provide expenses for practice on an extended road trip en route to the first competition site.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Current legislation permits an institution to provide practice expenses on an extended road trip only on a direct route between two competition sites. Consequently, a team that leaves its campus for a spring trip may not incur expenses associated with practice until the team reaches the locale of the competition site. Therefore, if a golf team stops at a golf course on a direct route between campus and the first competition site, the institution may not pay for the team to play a practice round of golf. The student-athletes may pay the expense, but the institution may not. The committee agreed that the rationale for the current legislation was to prohibit strictly training trips and ensure that extended road trips are tied to competition. The committee determined that an institution could pay practice expenses and still uphold this rationale so long as the practice occurred at a location on a direct route between campus and the competition site.

(4) Budget Impact. Potential additional costs for practice associated with extended road trips.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Potentially could have more practice expenses paid for by the institution.

g. Incorporation of Official Interpretation – Uniformity of Participation Awards.

(1) Recommendation. To approve the incorporation of the following official interpretation [Reference: 7/13/11, Item No. 2-c] into the legislation:

Uniformity of Participation Awards (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that a member institution, conference or other approved agency may provide different participation awards based on the year or class (e.g., freshman, sophomore, first year participant, second year participant) of a student-

athlete, provided the awards are uniform for all recipients within a given year or class. [Reference: NCAA Division III Bylaw 16.1.2 (uniformity of awards) and a staff interpretation (12/13/91, Item No. e, which has been archived)]

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the official interpretation should be incorporated into the legislation to clarify the flexibility institutions have regarding participation awards.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

h. Incorporation of Official Interpretation – Administration of Hardship Waiver.

(1) Recommendation. To approve the incorporation of the following official interpretation [Reference: 2/4/11, Item No. 2] into the legislation:

Administration of Hardship Waiver (III). The NCAA Division III Management Council determined that in applying the hardship waiver legislation to a student-athlete who suffers an injury or illness while attending an NCAA Division I or Division II institution and later transfers to a Division III institution, the legislation of the division in which the injury or illness occurred or the Division III legislation may be used. The application of a particular division's legislation must include all the applicable elements of that division's legislation, as opposed to selected elements of the legislation of each division. [Reference: Bylaw 14.2.5 (hardship waiver) and official interpretation (Reference: 9/17/97, Item No. 3) which has been archived]

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the official interpretation should be incorporated into the legislation to better inform the membership on how to apply hardship legislation to transfer student-athletes.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. There may be more accurate application of a provision that provides greater flexibility for student-athlete to receive hardship waivers.

i. Approval of Official Interpretation – Definition of a Recruiting or Scouting Service.

(1) Recommendation. To approve the following official interpretation:

Definition of a Recruiting or Scouting Service (III). The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a recruiting or scouting service includes any individual, organization, entity or segment of an entity that is primarily involved in providing information about prospective student-athletes. This definition includes, but is not limited to any service that provides information only to paid subscribers, any service that is only available to a select group of individuals (e.g., coaches), regardless of whether there is a charge associated with the service, and any service that provides information to the public free of charge; however, this definition does not include any individual, organization or entity or segment of an entity that provides information about prospective student-athletes incidental to its primary purpose and is generally available to the public (e.g., news media). [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.12.2.4.1 (camp/clinic providing recruiting or scouting service) and 13.14.3 (recruiting or scouting services)]

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The committee reviewed the staff interpretation and agreed to elevate it to an official interpretation.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Refer To NCAA Division III Championships Committee – Informational Updates From Playing Rules Oversight Panel On Issues Relating To Division III.

(1) Recommendation. To refer to the NCAA Division III Championships Committee to determine if there should be legislation requiring the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel to provide informational updates regarding Division III specific issues to the Championships Committee.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. During the restructuring of the Division I governance structure, it was specified that the Playing Rules Oversight Panel would report to the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet regarding issues relating to Division I (see Bylaw 21.7.5.5.4) for sharing of information only. The change did not amend the legislation for the Playing Rules Oversight Panel in Bylaw 21.1. Division II recently passed similar legislation, leaving Division III as the only division that does not have similar language requiring the Playing Rules Oversight Panel to report issues related to Division III. The committee reviewed the recent Division II legislation and determined that the Championships Committee is the appropriate body to provide comment and recommend similar legislation if appropriate.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Referral to the NCAA Division III Membership Committee – Minimum Participants required to Complete a Competition for Purposes of Counting the Competition for Sports Sponsorship.

(1) Recommendation. To refer to the NCAA Division III Membership Committee the policy set forth in the following official interpretation [Reference: 6/16/94, Item No. 5] for additional review:

Minimum Participants Required to Complete Institution's Competition. The minimum number of participants required to count a competition for purposes of satisfying sports-sponsorship requirements actually must complete the competition. [References: Bylaws 20.9.3.3.1, 20.10.3.5.1 and 20.11.3.2.1 (completion of contests)]

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The committee reviewed the official interpretation and determined that the Membership Committee should review and determine

if this is the appropriate position for the division or the underlying legislation should be amended to reflect a more flexible position.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Referral to the Championships Committee – Questions regarding Major Junior A Hockey.

(1) Recommendation. To refer to the Championships Committee for their consideration of having the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee review and provide comment regarding the following potential legislative options:

(a) Proposing legislation to extend the organized competition legislation for Major Junior to apply to Junior A as the trend of that league is becoming more competitive; or

(b) Proposing legislation to extend the organized competition legislation for Major Junior to any hockey competition in order to address Junior A and all other foreign leagues.

(2) Rationale. The committee received a report from the NCAA Agents Gambling and Amateurism staff regarding the structure of junior hockey in Canada, the United States and Europe. The committee also reviewed the legislative history regarding Major Junior Hockey as well as a comparison of the rule in the other two divisions. Based on that information, the committee considered several options for amending the current Division III legislation. Prior to making a formal recommendation to Management Council, the committee wanted to receive feedback from the Men's Ice Hockey Committee regarding the two potential legislative considerations identified above. The two legislative considerations are derived from two key points: (a) Junior A [a level below Major Junior] is becoming more competitive as hockey players talented enough to participate in Major Junior are choosing Junior A because they do not want to sacrifice potential collegiate eligibility by participating in Major Junior; and (b) the committee was concerned with the fairness of treating Major Junior differently than foreign leagues that may be just as competitive. Seeking feedback from the Men's Ice Hockey Committee is the next step in getting a better understanding regarding the state of junior hockey.

(3) Effective Date. Immediate.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. Voting Method for 2012 Convention Proposals.

(1) Recommendation. Designate votes for all proposals at the 2012 Convention to be taken using the roll-call method, regardless of grouping (presidential or general).

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The committee discussed voting methods noting that roll-call voting has historically only been designated for the presidential grouping. While a mechanism exists for the membership to consider changing the voting method on the Convention floor, the committee agreed that since the electronic voting units and technology permit the recording of all votes in an expeditious manner, the committee agreed that votes for all proposals (presidential and general grouping) should be taken using the roll-call method as it provides transparency for the membership.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Update on Governance Issues. Members of the staff provided an update on the primary topics within the Division III governance structure for the 2011-12 year. The topics included: year two of the identity activation, Division III Week, Academic All-America program, presidential leadership, drug education, academic reporting, and an overall evaluation of Division III programs and services ahead of the upcoming budgeting process. Additionally, the committee was provided an update on the financial aid reporting process and the NCAA Division III Committee on Infractions' shift from education to enforcement within the penalty phase of the process. Finally, the committee received an update on the Division I Presidents' summit and restructuring discussions.

2. Recommendation for Staff Interpretations. The committee reviewed recently issued Division I and Division II official interpretations for Division III consideration. The committee declined to make any of these interpretations Division III official interpretations but recommended that the following two interpretations [Reference: (8/12/11, Item No.3); and (5/23/11, Item No. a)] should be issued as Division III staff interpretations:

Delayed Enrollment for Junior National/International Competition (I). The committee confirmed that the exception to the delayed enrollment legislation for participation in national/international competition (e.g., Olympic Games, World Championships, National Team) applies only to the events specified in the legislation and does not extend to junior level competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Team) that may be associated with the specified events. [Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 14.2.3.2.1.1 (exception -- national/international competition) and a staff interpretation (5/16/11, Item No. b), which has been archived]

Institution's Team Selected as a National Team (II). The NCAA Division II Interpretations Subcommittee of the Legislation Committee determined that an institution's team may be selected to represent the United States as a national team pursuant to the legislated national-team criteria. [References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.7.5.1 (exceptions to outside-competition regulations -- all sports), 14.7.5.3 (national-team criteria), 17.29.2 (outside-team tours) and 17.29.2.1 (institutional foreign-tour limitations)]

3. Review of 2012 NCAA Convention Division III Proposal No. 2-4 (Recruiting – Permissible Electronic Transmissions). The committee took no position on this proposal as it could not come to a majority committee position regarding the use of social media. The committee does however support the use of text messaging and therefore prefers the approach to the issue as presented by the governance structure in 2012 NCAA Convention Division III Proposal No. 2-5 (Recruiting – Electronic Transmissions – Allowing Text Messaging). In discussing arguments in favor of allowing social media, the committee noted that the proposal would eliminate a recruiting disadvantage that impacts Division III institutions when Division III legislation is compared to the current rules in Divisions I and II. The committee also noted the proposal would align athletics recruiting practices with what many institutions' admissions departments are already doing. Committee members also noted those coaches who might recruit excessively via social media and text messaging would do so at their own peril. The committee acknowledged the proposal could create undue pressure for prospective student-athletes in that even if given the option to "opt out," a prospect would be unlikely to tell a coach at an institution he or she wants to attend that the coach is communicating excessively. The committee also noted that for many prospective student-athletes, being recruited via

any technological means beyond email, fax or text messaging is regarded as an intrusion on those individuals' personal space. Based on these competing concepts, the committee took no position on this proposal.

4. **Review of Proposal No. 2-6 (Eligibility – Hardship Waiver – Practice after Injury).** The committee opposed this proposal. The committee expressed concern with the detrimental impact on student-athletes. Further, the committee questioned the clarity of the prohibition set forth in the proposal and the potential inconsistent application based on this lack of clarity.

5. **Review of Proposal No. 2-7 (Playing and Practice Seasons – Required Day Off – Voluntary Strength and Conditioning Activities Prohibited During Required Day Off).** The committee opposed the proposal as written. The committee also discussed if the proposal were split into two parts (in-season and out-of-season), that a prohibition on in-season workouts with certified strength and conditioning coaches on the mandatory day off would be supported. The committee agreed that by requiring the day off outside the season, the institution would be required to monitor participation outside the season which is not currently permitted. Consequently, this would result in more oversight outside the playing season, resulting in the opposite of the intended effect of this proposal. Ensuring, however, that student-athletes are not engaging in a workout with the strength coach during the mandatory day off during the season has merit and should be supported.

6. **Review of Proposal No. 2-8 (Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Postseason Activities – Exempting One Postseason Championship From The 18 Or 19 Week Declared Playing Season).** The Committee opposed this proposal. The Committee expressed concern with extending the playing season by allowing additional exemptions to the playing season. The committee also cited cost considerations associated with additional postseason opportunities and increased pressure for institutions to participate in postseason championship events as further basis to oppose this proposal.

7. **2012 Convention Question and Answer Guide.** The committee reviewed each 2012 Convention proposal and offered potential questions for staff to include in the Convention question and answer guide.

8. 2012 Convention Proposal Grouping. The committee reviewed potential groupings and vote order for the 2012 Convention proposals. The committee's recommendations are included in the attached addendum.

9. Text Messaging Club Teams. The committee reviewed whether Division III college coaches who were also club team coaches could text message prospective student-athletes who were members of the club team for purposes of communicating club team information. The committee agreed this is permissible as it is not recruiting communication. To be permissible the substance of the text would have to be related to the club team and not for any other communication. The committee instructed staff to issue a staff interpretation clarifying this question for the membership.

10. Transfer Exception for a Student-Athlete who is Academically Ineligible but Has Not Used a Season of Participation. The committee examined the current transfer legislation that permits a student who is academically ineligible to transfer and be immediately eligible at the certifying institution if he or she has not previously used a season of participation at a Division III institution or participated in intercollegiate athletics at a non-Division III school. The committee noted this provides an opportunity for a student to participate during the nontraditional segment at a Division III institution and transfer to another Division III institution and be immediately eligible despite being academically ineligible at the original institution. The committee reviewed feedback from the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The Interpretations and Legislation Committee tabled the issue and requested the NCAA staff gather additional information.

11. Hardship Waiver – First Half of Season – Medical Documentation. The committee reviewed an issue raised during the June Division III Commissioners Association meeting that centers on whether a student-athlete must see a physician prior to completion of the first half of the season to satisfy the hardship waiver requirements. The committee agreed as long as the medical documentation shows that the student-athlete saw a physician at or near the time of injury that a visit to a physician need not occur prior to completion of the first half of the season. The committee noted the legislation in Bylaw 14.2.5-(a) requires only that the illness or injury itself must occur in the first half of the season. The committee directed the staff to issue educational material clarifying the issue.

12. Study Abroad/Foreign Exchange Considerations. The committee reviewed various considerations that must be taken into account when determining a student-athlete's

eligibility to participate in athletics in conjunction with participation in a study abroad or foreign exchange program. The committee agreed that a student-athlete who is participating in a study abroad or foreign exchange program is not intended to be considered a transfer student; therefore, the legislation should be simplified to permit the student-athlete the opportunity to participate in athletics. The committee also discussed whether and how the seasons of participation legislation should apply to such student-athletes and agreed to table the discussion. The committee acknowledged its intent to recommend that Management Council sponsor 2013 NCAA Convention legislation and requested that the staff gather additional information from the Division III sport committees to assist in preparing a recommendation.

13. **Examination of NCAA Division III Bylaw 12.1.** The committee conducted a review of the Division III amateurism legislation to assess whether current regulations are appropriate for individuals both prior to and after initial full-time collegiate enrollment. The committee agreed that camp employment and fee for lessons should be included in Bylaw 12.1.3.1 in that both activities are permissible and currently are not listed as specific permissible activities. The committee instructed staff to include these provisions editorially. This review also resulted in the proposed legislative action item set forth in 1a.

14. **Review Educational Initiatives Calendar.** The committee reviewed the staff's educational initiatives calendar and offered suggestions, including a "how to" on the Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDB*i*). Additionally, the committee suggested the staff consider including a quarterly update on recently released educational columns within the Division III Monthly Update.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS

***ACTION ITEM*.**

1. **Legislative Item**.

Divisions II and III only.

- **Penalty for Manipulation of Drug Test Sample.**

a. Recommendation. The committee requests the Management Council sponsor legislation that adds an additional year penalty to any case of clearly observed manipulation of a drug-test sample.

b. Rationale. The penalty for testing positive for use of a banned substance is a serious penalty, supported by the membership as a strong deterrent to banned drug use to protect the integrity of the game and student-athlete health and safety. The current penalty for breach of protocol (e.g., tampering with a sample) is the same as that for a positive test. A deliberate attempt by a student-athlete to alter his or her urine specimen (documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member), through the use of added substances or by substituting another's urine, demonstrates an egregious violation of ethical conduct. The committee believes this behavior warrants an even more serious automatic penalty as a deterrent to such behavior and as a sanction when it occurs. As with all drug-testing penalties, there is an appeal process available to the institution and student-athlete.

c. Effective date. August 2013.

d. Budget Impact. None.

e. Student-Athlete Impact. This policy will protect student-athletes who play clean by providing a most serious sanction for those who flaunt anti-doping policy.

2. **Nonlegislative Item.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEM*.**

Divisions II and III only.

- **Field Hockey Eyewear.** The committee will recommend to the appropriate bodies that effective August 2012, NCAA field hockey players be required to wear protective American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)-approved eyewear during play. The committee reviewed injury data for the sport of field hockey, the historical positions of the committee encouraging the use of protective eyewear, and the recent action by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) to mandate ASTM-approved protective eyewear. The committee believes that requiring protective eyewear during play will minimize the risk of catastrophic eye injuries. NCAA injury data noted that 25 percent of all injuries occur to the head and face with 28 percent of those head and face injuries occurring from contact with the ball and another 16 percent due to the stick.

Committee Chair: Jeff Anderson, University of Connecticut, Big East Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Mary Wilfert, Student-Athlete Affairs
David Klossner, Student-Athlete Affairs
Latrice Sales, Student-Athlete Affairs

SUPPLEMENT NO. 15
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REPORT OF THE NCAA OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2011, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

Divisions I and III only.

- **Comments on Proposals Currently in the 2011-12 Legislative Cycle.** The NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC) reviewed the following proposals that will be considered by the NCAA Divisions I and III membership as part of the 2011-12 legislative cycle but took no action (all proposals are Division I unless otherwise noted).

  a. 2011-24 – Amateurism – Amateur Status – Expenses from a Sponsor for Practice or Competition in Individual Sports Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment.

  b. 2011-25 – Amateurism – Exceptions to Amateurism Rule – Prize Money Prior to Full-Time Enrollment – Tennis – $10,000 per Year.

  c. 2011-71 – Eligibility – Transfer Regulations – Four Year College Transfers – One-Time Transfer Exception – Women's Ice Hockey.

  d. 2011-72 – Eligibility – Outside Competition – Exception – USA Fencing National Championship.

  e. M-2012-3 (Division III) – Eligibility – Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility – Wrestling.

  f. NC-2012-17 (Division III) – Eligibility – Full-Time Enrollment – Requirement for Practice – Waiver – U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body – Former Student Athlete Practicing at Another Institution – Individual Sports and Women's Rowing.

Association Wide.

1. **Committee Strategic Plan.** As it does on an annual basis, the committee reviewed its strategic plan and recognized a need to update the plan to be consistent with its current work, particularly those strategies related to the developing partnership between the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the NCAA (refer to Association Wide Item No. 2 listed below). The committee agreed to three broad goals of education, administration and collaboration, and established a subcommittee to propose revisions to the plan. The subcommittee will forward the revision to the full OSLC in advance of the committee's December teleconference.

2. **OSLC/National Governing Bodies (NGBs) Working Group Update.** The committee received an update regarding the working group's efforts going back to October 2010. Earlier this year, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors endorsed the group's recommendations related to endangered sports and sports that face challenges to their growth. Specifically, the NCAA national office assigned Joni Comstock, senior vice president for championships, the responsibility for creating collaborative strategies to prioritize and sustain Olympics sports within the collegiate structure. The USOC appointed Rick Adams as the counterpoint to Ms. Comstock. The committee reviewed the project initiatives currently underway including those that need further direction from the working group. The concept of a senior Olympic administrator designated by institutions generated discussion among the group and will remain a significant topic within the project initiatives. In addition, the United States Olympic Achievement Award and the USOC fundraising symposium were highlighted as components of the ongoing work. The committee can continue to expect to receive updates on the project initiatives moving forward.

3. **Meeting with representatives from the USOC and NGBs**. The committee met with several USOC representatives along with representatives of the following NGBs: USA Diving, USA Fencing, USA Field Hockey, USA Gymnastics, USA Hockey, USA Rowing, USA Softball, USA Swimming, USA Synchronized Swimming, USA Track & Field, USA Volleyball, USA Water Polo and USA Wrestling. The USOC and NGB representatives and the OSLC discussed the following initiatives:

   a. Various updates. The committee and USOC and NGB representatives exchanged several updates including those related to the OSLC/ NGB Working Group, the online availability of the NGB Handbook produced by the NCAA and the concept of regional training centers.

b. NCAA legislative review. The NCAA staff led discussion with Olympic representatives on NCAA proposals currently in the 2011-12 legislative cycle. In addition, staff offered an overview of the NCAA legislative process.

c. Reimbursement of training expenses. The committee and Olympic representatives discussed NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.1.2.4.8, which allows for the USOC or the appropriate NGB to provide prospective student-athletes and enrolled student-athletes with actual and necessary training expenses. NCAA member institutions occasionally express confusion regarding the process implemented by the USOC and/or NGBs when providing these training expenses. The group agreed to take inventory of current direct athlete support programs and accounting practices by NGBs as a basis for developing a standardized approach to eliminate confusion. The committee established a subcommittee to concentrate on the legislative issues involved.

d. National team funding. The committee facilitated discussion concerning Bylaw 16.8.1.3, which allows for an NCAA member institution to pay the actual and necessary expenses for an institution's student-athlete to participate in established national championships, specific competition (e.g., Olympic Trials) from which participants may directly qualify for selected international events (e.g., Olympics Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World University Games); and one national team tryout competition from which participants are selected for the national team that will participate in selected international events (e.g., Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World University Games). Though the bylaw does not allow for a member institution to pay a student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses to participate in international events such as the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships and World University Games, a current rule interpretation (dated August 7, 1992) does allow an institution to make a donation to an NGB and the NGB may then use the donation to help pay expenses for one or more student-athletes to participate in an international event.

After receiving feedback from several NGB representatives, the committee took no action to recommend a change to the bylaw or interpretation but requested the staff to determine if a clarifying interpretation could be reissued.

e. NCAA Fencing Championships. The representative from USA Fencing suggested that the OSLC support a proposal to have separate championship scoring for men and women at the NCAA Fencing Championship. In the current scoring model, points earned by both male and female student-athletes contribute

to the team scoring to determine the overall championship standings. It was noted that the NCAA Fencing Committee has previously submitted a similar item to the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet for consideration. The committee agreed to refer the item to the Cabinet within the context of supporting the collaboration between the USOC and NCAA to prioritize and sustain Olympics sports within the collegiate structure.

4. **Updates.** The committee received various updates concerning the work of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committees, and the prospect of a future sport summit to bring together key stakeholders within the sport and provide an opportunity to discuss significant issues related to the sport (targeted sport is to be determined after input from the USOC).

Committee Chair: *Peg Bradley-Doppes, University of Denver*
Staff Liaisons: *Dan Calandro, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs*
Alex Smith, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs
Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA COMMITTEE ON SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICAL CONDUCT JUNE 30 - JULY 1, 2011, MEETING

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

Association-wide.

1. **RESPECT Campaign.** In 2009, the Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee launched a sportsmanship initiative entitled, "RESPECT" involving a communication plan and creative materials for member institutions and conferences to implement.

Since the official launch of the RESPECT Campaign the NCAA has distributed and provided promotional items, fan giveaways and best practices guides, pamphlets, and downloadable materials to institutions, conference offices and championships throughout the membership. The committee discussed next steps for the RESPECT Campaign initiatives that include:

a. Maintain the current visibility through championship giveaways, banners, etc.;

b. Partner with SAAC for greater student-athlete involvement; and

c. Recognize campus groups that make a significant contribution to sportsmanship.

2. **Awards.** The Bob Frederick Sportsmanship Award winner and the Sportsmanship Award winners were selected.

The national award winners were:

a. Courtney Berger, Nova Southeastern University (Division II).

b. Louis Day, University of South Carolina (Division I).

The divisional winners were:

a. Meredith Hall Massachusetts Maritime Academy (Division III).

b. Tony Evans, College of St. Scholastica (Division III).

The Bob Frederick Award Winner was Chuck Mitrano, commissioner, Empire 8 Conference.

3. **Violence Prevention Summit**. The NCAA Violence Prevention Summit was held April 8, 2011, in Indianapolis, to bring together members of the higher education community, including intercollegiate athletics, and subject matter experts to gain a better understanding of interpersonal violence on campus and to identify collaborative strategies to address. The Summit was attended in person by 84 individuals representing various athletics and student-affairs constituents, and viewed at more than 100 sites via live webcast.

Michael Miranda, associate director of research, provided additional background and information on violence amongst student-athletes. The committee noted that additional and accurate research that focuses on campus violence involving student-athletes is crucial. The committee discussed recommendations that include:

a. Research the nature, extent and perception of violence involving student-athletes;

b. Address the misperceptions of student-athletes and violence; and

c. Provide education and best practices in addressing student-athlete violence.

4. **Sportsmanship website.** A subcommittee will review the content and structure of the website and make suggestions to ensure it is pertinent and easily accessible.

5. **Transgender presentation.** The committee received a presentation from Karen Morrison, director of gender inclusion, and Mary Wilfert, associate director of health and safety, on a proposed policy related to transgender student athlete participation that will be reviewed by the NCAA Executive Committee in August. The committee noted that, if the policy is adopted by the Executive Committee, educational resources will be available.

6. **Reports.**

a. Sports wagering. The national office is enhancing sports wagering efforts by making plans to offer more education and outreach for student-athletes and coaches.

b. Playing rules. The NCAA Championships and Alliances staff is using guiding and operating principles to deliver each of the 89 NCAA Championships. At the 2011 championship the men's basketball committee mandated that officials enforce the bench decorum rule and with renewed focus, appropriately penalize unsportsmanlike behavior; Additionally, the football rules change approved two years ago, related to treating unsportsmanlike fouls as live ball fouls, becomes effective this fall.

c. Officials' screening. The committee received an overview of the official's background check process and noted that the national office enforcement staff is considering expanding this process.

Committee Chair: *John Blanchard, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Atlantic Coast Conference*
Staff Liaisons: *Cari Klecka, educational programs*
Chance Miller, agents, gambling and amateurism activities
Teresa Smith, championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS June 21-23, 2011, MEETING

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Action Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

Association-wide.

1. Multidivisional reclassification – opposite gender -- NCAA Bylaw 20.4.1.2. The Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) engaged in a thorough discussion regarding the application of new Division I membership requirements and the elimination of multidivisional reclassification. It was noted this issue was being discussed by the Division I administration cabinet. The committee unanimously supported permitting institutions that currently have a sport (other than football and basketball) classified in Division I for only one gender to seek reclassification of one Division I sport of the opposite gender.

In its review of the issue, the committee emphasized that institutions which already have a Division I sport and seek to elevate an opposite gender sport should have the opportunity to do so in order to provide equitable student-athlete access to competitive opportunities.

2. CWA committee members.

a. Election of chair and vice chair. The committee elected Marilyn Moniz Kaho'ohanohano, associate athletics director and senior woman administrator at University of Hawaii, Manoa, as chair and Sarah Feyerherm, associate vice president for student affairs at Washington College (Maryland), as vice chair.

b. **New subcommittee members.** CWA appointed the following representatives to its subcommittees: Ethnic Minority Enhancement Scholarship., Portia Lowe Hoeg; Pathways Leadership Development Program, Carmen Leeds; Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males and Females, Marilyn Moniz Kaho'ohanohano; and NCAA Matching Grant for Minority Women Coaches, Sarah Feyerherm.

c. **Outgoing committee members.** [Note: Terms are ending effective September 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.] The committee thanked Stan Williamson, Campbell University, for his service as chair of the CWA. The committee thanked Bernard Muir, University of Delaware; Beth Miller, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and Zack Solomon, [effective July, 2011], student-athlete representative at American University for their service to the committee.

3. **NCAA Division I Athletics Certification Program.** Troy Arthur, director of academic and membership affairs, provided background and an update on the current review of the Division I athletics certification program. He noted that the committee will ensure the new program is focused on (1) the student-athlete experience; (2) academic integrity; (3) fiscal integrity; and (4) diversity. He also reported the new program will be technology driven to make it more efficient, as well as focused on the outcome instead of the process. Arthur noted the feedback process will engage CWA for recommendations, particularly in regard to the diversity and gender equity aspect.

CWA discussed concerns about maintaining gender equity planning requirements to assist schools in accessing their efforts to provide fair and equitable opportunities and experiences for male and female student-athletes and completing effective actions for improvements as needed. The committee noted the important opportunity the certification process provides to open the athletic department's activities to a broad campus review.

4. **NCAA Divisions I, II and III governance updates**. The committee received updates on Divisions I, II and III governance issues. It was noted the Division II Management Council Membership Committee requested CWA provide more information regarding the cost and benefits of attendance at the Gender Equity Forum as it considers making attendance a requirement for new Division II members.

5. **NCAA Inclusion Summit.** Dr. Bernard Franklin, NCAA executive president of membership and student-athlete affairs/chief inclusion officer, provided an update on the NCAA Inclusion Summit scheduled for September 19, 2011. The summit will advance discussions on how to engage presidential leadership on issues of inclusion in intercollegiate athletics, showcase the presidents and universities who champion inclusion, and discuss how the NCAA can create collaborative partnerships to increase diversity and inclusive environments.

6. **Research update.**

   a. **Senior woman administrator survey results.** Erin Irick, NCAA assistant director of research, provided analysis of the data collected from a survey of senior woman administrators (SWAs) and athletics directors regarding the roles of SWAs in athletics departments. It was noted the most significant difference was the consistent gap between athletics directors who stated their SWAs received training and mentorship (80 percent), compared to SWAs who stated they had received such (30 percent). Approximately 90 percent of athletics directors indicated the SWAs are in decision-making roles; while only 75 percent of SWAs indicated they are filling that role. The committee directed staff to enhance ongoing education about the role of the SWA as a part of the senior management of an athletics department and reach out to conferences about best practices.

   b. **NCAA personnel demographics.** The committee reviewed published data related to the number of women filling campus and conference leadership and administrative positions, noting in particular that women holding athletics director, associate athletics director and assistant athletics director positions have only increased from 26.9 percent in 1995-96 to 30.4 percent in 2009-10. In that same base year, 56.4 percent of head coaches of women's teams were women, but that has fallen to 39.5 percent in 2009-10. Assistant coaching positions held by women also has trended downward from 55.9 percent in 1995-96 to 49.1 percent in 2009-10.

   c. In the future, Irick noted the survey results would be made available online, and would be in a searchable database so information could be compiled about specific areas of interest for the membership.

d. The committee recommended development of a status report on women in intercollegiate athletics to include data and trend analysis of student-athlete participation and treatment, coaching and administrative leadership positions held by women. The committee also recommended continuing support of professional development programs for women in intercollegiate athletics and pursuit of greater support from athletics directors and presidents in sponsoring women for advancement.

7. **NCAA national office updates.** NCAA staff provided updates on the One Team One Future initiative, NCAA intern program, and the NCAA internal inclusion plan. In regard to the NCAA internal inclusion plan, Jennifer Strawley, director of academic and membership affairs, noted the subcommittee is examining the organizational culture; employee life cycle; communication; and training and development. It was noted the initial plan is internal to the NCAA national office, but concepts developed could potentially be applicable and provided to the membership.

7. **NCAA Violence Prevention Summit.** CWA received a report from Feyerherm, who attended the NCAA Violence Prevention Summit. After discussion, the committee noted that it believes the summit was a notable start and it supports continuing efforts to develop resources to help reduce the occurrence of acts of violence through the education of coaches, administrators, and student-athletes. CWA also encourages coaches and administrators to speak with their student-athletes about this issue and develop a network of support so student-athletes know who to contact. It was noted that instances of violence need to be monitored so it can be determined whether student-athletes are more or less likely than non student-athletes to be involved in acts of violence.

8. **Emerging sports for women program updates**.

a. **Subcommittee.** CWA voted on and approved the creation of a three-person emerging sport subcommittee to review and monitor the CWA's emerging sport program.

(1) **STUNT and acrobatics and tumbling**. The committee reviewed information for possible future emerging sport for women status

from STUNT and from acrobatics and tumbling. The committee had several questions about the information presented that will be communicated to the two groups. It was noted that one year of competition is not enough to make an informed decision, and it will monitor how the sports grow over the next couple of years. The committee noted it would prefer the two organizations work together to ensure it is creating a sport that benefits female student-athletes.

(2) **Triathlon.** The committee reviewed updated information from triathlon organizers, and it was reported triathlon organizers are currently in the process of collecting 10 letters of commitment from member institutions to complete their proposal.

(3) **Equestrian and rugby.** The committee reviewed updated information from the equestrian community and discussed new strategies in development for expanding sponsorship of rugby by its national governing body.

9. **CWA strategic planning subcommittee.** The committee reviewed a report from the strategic planning subcommittee conference call on several new areas identified for possible inclusion into the CWA's strategic plan. The committee continued to discuss and identify additional areas to incorporate into the strategic plan. A draft strategic plan will be circulated to the committee and discussed in more detail during the committee's October meeting.

10. **Women's professional development opportunities**. The committee received an update from NCAA staff regarding professional develop opportunities for women, including NCAA Women's Leadership Symposium, Winning Careers in Athletics, Women Coaches Academy, and National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrator (NACWAA) Institutes. The committee expressed its continuing support for these professional development programs and future programs to support the role of the senior woman administrators.

Curtis Hollomon, NCAA director of leadership development, provided a review of current minority and gender professional development programming. Hollomon also provided an overview of new programming developments, including the creation of categories of positions in order for programming to be specific and in "real time" to the needs of the individual at that point in their career.

11. CWA attendance at Gender Equity Forum. The committee agreed to annually send three CWA representatives to the Gender Equity Forum. Staff was encouraged to reach out to conference offices to encourage attendance and to consider grants to help athletics directors attend the event.

12. NCAA Woman of the Year. The committee received an update regarding the NCAA Woman of the Year selection process. A record number of institutional nominations (471) was received this year. This year's event honoring the Top 30 and announcing the NCAA Woman of the Year will be October 16 in Indianapolis.

13. Title IX update. The committee received an update on Title IX-related matters. The committee supported development of a resource consolidating recent U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights guidance related to sexual harassment, bullying and violence for athletic department consideration. The committee also supported conducting a one-day Title IX seminar at the NCAA Convention once every four to five years.

14. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues. The committee received an update on related matters, including websites addressing transgender student-athlete participation policy and the gay, lesbian and straight education network project.

15. Gender equity resource center projects. The committee received an update from NCAA staff regarding gender equity resource center projects. It was noted that a Title IX coordinator and model policy will be distributed this fall. The committee also suggested using opportunities like the NCAA regional rules seminars to educate women about professional development programming and governance opportunities.

16. Future meeting dates and sites.

- October 11-12, 2011, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the NACWAA Fall Convention and a joint meeting with MOIC.

Committee Chair: *Stan Williamson, Campbell University*

Staff Liaisons: *Karen Morrison, gender inclusion initiatives*
Brynna Barnhart, enforcement
Lynn Holzman, academic and membership affair

DIVISION III IDENTITY INITIATIVE

Following is a status report on recent and current activation of the Division III Identity Initiative.

2010-11

These are highlights of activation activities from September 2010-August 2011:

- Ninety-two percent of Division III member institutions and 95 percent of Division III multisport conferences (as well as six single-sport conferences) purchased resources from the Division III Purchasing Website.

- Institutions averaged spending $683 of the $1,000 credit allocated by Division III for Purchasing Website orders. Multisport conferences averaged spending $920 of the $1,000 credit. The single-sport conferences averaged spending $456 of a $500 credit available to each conference.

- Overall, Division III institutions and conferences spent $306,880 (62 percent) of the $495,500 allocated to credits during 2010-11.

- Identity Initiative signage, banners and/or flags were obtained by the championships staff and displayed at 18 Division III championships, at a cost of approximately $42,000.

- Selected spring championships hosted the first programs activating the partnership between Division III and Special Olympics.

- Division III introduced a video spotlighting the partnership with Special Olympics at the 2011 NCAA Convention.

- Division III introduced a Facebook page focusing on student-athlete achievements and activities, and featuring links to material on institutional and conference websites.

- 2011-12

- With a budgeted allocation of $600,500 for 2011-12 (plus a surplus from 2010-11 of approximately $240,000 attributable primarily to unspent credit amounts), Division III is initiating the following activation activities:

- Member institutions and conferences will receive a $500 credit at the Division III Purchasing Website, which continues to feature most of the customizable/co-branded

materials that were offered during 2010-11, as well as new items including co-branded T-shirts. (Total allocation $250,500)

- Member institutions and multisport conferences also will receive kits containing various types of signage (including banners and flags) bearing Division III "Discover/Develop/Dedicate" logos and messaging, and adaptable to indoor and outdoor use. (Total allocation $318,000)

- Division III will produce a new generation of videos to be introduced at the 2012 NCAA Convention, including a variety of videos that will be customizable to institutional or conference use. (Total allocation $52,000)

- The championships staff will maintain signage and obtain additional materials for use at Division III championships sites, and also will be allocated funds for activation of the partnership with Special Olympics at all pre-determined sites of championship finals. (Total allocation $35,000)

- A "Division III Week" is being planned for April 2012 to encourage member institutions and conferences to join in a national celebration of student-athletes' athletic, academic and community-service activities and to call attention to the Division III attributes of proportion, comprehensive learning, passion, responsibility, sportsmanship and citizenship. (Total allocation $50,000)

- Division III in collaboration with the Division III Sports Information Directors of America (D3SIDA) will begin a monthly recognition program to call attention to materials produced by athletics communications staffs that exemplify Division III attributes. Each month's honored institution or conference will receive an additional credit for use at the Division III Purchasing Website. (Total allocation $4,500)

[Note: Division III is achieving significant reductions in unit costs of materials provided in institutional and conference activation kits and available through the Purchasing Website in 2011-12, via bulk purchases of resources at the beginning of the year.]

UPDATE
NCAA Division III and NASPA
Alcohol and Other Drug Education Collaborative Partnership

Executive Summary

Representatives from the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) met on September 23, 2011, in Indianapolis to:

- Consider the possibility of collaboration.
- Develop a mission.
- Outline the scope and deliverables of the initiative.

Meeting participants: Kevin Kruger, Associate Executive Director, NASPA; Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student and Community Services, Monmouth University; Glen Sherman, Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Development, William Patterson University; Lou Stark, Vice President for Student Affairs, Coe College; Dan Dutcher, Vice President of Division III; Bernard Franklin, Executive Vice President of Membership & Student-Athlete Affairs, Chief Inclusion Officer; Eric Hartung, Associate Director of Research for Division III; Leah Kareti, Director of Division III; Cari Klecka, Director of Educational Programs; Mary Wilfert, Associate Director of Health and Safety; Katie Willett, Associate Director of Educational Programs (Scribe); and Lynne Kaplan, Lynne Kaplan & Association (Facilitator)

Mission Statement:

The NCAA Division III and NASPA partnership will promote an integrated model for on-campus collaborations among student affairs and athletics professionals and provide resources to deliver effective alcohol and drug education for the well-being and success of all students.

The project was defined as operating under the umbrella of Environmental Management. There are three distinct and related elements to be included:

1. Identify best practices in the Alcohol and other Drug education space and develop pathways to share those broadly.
    - Models of successful partnerships.
    - Prevention.
    - Other areas.

2. Develop modules with baseline information that coaches, students, and other stakeholders need to know.
    - Coaches will share in the responsibility of delivering information to student-athletes.

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3. Promote effective resources within the context of the environmental model.
    - Keep the resource updated.
    - Resources must be customizable/user friendly.
    - Resources must be research based.

4. Identify the gaps in existing program offerings and develop resources or programming to target those gaps.
    - Conduct surveys to find out what resources are available.
    - Consider leveraging economies of scale to help make commercial products accessible to campuses.

Next Steps:

- Issue a joint press release.
- Conduct an inventory/audit to assess what Division III institutions are doing in the area of alcohol and other drug education (benchmark), within both athletics and student affairs.
    - Engage a subgroup of Hartung, Kruger, Sherman and Nagy to develop a simple survey to gauge what has been occurring and to solicit institutions for model practices and willingness to participate in further discussions.
    - Consider how the assessment can inform the best practices guide.
    - Distribute the assessment tool to the membership in mid October: the NCAA shall distribute to athletics directors and NASPA shall distribute to vice presidents of student affairs.
- Conduct a debrief call of the planning group in mid October.
- Plan for an in-person planning sessions at the NCAA Convention and the NASPA Alcohol Abuse Conference. Clarify how to leverage January meetings for both organizations.
- Analyze results of assessment.
- Identify opportunities for CHOICES grant recipients to gather at the NASPA Alcohol Abuse Conference in January.
- Identify opportunities to conduct an Association-wide educational session at the NCAA Convention. (Wednesday, January 11 at 10:15 – Athletics and Student Affairs: Partnering for Student-Athlete Success).
- Conduct a conference call in November to review assessment results.

The following list of descriptors identifies characteristics that the project must include to garner the support of all three groups:

- All parties must recognize there will be resource limitations (e.g. funds, support, content)..

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- NCAA will provide funding.
- NASPA/KC (Knowledge Community) will provide expertise.
- All organizations will support.

- Both the NCAA and NASPA will own it and support the resource, and will encourage members to access and use it.
- The resource must be sustained over time.
  - Funding will continue.
  - Content will be updated.
- Experts will be available to contribute advice and content.
- The resource must be developed based on empirically proven strategies and practices.
- The resource must be simple and easily accessible. (User friendly)
- The resource must be available via open access (free to members and therefore a value added benefit of membership).
- The resource must be applicable to the general campus and must address specific needs of Division III student-athletes.
- The design process will be inclusive to capture the voice of diverse populations (e.g. coaches, student-athletes, student affairs).
- Development of the resource will include the student/peer voice.
- Development of the resource should include coaches and consider their unique role to both deliver and receive the educational information.
- Development and promotion of the resource will include college presidents.
- The resource must encourage the existence of relationships at the campus level (which should translate down from the president). Connections between athletics and student affairs need to be established and encouraged (integrated in the management structure of the institution.) The program should be built from connection of infrastructure.
- The program outcome should meet local needs and accommodate institutional autonomy.
- The resource should target alcohol in the first year of the project expand to include other drugs in future years (e.g. scalable approach starting with alcohol.)
- The NCAA banned substance list will be addressed within the first three years of the initiative.
- Metrics will be developed to measure success of the initiative.

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MANAGEMENT COUNCIL CONFERENCE VISITS

NAME:	Stanton Ching
CONFERENCE:	NESCAC
DATE:	9-8-11

ATTENDEES (CEO, AD, SWA, FAR, SAAC):

AD, SWA

COMMENTS	
a. Identity Initiative Activation Resources: • How well has the platform message been communicated to the following key audiences: o Prospect student-athletes and parents? o Campus faculty? o Coaches? o The public? • What other resources can the NCAA national office provide to assist institutions and conferences?	Not discussed. No interest based on conference discussion & convention in San Antonio.
b. Drug Education and Testing Pilot: • What are features of a user-friendly drug education model? • How can coaches be included in drug education efforts? • Should funds be distributed through the Conference Grant Program or a separate channel?	Strong support for current position of education focus & no funding for testing
c. Academic Reporting Pilot: • How can institutions use the pilot results? • What was your experience with data submission? • If year two results look like year one, what should the division do with this program?	Interest in results, but greater concern over continued & ongoing requests for more data & the time that consumes.

d. Financial Dashboards: • What data are you most interested in seeing?	No real interest
e. Presidential Leadership: • Are the concepts included in the potential 2012 legislative package reflective of core DIII tenants?	Not discussed
f. Strategic Initiatives: • Financial Aid Reporting Program. • Conference Grant Program. • Faculty Athletics Representative Institute. • Campus-based facilitation training. • Student-athlete leadership and career in sports forums.	No substantive discussion
g. Championships: • Bench size resolution. • Regional alignment project. • Men's volleyball championship. • Core membership in a conference.	Bench size the only topic of interest. Taking wait & see stance.

GENERAL COMMENTS:]

In discussion of sickle cell testing, question was raised about suicide - whether this is a concern among SAs given its the 2nd leading cause of death among college students.

Continued effort on membership front encouraged, esp. given the current momentum.

Recommend monitoring listservs for inquiries from new members. NCAA can use to develop a "how to" guide based on these inquiries.

Again, concern over NCAA constant requests for data that take up an increasing amt. of time.

VFG Communication #23 Comments

Total Responses – 44 responses representing 26 conferences and Division III Independents as of 09/23/201
Responses grouped alphabetically by conference.

1. The division will be offering a Convention session titled "Using Technology to Work Smarter on Division III Campuses". The plan for the session is to discuss current technology products and services that people love to use at work. This would include Smartphone applications, new software offerings, tablets and other mobile devices, and other technologies that can make life easier.

   What products or services are your current favorites, or otherwise worth highlighting in this session?

2. The division plans to reformat the toolkit it issued when it launched the strategic positioning platform in 2010. Currently, that resource exists in hard copy (where users navigate to a specific tab based on a specific audience) and online (where users select their own role and their audience from drop down menus). In both cases, the information provided is a series of speaking points tailored to the speaker and audience, and it appears this resource is not being widely used.

   Is there a better way to present speaking points about the Division III experience to coaches, administrator or other important audiences?

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1. I love the flexibility my iPhone provides me when on the road. I especially like how easy it is to attach documents for quick responses via email. I've only had my iPhone for about a month, so I'm still learning about all the app possibilities.
2. I think the online version of the toolkit is useful...if people know (or remember) that it exists. Maybe the toolkit needs a re-introduction, especially to some of our new(er) coaches.

Erin Eaton, assistant director of athletics, Pittsburg-Greensburg, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference

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1. Cell phones that allow easy on the road communication.
2. Perhaps a simple one page handout that is relevant to all, in simple (not academic) English. We need sound bites, not paragraph explanations (sad truth). I think we tried to be too much to too many in the initial campaign.

Donna Ledwin, commissioner, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference

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1. Presently I supplement my old school technology -- newspapers and magazines and snail-mail materials -- with email, web applications, office productivity software (StatCrew, MS Office, Adobe) and iPhone with apps. Moving toward phone/web-based platform.
2. KEEP IT SIMPLE! Email communication is the best vehicle to present speaking points, but only if the message is brief and easy to take action on. Maybe a Div. III talking point communicated every couple of weeks to coaches -- two to three sentences highlight.

Amy Carlton, commissioner, American Southwest Conference

1. I personally do not use these (I am a notoriously late adopter of mobile technologies), but our coaches and Athletic Training staff use iPads extensively. Our ATs in particular have mobile apps that help them with injury documentations and student trainer
2. I am not a user of the toolkit and do not feel strongly one way or another about this topic.

Will Walker, faculty athletics representative, East Texas Baptist University, American Southwest Conference

1. My I-phone is configured to download e-mails either thru wi-fi or roaming, so I am seldom tethered to my laptop. This tool has become the mainstay of my communication efforts through texting and e-mail. Also, my newest addition is Facetime on my tablet.
2. Perhaps it is the lack of strategic value of the message to many institutions. It may be perceived as an add-on of limited value. Have you asked that question, rather than assuming the value is inherent in the communication?

Tony Ladd, director of athletics, Wheaton College, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin

1. Smartphone; I-Pad; email; text.
2. Don't spend the money on hard copy; electronic copy online is fine for all purposes. Whatever is needed can be accessed via the web.

Richard Wilson, president, Illinois Wesleyan University, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin

1. iPhone, using Twitter effectively.
2. No answer provided.

Steve Ulrich, executive director, Centennial Conference

1. We have had success using front rush for our web based recruiting database. We use DVSPORT and Game Day Exchange for film editing and film exchange and have been please with the products and service.
2. I would like to see more games televised on Division III when possible. We will be playing two games on TWCS this year. The NCAA should use these opportunities to promote Division III Athletics. In NYS Time Warner Sports Covers Division III Athletics.

Blaise Faggiano, coach, Utica College, Empire 8

1. Currently, I do not have any favorite products and therefore would be very interested in learning more about new products and their uses.
2. I think reminders of the availability, where they may be found and how they may be used to further promote our message.

Christopher Ragsdale, commissioner, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

1. I Phone apps, Talisma data base software, texting, facebook.
2. I can't think of a more efficient way to access the information than on-line. Some additional emphasis on letting coaches know about the resource may result in wider use. Coaches need to feel it is useful to them if they are going to take the time to out.

Ted Bulling, coach, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Independent

1. Mobile applications.
2. Regular YouTube updates.

Chris Salani, director of athletics, Finlandia University, Independent

1. I use a Blackberry.
2. Our coaches have developed their own system for selling Division III in a NAIA environment. Each coach develops their own way to communicate our institutional philosophy about athletics and the values that we believe in. Up till now they have not seen any.

Ira Zeff, director of athletics, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Independent

1. Blackberry--phone and data.
2. No.

John Reeves, commissioner, Landmark Conference

1. We use a recruiting software (Frontrush) a lot as well as an academic software (Sams).
2. I really do not see what other way you can present to them.

Terry Condon, director of athletics, University of Massachusetts (Boston), Little East Conference

1. I think that as we move forward in a mobile society, any applications that involve smartphones and tablets are key. The use of webstreaming on smartphones and tablets is important. Keeping in mind the changes in StatCrew, our SIDs should have the support.
2. I believe that the interface on the NCAA website should be easier to navigate. It is difficult for coaches and administrators that are not "tech savvy" to find and access the information. Making the information appear more as an application and less likely.

Jonathan Harper, commissioner, Little East Conference

1. I am currently preparing to use the "dropbox" from my ipad2 to send players information rather than print copies of such things as itineraries, weight lifting information, plays, etc.
2. I'm not sure there is a better way to present that other than what you have already in place.

Kimberley Rybczyk, head coach, Western Connecticut State University, Little East Conference

1. Blackberry torch and iPad.
2. Streamline and re-group the information into a short and concise marketing package. The hard copy is cumbersome and I have heard confusing to some.

Angela Baumann, commissioner, Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference

1. I phone especially how well attachments are presented. RSS feeds to my I phone especially scores.
2. Sharing the Division experience requires those of us who live it every day to share the story in any forum possible. Our coaches should consistently highlight the advantages of DIII. Our administrators should do the same in front of Open Houses, prospect.

Tim Shea, director of athletics, Selm State College, Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference

1. It would be nice to have newer software for the coaching staffs to use and better ways for other teams to trade films of game tape. Also have a standard video camera for filming games so that the quality is higher for everyone in DIII.
2. I would think the best way to go about this would be too send people out to talk about it instead of just having the online toolkit.

Devin Burnett, student-athlete, Albion College, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

1. Smartphone apps. New software offerings.
2. No answer provided.

Jennifer Henley, coach, Saint Mary's College, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

1. Webinar and virtual meeting applications and tablet applications. A brief overview of navigation the new NCAA member pages such as My Application Links and My Collaboration Zone would also be helpful.
2. No answer provided.

Kristen Smith, associate director of athletics, Kalamazoo College, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

1. I have an Android, but most of our staff have Blackberries. It seem like we'll have to move toward Androids or Mac-related products to be able to maximize apps available.
2. Power point presentations 3-5 minutes in length that can be used at on-campus recruiting events and presentations. Screensavers that coaches, staff can download and put on their computers. Honestly, I can't even find the toolkit drop down...so that is.

Heather Benning, coach, Grinnell College, Midwest Conference

1. I'm not much of a technology guy.
2. Direct email.

Rick Coles, coach, Ripon College, Midwest Conference

1. Smart phones for email and internet. Doodle.com for scheduling meetings with my administrators and presidents.
2. I'd like to see the new videos, those might be more helpful. The presentation of talking points last year was very well done and should not be scrapped after one year.

Chris Graham, commissioner, Midwest Conference

1. An integrated email, calendar, task list, such as Outlook. Cell phone for voice and text. But does this need to be "highlighted"? Don't people just use them?
2. Personal contacts.

Alan Parks, faculty athletics representative, Lawrence University, Midwest Conference

1. Here is a sample off the top of my head when it comes to technology (I realize I'm not specifically responding to your question with everything I will list, but hopefully it will help spark some thoughts in creating the session)...Tablets: I have noticed.
2. A video talking through several of the main points, but put to music and with video/photo highlights in the background. Similar to a news broadcast. Institutions/Conferences could display on the website or send the video link to target audience.

Dan McKane, commissioner, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

1. Tablets. Smartphone applications.
2. I would have to think about this question.

Del Malloy, commissioner, New England Collegiate Conference

1. My favorite is e-mail and web based applications. I prefer to do work at my desk and not be distracted by smart phone applications which I can't control when they arrive. If we are talking about work life balance issues, I would want to stay away from a (unfinished statement).
2. I think the online vehicle is the best. Thank you!

Holly Gera, director of athletics, Montclair State University, New Jersey Athletic Conference

1. Outlook, MS Access, Vligo. Not sure this is the forum, but I thought I would share. Has Division III ever considering "waiving our dues", but instead negotiating with Apple a great price for 2 iPads for every institution. Basically, we still pay the $900, (unfinished statement).
2. One way or another, make the tool kit available in electronic form. We tried to put some of the information on our website, but couldn't find it electronically.

Josh MacArthur, director of athletics, Babson College, New England Men's and Women's Conference

1. Hardware: iPhone - integration and syncing of applications with your laptop is seamless and allows you to monitor/access information anywhere/anytime. iPad - same as above but allows you a more robust interface and ability to do more with writing, e(unfinished statement).
2. I'm not sure I'm able to respond to this question at this time. I've only been on board at the NEWMAC since March 2011 and not familiar with these toolkits.

Patrick Summers, commissioner, New England Men's and Women's Conference

1. I find my smart phone very useful for communicating whether through email, text, or social media outlets. Social media outlets are a good way to connect with larger groups of people because everyone is on them and most check them frequently.
2. I have seen the booklet and at first glance it looks to big. If there was a way to provide the information necessary in a shorter way, that is more visually appealing it might cause more people to read it.

Ryan Laymon, student-athlete, Green Mountain College, North Atlantic Conference

1. iPhone, ipad, tablet computers, DropBox, facebook, twitter, dragon dictation, instagram, foursquare.
2. How about a D3 mobile app people could access on their phones? They'd have the info within reach at all times.

Keri Alexander Luchowski, commissioner, North Atlantic Conference

1. I use my Smartphone for work out of the office almost as much as I use my office computer. Any applications that could make use of Smartphones more efficient would be very beneficial. I also use Twitter to reach out to parents, student-athletes, alumni, (unfinished statement).
2. Any approach where important information reaches the coach and/or administrator, rather than the coach and/or administrator seeking it out, would be a positive change.

Cory Stevens, coach, Wabash College, North Coast Athletic Conference

1. We use a variety of "normal" programs - nothing on the forefront of technology. We use web based programs (website content management, FB, twitter, YouTube, etc.) as well as email, phone, fax, cell phone, instant messaging.
2. Perhaps using a video based program that can be accessed easily on every DIII conference and institutional website via a logo like the recent FB/DIII logo that was designed.

Candice Murray, commissioner, North Eastern Athletic Conference

1. Not sure.
2. Unsure -- very new to DIII so not familiar with this toolkit. My apologies -- not much help on this one!

Wendie Guthrie, commissioner, Northwest Conference

1. Smartphone, iPad.
2. Electronic version that is interactive.

Rosalind Reichard, president, Emory & Henry College, Old Dominion Athletic Conference

1. Smartboards.
2. Perhaps you could make the presentation available as a PowerPoint presentation and allow the user to adapt.

Ronald Stoltzfus, faculty athletics director, Eastern Mennonite University, Old Dominion Athletic Conference

1. I'm a dinosaur. I still prefer e-mail and texting.
2. This method has worked for me.

Jim Dalfer, director of athletics, Westminster College (PA), Presidents' Athletic Conference

1. Tablets/iPad incorporation.
2. Think online is best way to go; however, still like hard copies.

Debby Day, coach, California Lutheran University, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

1. iPad, Facebook, Twitter.
2. Have not used the toolkit. Institutions are making presentations to the public, and coaches. The Conference has not made any presentations to any audience to date.

Patrick Damore, commissioner, SUNYAC

1. My personal favorite are some of the special website materials--videos as part of the package. My second favorite is the ability to video stream our sports events. There probably are many more applications, but as a president, these are the two I use mo(statement unfinished).
2. I am aware of the materials, but have to admit, while I have spoken in various settings on the uniqueness of Division III, have not used these materials in putting together my talking points. Thanks for the reminder!

Dennis Hefner, president, SUNY Fredonia, SUNYAC

1. Smartphone, and associated applications. Compliance software.
2. Pre-fabricated powerpoint presentations, that could be downloaded and presented at a meeting of coaches, administrators, or faculty. Or, the presentation could be put on the athletics department web site so people could watch it at their leisure.

Dennis Leighton, faculty athletics representative, University of New England, The Commonwealth Coast Conference

1. I am not a technophile but fortunately I have colleagues who have embraced new technology. Our Sports Information office uses Flickr for sharing photos, and maintains a twitter and facebook account for our teams. We have added a link that allows fans to (statement unfinished).
2. The speaking points presentation is fine. On the public Division III page, I think that the banner on the bottom should be higher on the page so that people can see it as a more prominent feature of the page.

Rosalie Resch, director of athletics, University of Chicago, University Athletic Association

1. As FAR, I have no use for any that I know of. As volunteer broadcaster, Livestats is great.
2. None that I can think of.

Michael Novak, faculty athletics representative, Meredith College, USA South Conference

Dear Division III Management Council Member:

Attached please find a copy of the flyer that gives you details concerning the 2012 NCAA Convention. **This is the document you will use to register for the Convention.** After you open the attachment, you will find instructions on registering as a member of the Division III Management Council. Please keep in mind that you **MUST** register not later than Friday, October 14, to reserve your hotel room. After that date, you are not guaranteed a room at the J. W. Marriott, which is the headquarters hotel for Division III.

Many of you have registered for the Convention as a Management Council representative in the past, so this information may be redundant for you. However, there are a couple of things you must do in order to be recognized as a "Management Council" member.

1. When you click on the link to register, please make sure that you select Division III as your division. Please select 'Committee' as your choice when the next screen appears, after which you will enter the password: **2012committee**. Please do not share this password with other institutional members, as it is for our Management Council and Presidents Council members only. Once you enter the password, please proceed to enter all information as requested by the system.

2. Please note that room reservations will be accepted ONLY through the online system. As a member of the Division III Management Council, your room and tax for Tuesday, January 11, through Saturday, January 15, will be charged to the NCAA master account. The headquarters hotel for Division III is the J. W. Marriott in Downtown Indianapolis. **I will not be sending a separate room-reservation form later, so please make your room reservations when you register.**

3. As I have entered you into the Short's Travel Portal for travel, I would encourage you to make your flights by calling the toll-free number at 866/655-9215. Your flights to and from Indianapolis will be charged to the NCAA master account. Again, please do this as soon as your schedule will allow.

4. As you are making your reservations, please note that most of you will need to be in Indianapolis no later than Tuesday, January 10, as our Management Council meeting begins bright and early Wednesday morning, January 11. The business session is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, and if you are not a departing member of the Council, our post-Convention Management Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

If you have questions, please contact one of the other Division III staff members or me, and we'll try to answer them or find someone who can. Thank you.

Wednesday, January 11 - Saturday, January 14
Indianapolis

Click here to register for the NCAA Convention and reserve your hotel room now.

Fee Schedule

September 15 - October 14
- NCAA Members - $250
- Non-NCAA Members - $350
- Current college students or 2011 graduates - $25

October 15 - December 6
- NCAA Members - $375
- Non-NCAA Members - $475
- Current college students or 2011 graduates - $50

December 7 - Onsite Registration
- NCAA Members - $500
- Non-NCAA Members - $600
- Current college students or 2011 graduates - $75

****** Registration fee includes one ticket to the Trade Show Reception, Delegates Reception, Delegates Breakfast and Delegates Luncheon, as well as an invitation for one ticket to the Keynote Luncheon, Association Luncheon and Honors Celebration on a pre-registration and space-available basis. Additional tickets for the Trade Show Reception, Delegates Reception, Keynote Luncheon, Association Luncheon and Honors Celebration are $40 each.

The 2012 NCAA Convention offers opportunities to:
- Connect with peers - leaders of higher education and athletics
- Engage in education sessions and join the conversation
- Participate in legislative dialogue

A preliminary Convention schedule is available at **www.ncaa.org/convention**

The JW Marriott Indianapolis and Indianapolis Marriott Downtown will serve as the headquarter hotels for the 2012 NCAA Convention meetings and events. The Indiana Convention Center and the NCAA Hall of Champions and Conference Center will also be venues for Convention functions. In addition, the Courtyard Indianapolis Downtown, SpringHill Suites Indianapolis Downtown and Fairfield Inn & Suites Indianapolis Downtown will provide sleeping rooms for Convention attendees.

Visit the NCAA Convention web pagefor more Convention details!

2012 NCAA CONVENTION
PRELIMINARY CORE SCHEDULE OF SELECTED EVENTS
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	Monday, January 9	Tuesday, January 10	Wednesday, January 11					Thursday, January 12			
6:30 a.m.											
7 a.m.											
7:30 a.m.						Div. II MC 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.		Div. II PC/MC/SAAC Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m.	Div. III PC/MC/SAAC Breakfast 7:30-9:30 a.m.		
8 a.m.		Scholarly Colloquium Advisory Board 8-10:30 a.m.					Div. III MC 8 a.m.-5 p.m.				
8:30 a.m.					NCAA Scholarly Colloquium on College Sports 8:30-11:30 a.m.						
8:45 a.m.								Div. II MC/PC Joint Meeting 9:15-11:45 a.m.			
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10:30 a.m.			Association-Wide Programming 10:15-11:45 a.m.								
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11 a.m.		Scholarly Colloq. Rehearsal 11-11:45 a.m.							Div. III PC 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
11:30 a.m.								Div. II PC Noon - 2 p.m.			
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1 p.m.											
1:15 p.m.		NCAA Scholarly Colloquium on College Sports 1-6 p.m.									
1:30 p.m.				Trade Show 1:30 - 5 p.m.							
1:45 p.m.			Association-Wide Programming 1:45-2:45 p.m.		NCAA Scholarly Colloquium on College Sports 1:45 - 4 p.m.						
2 p.m.										First-Time Chancellor/President Programming 2-3:45 p.m.	
2:30 p.m.											
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3 p.m.			Association-Wide Programming 3-4 p.m.								
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5:30 p.m.				Trade Show Reception 5-6:30 p.m.							
5:45 p.m.											Press Conference 5:45-6:15 p.m.
6 p.m.	Scholarly Colloquium Advisory Board 6-9:30 p.m.										
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SUPPLEMENT NO. 25
DIII Mgmt Council 10/11

	Thursday, January 12			Friday, January 13						Saturday, January 14		
6:30 a.m.												
7 a.m.												
7:30 a.m.				President's Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m.								Delegates Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m.
8 a.m.								Div. II Joint Session (all DII delegates) 8:30-9:30 a.m.		Div. II Business Session 8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Div. III Business Session 8 a.m.-1 p.m.	
8:30 a.m.			Conf. Meetings 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m									
8:45 a.m.												
9 a.m.		Trade Show 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.				Div. III Issues Forum 9-11:30 a.m.						
9:30 a.m.	Assn-Wide Programming 9:30-11 a.m.							Div. II Education Session (1) 9:45-10:45 a.m.				
10 a.m.				Div. II Chancellors/Presidents Meeting and Luncheon 10 a.m.-1 p.m.								
10:30 a.m.												
10:45 a.m.								Div. II Education Sessions (3) 11 a.m.-noon				
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11:30 a.m.	Assn-Wide Programming 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.					Div. III Chancellors/Presidents Forum and Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.						Delegates Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
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12:45 p.m.	Association Luncheon 12:30-2 p.m.											
1 p.m.											Div. III MC Wrap-up 1-3 p.m.	
1:15 p.m.												
1:30 p.m.					Divisions II and III Conference Meetings 1-5 p.m.				Executive Committee 1:30-4:30 p.m.	Div. II MC Wrap-up 1:30-4 p.m.		
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2 p.m.	Assn-Wide Programming 2:15-3:45 p.m.											
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5 p.m.				Div. II Chancellors/Presidents Reception 5-6 p.m.	Div. III FAR Fellows Institute Reception 5-6 p.m.	Div. III PC Hosted Reception 5-6 p.m.						
5:30 p.m.	Delegates Reception 5:30-7 p.m.											
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2012 NCAA Convention Education Sessions – As of 9/9/11

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 – 10:15-11:45 a.m. [4]

Athletics and Student Affairs: Partnering for Student-Athlete Success - Cari Klecka

This session will focus on building partnerships between the athletics and student affairs communities to share resources and maximize the student-athlete experience. The emphasis will be placed on tapping into existing infrastructures to thread complementary areas of expertise and effectively address common issues across campus.

The New Era in NCAA Championships 89:ONE - Greg Shaheen

On September 1, 2011, all 89 NCAA championships were consolidated into a single operating unit. In doing so, areas such as championship marketing, ticketing, media coordination and event operations moved into a common functional structure to enhance consistency, efficiency and experience across all 800 NCAA championship sites. Learn how the transition process started, its objectives, details behind the new structure and how the unit will operate going forward.

Structuring and Staffing the Intercollegiate Athletics Department – Dave Schnase

A panel of university presidents and directors of athletics will share best practices for staffing an athletics department during these turbulent economic times, including strategies for restructuring to achieve departmental goals. Areas of focus will include fundraising, compliance, organizational charts, academic support, finance and external relations.

Values-Driven Leadership in the 21st Century - Curtis Hollomon

Panel participants will engage in dialogue around the roles and responsibilities of today's leaders in intercollegiate athletics. The discussion will focus on how one's core values can impact the decision-making process as it relates to establishing a culture of winning; addressing the negative effects of alcohol and drugs; and fostering a culture of inclusion.

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Wednesday, January 11, 2012 – 1:45-2:45 p.m. [4]

Academic Success and Missed Class Time - Andrew Cardamone

Academic commitments and the demands of athletics participation are challenging for student-athletes. Through collaboration among constituents, campuses can anticipate issues and develop strategies to help minimize missed class time. Scheduling, competition, even injuries can affect students' ability to attend class. Broad campus engagement on these issues and improved communication can help mitigate negative impacts for students. This inclusive panel will share best practices from across Divisions I, II and III.

NCAA Inclusion Summit … What's Next? - Kim Ford

Diversity and inclusion improve the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhance excellence within the Association. This session offers attendees an opportunity to share in an engaging membership-perspective panel discussion on next steps following the NCAA Inclusion Summit, "Challenges, Champions and Collaborative Strategies" held in September 2011. Come be part of *Moving Toward a More Inclusive Culture.*

Scholarly Colloquium – Presidents, Chancellors and Athletics Directors Discuss Academic Reform - Michael Miranda

This session will present the perspectives and experiences of presidents, chancellors and directors of athletics who have had direct experience with NCAA academic reform. The panel includes members of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors during the time of adoption and initial implementation of academic reform. Also included are leaders who have specific experiences with individual institutions reflecting the realities of academic reform. [Note: This panel will continue until 3:30 p.m.]

Telling the Story of the Student-Athlete - Erik Christianson

Colleges and universities have more opportunities than ever to tell the story of their student-athletes. In this session, panelists from intercollegiate athletics and other communications industries will discuss their latest strategies and new ideas to drive messaging on this core issue to multiple audiences.

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Wednesday, January 11, 2012 – 3-4 p.m. [4]

Compliance in the Contemporary Athletics Environment - Jamie Israel

Panelists from all three NCAA divisions will discuss a variety of compliance-related topics, including the role of compliance on campus and within the athletics department, and the development of effective compliance systems. This session will examine current trends, challenges and expectations related to campus compliance and legislative developments.

Inclusion of Transgender Student-Athletes - Karen Morrison

At its August 2011 meeting, the NCAA Executive Committee approved a policy for inclusion of Transgender Student-Athletes in intercollegiate athletics competition. The goals of these new policies are to create identity while maintaining the relative balance of competitive equity among sports teams. Recognizing that diversity and inclusion improve the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhance excellence within the Association, this session will provide an opportunity to explore the role of institutional leaders in supporting this inclusionary practice. Panelists will discuss ways to facilitate institutional understanding of the challenges and rewards in engaging athletics administrators, coaches, student-athletes and others in a campus culture that fosters equitable participation for all student-athletes.

Scholarly Colloquium – Presidents, Chancellors and Athletics Directors Discuss Academic Reform (continued) and Closing Remarks - Michael Miranda

The panel discussion concludes, followed by Scholarly Colloquium closing remarks.

Students First: Giving Student-Athletes the College Experience They Deserve - Amy Kudwa

Dr. Emmert's August presidential retreat resulted in strong consensus and a clearly stated agenda for action. Among the key principles: student-athletes must be just that, students who are athletes. Winning on the court or field is not enough. We must address the needs of student-athletes and equip them with the tools to succeed in life, not just on the court or field – and we must do so with a shared sense of responsibility among presidents, student-athletes, administrators, coaches, conferences, agents and boosters alike. Join Dr. Emmert and panel members representing administrators and student-athletes for a discussion of best practices and success stories as well as the road ahead for the needed changes to intercollegiate athletics.

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Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 9:30-11 a.m. [4]

Title IX: The Latest Developments and Trends - Karen Morrison

The Office for Civil Rights has been highly active on Title IX issues over the past two years, issuing three "Dear Colleague" guidance letters and significantly increasing enforcement efforts, including non-complaint compliance reviews. That activity coupled with recent court cases provides insight for athletic departments and campuses into Title IX expectations and the actions each school should consider to address any shortcomings in budgeting, procedures and student-athlete treatment. This session will educate attendees on Title IX law and recent developments, and recommend specific steps for preventive gender equity planning and action.

The Division III Student-Athlete Experience - Michael Miranda

What do we really know about the Division III student-athlete experience? College choice, personal growth, time demands and community, campus, and academic engagement are the key themes that will be explored and connected to practical applications for coaches and athletics and campus administrators. The NCAA Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students in College (GOALS) study and the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) studies will provide the foundation for this interactive session.

Education-Impacting Disabilities: Student-Specific Impact, Campus-Wide Solutions - Michael Miranda

Providing opportunities for student achievement is the basic tenet of higher education and intercollegiate athletics. Accommodating student-athletes with education-impacting disabilities (EID) and charting a course for those students to achieve in the classroom and in their athletic endeavors can present challenges for any campus. This session will examine several myths associated with EID and, in doing so, will provide the audience with perspectives that will assist them in improving the understanding of EID on their campuses. Attendees will learn practical tools and strategies needed to work with and advocate for student-athletes with disabilities.

Enforcement Experience - Stacey Osburn

Step into the shoes of the NCAA enforcement staff and a Committee on Infractions member as you learn more about infractions processes and considerations. Through the use of a fictional, yet realistic, case scenario participants will go through the full process of an investigation. The session will explore what triggers an investigation, strategies utilized by investigators and how the enforcement staff determines what allegations should be made. Participants will then transition into the Committee on Infractions to see what happens beyond closed doors of a hearing and how the committee determines penalties.

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Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. [4]

Addressing Violence: Cross-Campus Solutions - Cari Klecka

Violence is an unpredictable phenomenon that is at the forefront of college administrators' minds and media headlines. In this session, the issue will be deconstructed and examined from the general student and student-athlete perspective. A look at solutions will include a cross-campus approach that involves partnering to activate campus safety resources at multiple levels. The role college administrators play in engaging campus-wide resources to minimize the risk will also be explored.

Budgeting to Success - Kathleen McNeely

This interactive panel discussion will examine strategies in budget planning, budget woes and best-practice solutions to budgeting in athletics programs. On the panel will be representatives from Divisions I, II and III who have varied experience in athletics-program budgeting. For many, the current economic crisis can be an opportunity. Please join us as this panel discusses challenges they have faced and solutions they have implemented.

Getting Our Attention: Non-Medical Use of ADHD Stimulants on College Campuses - Michael Miranda

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) drugs such as Adderall and Ritalin have transformed the lives of thousands of individuals who have been diagnosed with ADHD. But increasingly, these drugs are being used by the student body, including student-athletes, as "study aids" and stimulants. Campuses need to be aware of these issues and formulate broad-based approaches to educating student-athletes about the consequences of using these illicit prescription drugs. This session presents an explanation of the problems and the trends in usage, along with suggestions on policies that may help address the issue. This session would be of most interest to athletics administrators, coaches, faculty athletics representatives and anyone with responsibilities related to student-athlete well-being.

Using Technology to Work Smarter on NCAA Division III Campuses - Leah Kareti

A panel of Division III athletics administrators will discuss current technology products and services that make them more effective and efficient in their day-to-day responsibilities. Participants will learn about Smartphone apps, new software offerings, tablets and other mobile devices, and other technologies that can make life easier.

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Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 2:15-3:45 p.m. [5]

Examining the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Experience through the NCAA GOALS Study – Maritza Jones/Terri Steeb

This session offers a look at the results from the most recent iteration of the NCAA Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students in College (GOALS) study, specifically as it relates to the Division II student-athlete experience. The session will help build an understanding of factors affecting college choice, as well as academic and social experiences for Division II student-athletes, including recruitment, choice of majors, expectations and satisfaction. The session will also cover ethics and ethical leadership, including Division II student-athletes' perception of how respectfully they are treated by their coaches and the overall values of their institutions. A panel, to include a campus president, a former Division II student-athlete and a faculty athletics representative, will share different perspectives on the richness of the overall Division II student-athlete experience.

Division III Athletics Recruiting: Finding a Balance That Makes Sense - Jeff Myers

To many, recruiting is the lifeblood of what we do in intercollegiate athletics. Once an almost casual activity limited to a few sports, recruiting is now a critical program element. Driven by athletic and institutional needs, fueled by ever-expanding technological resources, and influenced more and more by the accelerated evolution of the youth sports culture, the recruiting landscape has become increasingly demanding in every respect. Is there an end in sight? This session will begin with a brief overview of current Division III recruiting legislation, highlight the application of significant rules, and share recent non-controversial updates. The panelists will then engage in a discussion of the impact of recruiting rules on institutional enrollment strategy, life-work balance of coaches, the increasing use of technology, the growing impact of non-interscholastic athletic programs, and other hot topics. This session will be hosted jointly by NADIIIAA and NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs staff.

The FAR in the Enforcement Process: Contributing to Institutional Control - Michael Miranda

It is a scenario that no one wants played out on their campus -- a breach of NCAA regulations that requires an investigation and response from an institution. The role the faculty athletics representative will play in that process is determined by each institution, but any FAR should be, at a minimum, conversant in the rules, "in the loop" on any apparent breaches and aware of the campus response to the problems. On many campuses, the FAR will play a pivotal role. Experienced FARs, NCAA Enforcement staff, and other institutional officials will discuss the roles a FAR may play, the advantages to involvement and the impact of infractions cases on all involved.

New NCAA Division I Athletics Certification Program - Mira Colman

The NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification and NCAA staff are working collaboratively with the membership on the development of a new program to enhance the use of technology and focus on the student-athlete experience. This session is designed to provide an update and to solicit feedback on athletics certification by using roundtable breakouts.

Social Media: Building and Engaging an Online Community - Dana Thomas

You can't ignore it. It isn't going away anytime soon. Social media is here to stay. Join this panel to learn about the NCAA national office's approach to social media. In addition, we will discuss membership best practices, ideas for student-athlete integration and a good healthy brainstorm in this interactive, all-division session. Catch up before Convention by following www.ncaa.org/socialmedia.

NCAA Division III 2012 Convention Legislative Proposals

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Committee Position
2-1	NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS PRIVILEGES AND AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- CORE INSTITUTION	NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Membership Committee and Championships Committee)].	For the 2012-13 academic year	To align the membership requirements for a conference with the automatic qualification requirements for a conference, by doing the following: (1) confirming that member conferences must be comprised of at least seven core Division III institutions; (2) specifying that institutions may be a core member in only one multi-sport conference; and (3) specifying that a member conference is entitled to a two-year grace period if it fails to satisfy the membership requirements. Finally, any institution considered a core institution in more than one multi-sport conference prior to September 1, 2011, may continue as a core institution in those conferences for purposes of satisfying the automatic qualification and conference membership requirements.	N/A
2-2	PERSONNEL -- CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- CERTIFIED STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACHES -- REQUIRED SPORTS-SAFETY TRAINING	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	August 1, 2012	To require certified strength and conditioning coaches to maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use if they conduct voluntary strength and conditioning activities outside the playing season.	N/A

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Committee Position
2-3	AMATEURISM AND EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- FINANCIAL DONATIONS AND ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS	NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee)].	Immediate	To specify that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publically identified as such; and that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such; further, to eliminate the prohibition on sponsorship of NCAA championship activities or promotions by professional sports organizations or teams.	N/A
2-4	RECRUITING -- PERMISSIBLE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS	Little East Conference, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Immediate	To regulate electronically transmitted correspondence between prospective student-athletes and college staff and coaches according to the same standard as telephone, email and fax correspondence.	
2-5	RECRUITING -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- ALLOWING TEXT MESSAGING	NCAA Division III Management Council.	Immediate	To allow text messaging to be used in the recruiting process.	N/A

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Committee Position
2-6	ELIGIBILITY -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- PRACTICE AFTER INJURY	Midwest Conference, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	August 1, 2012	In the traditional season, to prohibit student-athletes who have, according to a physician, sustained a season-ending injury from engaging with the team in any physical practice activities.	
2-7	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF -- VOLUNTARY STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED DURING REQUIRED DAY OFF	New England Collegiate Conference, New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference.	Immediate	During the playing season, to prohibit voluntary activities conducted by certified strength and conditioning personnel during the mandatory day off; further, outside the playing season, to prohibit voluntary activities conducted by certified strength and conditioning personnel one calendar day per week.	
2-8	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- POSTSEASON ACTIVITIES -- EXEMPTING ONE POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIP FROM THE 18 OR 19 WEEK DECLARED PLAYING SEASON	The Commonwealth Coast Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference	August 1, 2012	In all sports, to exclude from the 18 or 19 week declared playing and practice season, one postseason championship.	

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Committee Position
2-9	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- REQUIRED SICKLE-CELL TESTING	NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)].	August 1, 2012, for all student-athletes, including both new and continuing student-athletes	To require a sickle cell solubility test as part of the mandatory medical examination, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release; applicable to all student-athletes beginning their initial season of eligibility and continuing student-athletes.	N/A
2-10	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT -- AFFIRMATION AND CLARIFICATION OF UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE, BROAD-BASED ATHLETICS PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION IN NON-ATHLETIC PURSUITS AND AUTONOMY IN ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS	NCAA Division III Presidents Council.	Immediate	To specify in the philosophy statement that Division III institutions: emphasize intercollegiate athletics as primarily focused on a four-year, undergraduate experience; encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of sport offerings for their students through broad- based athletics program; assure that student-athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in non-athletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience; and exercise institutional and/or conference autonomy in the establishment of initial and continuing eligibility standards for student-athletes.	N/A

NCAA Division III 2012 Convention Legislative Proposals

Title: NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS PRIVILEGES AND AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- CORE INSTITUTION

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: For the 2012-13 academic year.

IPOPL Number:

SPOPL Number: 1

Official Notice Number: 2012-

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Membership Committee and Championships Committee)].

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Membership

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: To align the membership requirements for a conference with the automatic qualification requirements for a conference, by doing the following: (1) confirming that member conferences must be comprised of at least seven core Division III institutions; (2) specifying that institutions may be a core member in only one multi-sport conference; and (3) specifying that a member conference is entitled to a two-year grace period if it fails to satisfy the membership requirements. Finally, any institution considered a core institution in more than one multi-sport conference prior to September 1, 2011, may continue as a core institution in those conferences for purposes of satisfying the automatic qualification and conference membership requirements.

A. Constitution: Amend 3.02.2, as follows:

3.02.2 Legislative Body. A legislative body is an athletics conference that develops and maintains rules and regulations governing the athletics programs and activities of its member institutions.

[3.02.3.1 through 3.02.3.2 unchanged.]

3.02.3.3 Member Conference. A member conference is a group of **at least seven** colleges and/or universities that conducts competition among its members and determines a conference champion in one **(single-sport conference)** or more **(multi-sport conference)** sports (in which the NCAA conducts championships or for which it is responsible for providing playing rules for intercollegiate competition), duly elected to conference membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.3.3). A member conference is entitled to all of the privileges of active members except the right to compete in NCAA championships (see Constitution 3.3.2). **Additional standards related to size and division status are set forth in Constitution 3.3.** ~~*Only those conferences that meet specific criteria as competitive and legislative bodies (see Constitution 3.02.1 and 3.02.2) and minimum standards related to size and division status (see Constitution 3.3.2.2.2) are permitted to vote on legislation or other issues before the Association.*~~

3.02.3.3.1 Single-Sport Conference. A single-sport conference is an NCAA Division III member conference that sponsors only one sport. A conference that sponsors one sport, but sponsors both men's and women's competition in that sport, is not a single-sport conference.

B. Constitution: Amend 3.3.1.2, as follows:

3.3.1.2 Composition of Conference. ~~*All of the members of the conference shall be active members of this Association, except that a conference with at least seven active members also may qualify as a member conference if it contains one or more provisional members.*~~ **A conference shall be comprised of at least seven core institutions. A conference may include provisional members in addition to the seven core members.**

3.3.1.2.1 Core Institution. A core institution is an active NCAA Division III member institution that is a member of an NCAA Division III conference and participates in that conference in more than one conference-sponsored sport. An institution may be a core institution in only one multi-sport conference. An institution that was considered a core institution in more than one multi-sport conference prior to September 1, 2011 may continue as a core institution in those conferences until it is no longer an active member of the particular conference.

3.3.1.2.2 Single-Sport Conference. Conference status may be granted to a single-sport conference provided it has seven active NCAA member institutions.

3.3.1.2.3 Institutions Competing in More Than One Conference. An institution may participate in single-sport conferences or as associate member in conferences in addition to the one in which it is considered core.

3.3.1.2.4 Grace Period. A conference shall continue to be considered a member conference for two academic years following the date it fails to satisfy the conference composition requirement. At the expiration of the grace period, the conference must meet the composition requirement to continue to qualify as a member conference.

C. Administrative: Amend 31.3.2.1.4, as follows:

31.3.2.1.4 Core Institution. For purposes of Bylaw 31, a core institution is an active NCAA Division III member institution that is a member of an NCAA Division III conference and participates in that conference in more than one conference-sponsored sport. **An institution may be a core institution in only one multi-sport conference. An institution that was considered a core institution in more than one multi-sport conference prior to September 1, 2011, may continue as a core institution in those conferences until it is no longer an active member of the particular conference.**

Rationale: This amendment aligns the membership requirements of a conference with the benefits and privileges, including automatic qualification to championships, that it receives as a conference. The primary clarification is that an institution may only be a core institution in one multi-sport conference. This will establish stability in conference membership and require

institutions to be more strategic about alignments for purposes other than acquiring championships automatic qualification. Effectively, this amendment will eliminate the possibility of the "umbrella" conference model since it would not be possible for an institution to be considered a core institution in both the umbrella conference and one of the sub-conferences. The second primary change will extend the automatic qualification grace period to apply to the conference membership requirements for consistency. Finally, there are numerous editorial and reformatting changes in support of these two primary changes that are necessary to completely effectuate the intent of this proposal that will follow if this proposal passes for clarification purposes. This proposed legislation does not impact any existing "umbrella" conferences, but will affect future conference affiliations.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 7, Item No. 1.

April 28, 2011: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council

July 25, 2011: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 5, Item No. 1-c.

August 11, 2011: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council Supplement No. 1, Item No. 2.

August 29, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee Supplement No. 1.

Title: PERSONNEL -- CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- CERTIFIED STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACHES -- REQUIRED SPORTS-SAFETY TRAINING

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

IPOPL Number:

SPOPL Number: 2

Official Notice Number: 2012-

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

Category: Management Council

Topical Area: Personnel

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: To require certified strength and conditioning coaches to maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use if they conduct voluntary strength and conditioning activities outside the playing season.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.1.6, as follows:

11.1.6 Sports-Safety Training. Each head coach **and each certified strength and conditioning coach that conducts voluntary strength and conditioning activities outside the playing season in accordance with 17.02.1.1.1-(f)** shall maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.02.1.1.1, as follows:

17.02.1.1.1 Exceptions. The following activities shall not be considered athletically related:

[17.02.1.1.1-(a) through 17.02.1.1.1-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Voluntary individual strength and conditioning activities conducted by strength and conditioning personnel who have received strength and conditioning certification from a nationally recognized certification program only during the institution's regular academic year **(see Bylaw 11.1.6 for additional certification requirements)**; and

[Remainder of 17.02.1.1.1 unchanged.]

Rationale: Recent legislation permits certified strength and conditioning coaches to conduct voluntary workouts outside the declared playing season. Requiring current first aid, CPR and AED use certification for certified strength and conditioning personnel who conduct these voluntary workouts outside the playing season is consistent with current legislation requiring first aid, CPR and AED use certification for head coaches and provides additional health and safety benefits to student-athletes.

Review History:

July 25, 2011: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 11, Action Item No. 1-(a).

August 29, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee Supplement No. 1.

Title: AMATEURISM AND EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- FINANCIAL DONATIONS AND ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

IPOPL Number:

SPOPL Number: 3

Official Notice Number: 2012-

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

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Amateurism

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: To specify that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publically identified as such; and that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such; 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, as follows:

12.6.1 Professional Sports Organizations.

[12.6.1.1 unchanged.]

12.6.1.2 To Intercollegiate Event. A professional sports organization may ~~*not*~~ serve as a financial sponsor of **an** intercollegiate competition **event, provided the organization is not publically identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such.**

[12.6.1.3 unchanged.]

12.6.1.4 To Institution, Permissible.

(a) Funds. A member institution may receive funds from a professional sports organization, provided:

(1) The money is placed in the institution's general fund and used for purposes other than athletics; ~~*or*~~

(2) The money is placed in the institution's general scholarship fund and commingled with funds for the assistance of all students generally~~.~~**; or**

(3) The money is received by the institution as a result of the professional sports organization's financial sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event and is placed in the institution's budget for the specific event, including ancillary activities and promotions.

(b) Professional Sports Memorabilia. An institution may receive sports memorabilia from a professional sports organization to be used in institutional (or departmental) fundraising activities.

12.6.1.5 To Conference, Permissible. A member conference may receive funds from a professional sports organization provided the money is received by the conference as a result of the professional sports organization's financial sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event and is placed in the conference's budget for the specific event, including ancillary activities and promotions.

[12.6.1.5 through 12.6.1.6 renumbered as 12.6.1.6 through 12.6.1.7, unchanged.]

B. Administrative: Amend 31.1.11, as follows:

31.1.11 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.

31.1.11.1 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:

[31.1.11.1-(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*~~

[31.1.11.1-(d) relettered as 31.1.11.1-(c), unchanged.]

[31.1.11.1.1 unchanged.]

31.1.11.1.2 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.

31.1.11.1.2.1 Professional Sports Organizations. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an NCAA Championship competition event, provided the organization is not publically identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such. The NCAA may receive financial contributions from a professional sports organization for sponsorship of a

specific NCAA Championship competition event, including ancillary activities and promotions.

Rationale: Current NCAA regulations limit the involvement of professional sports organizations as financial sponsors of intercollegiate events, including NCAA championships. In the case of NCAA championship events, these regulations 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 NCAA championships through their promotional channels (e.g., email 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. Partnering with professional sports organizations can help to increase exposure and fan interest for intercollegiate competition events, including NCAA championships, without compromising the Association's principle of amateurism. This legislation is specific to events and ancillary activities. It would not permit a professional sports organization to be a general financial sponsor of an institution, conference or the NCAA. It will remain impermissible for a professional team/organization to provide a direct financial donation to an institution, conference or the NCAA (other than as currently permitted). Finally, it will remain impermissible for a professional sports team/organization to use the names or likenesses of student-athletes in any manner.

Review History:

July 25, 2011: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 5, Item No. 1-c.

August 11, 2011: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council Supplement No. 1, Item No. 1.

August 29, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee Supplement No. 1.

Title: RECRUITING -- PERMISSIBLE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

IPOPL Number: 2

SPOPL Number: 4

Official Notice Number: 2012-

Source: Little East Conference, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: To regulate electronically transmitted correspondence between prospective student-athletes and college staff and coaches according to the same standard as telephone, email and fax correspondence.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.5.1, as follows:

13.02.5.1 Permissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes. Permissible recruitment activities for enrolled student-athletes are limited to the following:

(a) **Telephone contact**. It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospective student-athlete at any time. Telephone calls made by enrolled students in accordance with an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible. In addition, an institution may permit an enrolled student-athlete to telephone a prospective student-athlete at the institution's expense, provided the call is only for the purpose of recruitment and is with the full knowledge of the athletics department.

(b) **Electronic** ~~***mail***~~ **<u>transmissions</u>. I**t is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to send **<u>any</u>** electronic**<u>ally</u>** ~~*mail*~~ **<u>transmitted correspondence</u>** to a prospective student-athlete for the purpose of recruitment.

[13.02.5.1(c)-(d) through 13.02.9.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.10, as follows:

13.02.10 Telephone Calls **<u>and Electronic Transmissions</u>**. **<u>There are no restrictions on the timing of telephone calls</u>** ~~*All electronically transmitted human voice exchange*~~ (including videoconferencing and videophones~~*) shall be considered telephone calls. All*~~ **<u>or</u>** electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, facsimiles, instant messaging, text messaging and social networking websites) ~~*shall not be considered telephone calls*~~ **<u>to prospective student-athletes</u>**.

~~*13.02.10.1 - Timing of Telephone Calls. There are no restrictions on the timing of telephone calls to prospective student-athletes.*~~ See Bylaw 13.1.3 for information on permissible callers.

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.11, as follows:

~~*13.02.11 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete by, or on behalf of, a member of the institution's athletics department staff is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. An enrolled student-athlete may send electronic mail to a prospective student-athlete for recruitment purposes. All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., instant messaging, text messaging and social networking websites) are prohibited, except as specified in this section. Using a service or software that converts electronic mail into a text message when received by the prospective student-athlete is not permitted.*~~

~~*13.02.11.1 - Timing of Email and Facsimiles. There are no restrictions on the timing for sending emails and facsimiles to prospective student-athletes*~~

~~*13.02.11.2 - Exception -- Electronic Transmissions by or to Individuals Diagnosed as Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Electronically transmitted correspondence in forms other than electronic mail and facsimiles may be sent to a prospective student-athlete if either the athletics department staff member sending the correspondence or the prospective student-athlete receiving the correspondence has been diagnosed as deaf or hard of hearing.*~~

13.02.1~~*1.3*~~ **0.1**~~*- Exception -- Public Release of General Athletics Information Sent Through Electronic Transmission. Electronically transmitted correspondence in forms other than electronic mail and facsimiles may be sent to a prospective student-athlete by an institution's athletics department, or a campus department acting on behalf of athletics, provided the following criteria are satisfied:*~~

~~*(a) Any member of the general public may become a member of the group to which the electronic transmission is sent;*~~ **Ability of Prospective Student-Athlete to Decline Message or Subscription.**

~~*(b)*~~ **(a)** A prospective student-athlete who chooses to receive electronic transmissions through the electronic service must retain the ability to decline receipt of the communications at any time or may unsubscribe from the electronic service at any time; and

~~*(c)*~~ **(b)** The content of any electronic transmission that is sent to a public group that may include prospective student-athletes must be the same for all members of the group (e.g., news alerts, admissions and alumni information, scores) and of a general nature.

~~*13.02.11.4 - Exception -- 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 a*~~

~~*prospective student-athlete, provided the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.*~~

[13.02.11.5 renumbered 13.02.10.2 unchanged.]

[13.02.12 through 13.02.12.2 renumbered 13.02.11. through 13.02.11.2, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls **and Electronic Transmissions** to Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may permit a student-athlete, a staff member, or a representative of athletics interests to **send electronically transmitted correspondence and** telephone a prospective student-athlete at the institution's expense at any time, provided the ~~*call*~~ **communication** is only for the purpose of recruitment and is with full knowledge of the athletics department (see Bylaw 13.02.5.1). Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility.

Rationale: The nature and use of electronic transmissions has evolved in dramatic fashion over the past three years since this rule was enacted. Services like Twitter, Facebook and email services like Gmail allow users to have emails (now allowed by the rule) delivered as text to their phone (currently not allowed). Additionally, prospective student-athletes commonly use Smartphone technology to monitor all forms of electronic communication - text, email, twitter and Facebook. Attempting to regulate portions of services that are now fused together is unnecessary, difficult at-best to monitor and tends to limit the amount of timely information available to the prospective student-athlete. The philosophy of Division III athletics is that student-athletes are treated no differently than non-athlete students. College admissions staff and faculty, among other groups, regularly use this technology to communicate with prospective students. Not permitting coaches from communicating with prospective student-athletes in this manner separates the (prospective) student-athlete from the (prospective) student. This proposed regulation also recognizes that allowed electronic transmission is best treated by the same standard as telephone and email communication.

Review History:

None

Title: RECRUITING -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- ALLOWING TEXT MESSAGING

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

IPOPL Number:

SPOPL Number: 5

Official Notice Number: 2012-

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council.

Category: Management Council

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: To allow text messaging to be used in the recruiting process.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.5.1, as follows:

13.02.5.1 Permissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes. Permissible recruitment activities for enrolled student-athletes are limited to the following: **[D]**

(a) **Telephone contact**. It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospective student-athlete at any time. Telephone calls made by enrolled students in accordance with an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible. In addition, an institution may permit an enrolled student-athlete to telephone a prospective student-athlete at the institution's expense, provided the call is only for the purpose of recruitment and is with the full knowledge of the athletics department.

(b) **Electronic ~~*mail*~~ <u>transmissions</u>.** It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to send electronic mail **<u>or text messages</u>** to a prospective student-athlete for the purpose of recruitment.

[13.02.5.1-(c) through 13.02.5.1-(d) unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.11, as follows:

13.02.11 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete by, or on behalf of, a member of the institution's athletics department staff is limited to electronic mail**<u>, text messages</u>** and facsimiles. An enrolled student-athlete may send electronic mail **<u>and text messages</u>** to a prospective student-athlete for recruitment purposes. All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., instant messaging~~*, text messaging*~~ and social networking websites) are prohibited, except as specified in this section. ~~*Using a service or software that converts electronic mail into a text message when received by the prospective student-athlete is not permitted.*~~ **[D]**

13.02.11.1 - Timing of **<u>Electronic Transmissions</u>**. There are no restrictions on the timing for sending emails**<u>, text messages</u>** and facsimiles to prospective student-athletes

13.02.11.2 - Exception -- Electronic Transmissions by or to Individuals Diagnosed as Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Electronically transmitted correspondence in forms other than electronic mail**, text messages** and facsimiles may be sent to a prospective student-athlete if either the athletics department staff member sending the correspondence or the prospective student-athlete receiving the correspondence has been diagnosed as deaf or hard of hearing.

13.02.11.3 - Exception -- Public Release of General Athletics Information Sent Through Electronic Transmission. Electronically transmitted correspondence in forms other than electronic mail**, text messages** and facsimiles may be sent to a prospective student-athlete by an institution's athletics department, or a campus department acting on behalf of athletics, provided the following criteria are satisfied:

(a) Any member of the general public may become a member of the group to which the electronic transmission is sent;

(b) A prospective student-athlete who chooses to receive electronic transmissions through the electronic service must retain the ability to decline receipt of the communications at any time or may unsubscribe from the electronic service at any time; and

(c) The content of any electronic transmission that is sent to a public group that may include prospective student-athletes must be the same for all members of the group (e.g., news alerts, admissions and alumni information, scores) and of a general nature.

[13.02.11.4 unchanged.]

Rationale: The realities of how current prospect-aged individuals communicate, including a proclivity of text messaging, justifies lifting the division's current ban on using text messaging in the recruitment process. The financial concerns that helped prompt the initial text messaging ban have since been mitigated by the evolution of text messaging plans, with most prospects now able to manage expenses through unlimited or low-cost texting options. Also, the awkward nature of not being able to respond to a prospect in the same medium the prospect uses to contact a coach, is not reasonable. Nor is it reasonable that athletics departments may not use a means of communication with prospective students that other campus departments, including admissions, are frequently using. This deregulation, however, does not extend to the use of social media platforms because those platforms represent 'personal' space that should not be invaded by coaches in the recruiting process. Text messaging will not completely replace the use of the telephone or other forms of communication in the recruiting process, but rather this deregulation merely allows a means of communication where the initial rationale for its prohibition is no longer reasonable.

Review History:

July 25, 2011: Approved in Concept - Management Council

August 29, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee Supplement No. 1.

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- PRACTICE AFTER INJURY

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

IPOPL Number: 3

SPOPL Number: 6

Official Notice Number: 2012-

Source: Midwest Conference, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Eligibility

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: In the traditional season, to prohibit student-athletes who have, according to a physician, sustained a season-ending injury from engaging with the team in any physical practice activities.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.5.3, as follows:

Practice and Eligibility for ~~*Practice After Receipt of*~~ **a** Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete ~~*who is granted a hardship waiver may practice and/or participate in rehabilitative activities for the remainder of the season without using a season of participation. A student-athlete who competes in that sport during the remainder of the season shall use a season of participation, unless the competition meets an exception per Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1.*~~ **that engages in physical activities with the team during official practice following the diagnosis of a season-ending injury or after the first half of the season as defined in 14.2.5-(a), does not qualify for a hardship waiver. The following activities shall not preclude a student-athlete from qualifying for a hardship waiver:**

(a) Nonphysical practice activities (e.g., team meetings, chalk talk, film review);

(b) Sport-specific drills and physical activities as a part of rehabilitation during the traditional segment provided it does not coincide with official practice activities and is conducted under the guidance of the athletic training staff or a physician; or

(c) Practice or competition exempted under Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1.

Rationale: Continued student-athlete involvement with the team after injury is an important step in retention, rehabilitation and morale. While connection to the team in many areas is necessary, a student-athlete should not be permitted to physically participate in any part of team practice if they are not healthy enough to compete and wish to have an entire season of eligibility returned. While rehabilitation of the injury often involves sport-specific activities and practice-related drills, these should take place outside of the normal practice domain. The student-athlete's focus should be on improving health and strength, not improving skills or providing benefit and assistance to the team in practice. Allowing a student-athlete with a season-ending injury to

return to practice, without competing, can be construed as a (unfortunate) form of red-shirting; a practice that was eliminated by Division III in 2004.

Review History:

None

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF -- VOLUNTARY STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED DURING REQUIRED DAY OFF

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

IPOPL Number: 4

SPOPL Number: 7

Official Notice Number: 2012-

Source: New England Collegiate Conference, New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: During the playing season, to prohibit voluntary activities conducted by certified strength and conditioning personnel during the mandatory day off; further, outside the playing season, to prohibit voluntary activities conducted by certified strength and conditioning personnel one calendar day per week.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.02.1.1.1, as follows:

17.02.1.1.1 - Exceptions. The following activities shall not be considered athletically related:

(a) Administrative and academic activities that are nonathletics in nature (e.g., academic meetings and compliance meetings);

(b) Fundraising and community service activities not involving the use of athletics ability by student-athletes to obtain funds provided the activities receive approval from the institution's chancellor or president (or his or her designee) before the activity (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1 for restrictions on promotional activities);

(c) Observation of an officiating clinic related to playing rules that is conducted by video conference and does not require student-athletes to miss any class time to observe the clinic;

(d) Observation of enrolled student-athletes in organized competition (e.g., summer league), provided institutional athletics personnel do not direct or supervise the organized activity;

(e) Voluntary individual workouts monitored for safety purposes by strength and conditioning personnel. If the strength and conditioning coach is also a coaching staff member for one of the institution's intercollegiate teams, the monitoring may occur only if that staff member performs monitoring duties for all student-athletes using the facility at that time; and

(f) Voluntary individual strength and conditioning activities conducted by strength and conditioning personnel who have received strength and conditioning certification from a nationally recognized certification program only during the institution's regular academic year.

During the playing season, student-athletes are prohibited from engaging in these activities during the mandatory day off (See Bylaw 17.1.6). Outside the playing season, student-athletes are prohibited from engaging in these activities one calendar day per week.

(g) Observation of enrolled student-athletes in nonorganized sport-specific activities, provided:

(1) The documented job responsibilities for the coaching staff member include monitoring of an institutional facility for purposes of safety and facility security;

(2) The observation occurs while the coaching staff member performs this monitoring responsibility; and

(3) The observation occurs while the facility is open to all students.

This exception does not permit a coaching staff member to direct, supervise or provide instruction to student-athletes, but permits a coaching staff member to stop any activity that is dangerous to a student-athlete or other students.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.4.1, as follows:

17.1.4.1 - Required Day Off, All Sports. During the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.1), all athletically related activities **and voluntary strength and conditioning activities conducted by strength and conditioning personnel per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.1-(f)** shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during the following:

(a) Participation during NCAA championships;

(b) Participation between academic terms when classes are not in session or during the institution's preseason practice that occurs before the first day of classes; or

(c) Participation during an institution's official vacation period when classes are not in session.

17.1.4.1.1 - Multisport Student-Athlete. All athletically related activities **and voluntary strength and conditioning activities conducted by strength and conditioning personnel per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.1-(f)** shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week for every student-athlete, regardless of the number of sports in which a student-athlete participates.

Rationale: The rule as currently written permits student-athletes to workout with a strength and conditioning coach during the academic year every day of the week. Although we characterize these workouts as voluntary, we are concerned that the student-athletes best interest is not being taken into consideration here. This proposal should have an immediate effective date because it seeks to protect the best interest of the student-athlete. Delaying the effective date until August 1, 2012, merely delays protecting the interest of our student-athletes. By adding the proposed language, we are guaranteeing that student-athletes receive at least one day off per week.

Review History:

None

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- POSTSEASON ACTIVITIES -- EXEMPTING ONE POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIP FROM THE 18 OR 19 WEEK DECLARED PLAYING SEASON

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

IPOPL Number: 5

SPOPL Number: 8

Official Notice Number: 2012-

Source: The Commonwealth Coast Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: In all sports, to exclude from the 18 or 19 week declared playing and practice season, one postseason championship.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.3, as follows:

17.1.3 Postseason Activities.

[17.1.3-(a) through 17.1.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) ~~***NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA***~~ **Postseason Championships Participation** ~~***in Team Sports***~~**.** Neither practice for nor participation in ~~*any NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA*~~ **one postseason** championship event is considered part of the institution's declared playing season;

(d) Under Consideration for Selection to a ~~***NCAA***~~ **Team Postseason Championship.** A member institution that has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in ~~*an NCAA*~~ **a postseason** championship ~~*event*~~ may do the following:

(1) Continue to practice (but may not compete against outside competition) beyond its declared playing season, including the conference championship (if any), without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation as long as such practice begins not earlier than ~~*three*~~ **one** week~~*s*~~ before the start of the ~~*NCAA*~~ **postseason** championship ~~*in that sport*~~. **For the following postseason championships, practice may begin three weeks prior to the start of the postseason championship;**

(i) NCAA Championships;

(ii) NAIA Championships;

(iii) NCCAA Championships;

(iv) Non-NCAA championships in sports without an NCAA championship used for sports sponsorship purposes in accordance with Bylaw 20.11.3.1.1; and

(v) The National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship.

(2) An institution's spring championship sport team that earns its conference's automatic qualification in the fall segment/period may not continue to practice after the fall segment/period and before the spring segment/period based on its belief that it is under consideration for selection to the spring ~~*NCAA*~~ **postseason** championship.

(3) An institution that is not selected to participate in ~~*the NCAA*~~ **a postseason** championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of ~~*that*~~ **the NCAA** championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season.

(e) ~~***NCAA***~~ **Postseason Championships Participation in Individual Sports.** Only appropriate squad members considered necessary for effective practice with the individual(s) preparing for ~~*the NCAA*~~ **a postseason** championships may continue to practice without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation;

[17.1.3-(f) unchanged.]

~~***(g) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships and Qualifying Competition.*** *Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA or non-NCCAA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation. For emerging sports for women (see Bylaw 20.02.6) or a non-NCAA championship sport used for sport sponsorship purposes (see Bylaw 20.11.3.4.1), practice and competition for one postseason championship may be excluded under the following circumstances:*~~

~~*(1) An institution may exclude a maximum of three weeks of competition from its declared playing season for qualifying competition for the championship event; and*~~

~~*(2) The qualifying competition shall be the only event from which teams or individuals are selected to participate in the championship event.*~~

~~*In women's gymnastics, practice for and competition in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation; and*~~

[17.1.3-(h) renumbered as 17.1.3-(g), unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.4.5.1.1, as follows:

17.1.4.5.1.1 Traditional Segment. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition during the traditional segment/period shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

[17.1.4.5.1.1-(a) through 17.1.4.5.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) ~~***Season-Ending Tournaments***~~**Postseason Championship.** Competition in one **post**season~~-*ending tournament*~~ **championship** (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship**, ECAC championship**). A **post**season~~-*ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season*~~ **championship event shall be a season-ending, invitational tournament scheduled to occur after a conference or independents championship and shall involve**

competition between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season. The sponsoring organization and requirements for selection must be established prior to the first permissible contest date for the sport. The sponsoring organization may not consist solely of the members of any single conference that has already conducted a conference championship tournament or solely of a group of independents that have already conducted an independents championship tournament;

[17.1.4.5.1.1-(d) through 17.1.4.5.1.1-(f) unchanged.]

Rationale: The NCAA has allowed institutions to exempt participation in at least one post-season tournament from being counted against their maximum contest limitations (e.g., NCAA, NCCAA, NAIA, and various national governing body championships). Exceptions for a number of other tournaments have also been granted on a sport-by-sport basis. Participation in some season-ending tournaments is also exempt from counting in the playing-season limitations. Exceptions to the playing-season limitations became more important when the seasons were reduced to 18 or 19 weeks. Consequently, schools involved in non-NCAA/NAIA/NCCAA championships now have to save a week on the chance they MIGHT be selected to participate. If not selected, the week of participation is lost to those student-athletes. This proposal allows the two parts of Bylaw 17 to be synchronized, whereby one postseason contest is both exempted from maximum contest limitations and excluded from the 18 or 19 week playing-season limitation in all sports. It also applies the accommodation to all non-NCAA post-season championship events, not a select few. It recognizes the value of the post-season championship experience to student-athletes, and provides a fair and consistent application for all sports.

Review History:

None

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- REQUIRED SICKLE-CELL TESTING

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2012, for all student-athletes, including both new and continuing student-athletes.

IPOPL Number:

SPOPL Number: 9

Official Notice Number: 2012-

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

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: To require a sickle cell solubility test as part of the mandatory medical examination, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release; applicable to all student-athletes beginning their initial season of eligibility and continuing student-athletes.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.4, as follows:

17.1.6.4 Mandatory Medical Examination. **(#)** Before participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or, in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning 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 before participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete's medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months before the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.

> **17.1.6.4.1 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 student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release.**

Rationale: Requirements for sickle cell trait (SCT) status testing should be consistent across divisions. According to the 2011 membership survey, approximately 40 percent of responding Divisions II and III institutions currently confirm SCT status as part of their medical examination process. The potential for collapse and complications from SCT is not dependant on the division, sport, gender, or race. The education of staff conducting workouts continues to be the most important factor for preventing catastrophic events, as SCT generally does not result in a medical emergency unless the student-athlete is driven beyond their physiological limit. Typically, athletes that self-regulate their workload and intensity are able to modify the overall stress placed on them and still succeed athletically. Divisions II and III often have fewer sports medicine staff available during workouts; therefore, knowledge of SCT status for all student-athletes by key staff can be a gateway to precaution implementation, preparation and emergency response activation. Finally, in an effort to ensure student-athletes make an informed decision, institutions are encouraged to educate student-athletes about the risks of the condition if the student-athlete elects to decline the test and sign a written release.

Review History:

July 25, 2011: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 12, Action Item No. 1-(a).

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August 29, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee Supplement No. 1.

Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT -- AFFIRMATION AND CLARIFICATION OF UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE, BROAD-BASED ATHLETICS PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION IN NON-ATHLETIC PURSUITS AND AUTONOMY IN ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

IPOPL Number:

SPOPL Number: 10

Official Notice Number: 2012-

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Membership

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: To specify in the philosophy statement that Division III institutions: emphasize intercollegiate athletics as primarily focused on a four-year, undergraduate experience; encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of sport offerings for their students through broad-based athletics program; assure that student-athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in non-athletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience; and exercise institutional and/or conference autonomy in the establishment of initial and continuing eligibility standards for student-athletes.

Bylaws: Amend 20.11, as follows:

20.11 DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Colleges and universities in Division III place highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs. They seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete's educational experience, and in which coaches play a significant role as educators. They also seek to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among their student-athletes and athletics staff.

To achieve this end, Division III institutions:

[20.11-(a) through 20.11-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Primarily focus on intercollegiate athletics as a four-year, undergraduate experience;

[20.11-(d) renumbered as 20.11-(e), unchanged.]

(~~e~~**f**) Encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of ~~*athletics opportunities*~~ **sport offerings** for their students **through broad-based athletics programs**;

[20.11-(f) through 20.11-(g) renumbered as 20.11-(g) through 20.11-(h), unchanged.]

(i) Assure that student-athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in non-athletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience;

[20.11-(h) through 20.11-(i) renumbered as 20.11-(j) through 20.11-(k), unchanged.]

(l) Exercise institutional and/or conference autonomy in the establishment of initial and continuing eligibility standards for student-athletes;

[20.11-(j) through 20.11-(o) renumbered as 20.11-(m) through 20.11-(r), unchanged.]

The purpose of the NCAA is to assist its members in developing the basis for consistent, equitable competition while minimizing infringement on the freedom of individual institutions to determine their own special objectives and programs. The above statement articulates principles that represent a commitment to Division III membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.

Rationale: The modifications address issues included in the Division's 2008 white papers on membership growth and are a reflection of strategies to best to manage the large and diverse Division III membership under a unifying philosophy statement and strategic positioning platform. These concepts address fundamental academic and educational principles the division has commonly relied upon in the past and it is appropriate to formally incorporate them into the philosophy statement. Additionally, clarification of the provision that institutions encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of sport offerings is necessary based on the frequent, yet misused citation of this provision in efforts to expand the playing season or number of contests. This clarification more accurately reflects the legislative and philosophical history of the division to sponsor broad-based athletics programs.

Review History:

August 11, 2011: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council Agenda Item No. 8.

August 29, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee Supplement No. 1.

2012 NCAA Convention – Tentative Proposal Groupings

The NCAA Division III Presidents Council and the NCAA Division III Management Council must approve the 2012 NCAA Convention topical groupings of proposals as they will appear in the 2012 NCAA Convention Division III Official Notice. The number to the left of the proposal title represents the proposal number for the Convention. The number in parenthesis is the 2012 NCAA Convention Division III Second Publication of Proposed Legislation number.

Presidents Council Grouping (Four Roll-Call Votes).

1 (2-10) Division Membership – Division III Philosophy Statement – Affirmation and Clarification of Undergraduate Experience, Broad-Based Athletics Programs, Participation in Non-Athletic Pursuits and Autonomy in Eligibility Standards

2 (2-1) NCAA Membership – Member Conference – Conditions, Obligations Privileges and Automatic Qualification – Core Institution

3 (2-9) Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations – Required Sickle-Cell Testing

4 (2-3) Amateurism and Executive Regulations – Financial Donations and Advertising and Sponsorship of NCAA Championships – Professional Sports Organizations

General Grouping (Six Non Roll-Call Votes*).

5 (2-2) Personnel – Conduct of Athletics Personnel – Certified Strength and Conditioning Coaches – Required Sports-Safety Training

6 (2-7) Playing and Practice Seasons – Required Day Off – Voluntary Strength and Conditioning Activities Prohibited During Required Day Off

7 (2-4) Recruiting – Permissible Electronic Transmissions

8 (2-5) Recruiting – Electronic Transmissions – Allowing Text Messaging

9 (2-6) Eligibility – Hardship Waiver – Practice After Injury

10 (2-8) Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Postseason Activities – Exempting One Postseason Championship From the 18 or 19 Week Declared Playing Season

***The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee recommends that all 10 Convention proposals should be a roll-call vote.**

2012 NCAA Convention Division III Legislative Proposals

Committee Position Statements and Tentative Speaker Assignments

This chart will serve two purposes during the October NCAA Division III Management Council meeting:

(1) To provide feedback on positions from various committees which were assigned to review the proposals sponsored by the membership. The Management Council should use the committee feedback in order to develop the Council's official position on the membership sponsored proposals. A majority vote of the Management Council (present and voting) is required to recommend that the NCAA Division III Presidents Council support or oppose a specific legislative proposal sponsored by the membership.

(2) The chart details the tentative speaker assignments for all proposals that will be voted upon during the business session at the 2012 NCAA Convention. The assignments are tentative and the Council members should verify their willingness to speak the governance structure's official position on the assigned proposal. If a Council member chooses not to speak on the proposal assigned, another member will be chosen.

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Tentative Speaker Assignment	Position Paper Drafting Assignments	Committee Position Statements
2-1	NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS PRIVILEGES AND AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- CORE INSTITUTION	NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Membership Committee and Championships Committee)].	PC (moving and supporting) = Bob Antonucci MC (supporting) = Tim Downes PC (additional support, if necessary) = Rosalind Reichard MC (additional support, if necessary) = Charlie Robert	Jeff Myers	N/A

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Tentative Speaker Assignment	Position Paper Drafting Assignments	Committee Position Statements
2-2	PERSONNEL -- CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- CERTIFIED STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACHES -- REQUIRED SPORTS-SAFETY TRAINING	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	MC (moving and supporting) = Bill Klika MC (additional support) = Stan Ching	Laura Donahue	N/A
2-3	AMATEURISM AND EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- FINANCIAL DONATIONS AND ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS	NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee)].	PC (moving and supporting) = Brian Levin-Stankevich MC (supporting) = Terry Rupert MC (additional support, if necessary) = Stan Ching	Laura Donahue	N/A

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Tentative Speaker Assignment	Position Paper Drafting Assignments	Committee Position Statements
2-4	RECRUITING -- PERMISSIBLE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS	Little East Conference, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	MC = Portia Hoeg MC = Fredina Ingold MC = Lou Stark	Kristin Nesbitt	Interpretations and Legislation Committee - No Position. The committee could not come to a majority position regarding the use of social media. The committee does however support deregulating the use of text messaging as a means to communicate with prospective student-athletes. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee - No position. (*Informal position. Formal position will be taken in November*) Supports just allowing text messaging, but not social media. The considerations resulting in the "no position" are set forth as follows: Support: Admissions are already doing this and its professional recruitment to the school; it was okay after May 1 with financial deposit – why not right from the get-go?; any recruiting/communication tool available should be used; high school age students communicate heavily via text messaging; would be more comfortable with texting if communication was initiated via more formal means; institutional emergency messages are sent via text – if that is the best way to communicate such a message, why not for recruiting? Oppose: Texting and social networking is informal –shortened sentences, abbreviations, etc.; choosing a school is a life changing decision and needs to be conducted via legitimate communication means; current recruitment is working so there is no need to change the legislation; more intrusive than email – you get in class and its immediate in nature; does not push PSA to communicate directly with coach and reinforces how not to handle communication.

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Tentative Speaker Assignment	Position Paper Drafting Assignments	Committee Position Statements
2-5	RECRUITING -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- ALLOWING TEXT MESSAGING	NCAA Division III Management Council.	MC (moving and supporting) = Chris Thomforde MC (supporting) = Jan Hathorn MC (additional support, if necessary) = Lou Stark	Kristin Nesbitt	N/A
2-6	ELIGIBILITY -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- PRACTICE AFTER INJURY	Midwest Conference, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	MC = Mary Jo Gunning MC = Jeff Martinez	Azure Davey	Interpretations and Legislation Committee - Oppose. The committee expressed concern with the detrimental impact on student-athletes. Further, the committee questioned the clarity of the prohibition set forth in the proposal and the potential inconsistent application based on this lack of clarity. Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee - Oppose. The current application of hardship waiver legislation is effective in dealing with student-athletes suffering incapacitating injuries or illnesses following limited participation. In addition, the scope of participation is supported by the conclusions of medical personnel associated with a student-athlete's recovery. Finally, the committee noted the proposal could place institutions and conferences in difficult positions associated with determining permissible and impermissible activities (possibly after the fact), as well as create additional resource challenges at the campus level.

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Tentative Speaker Assignment	Position Paper Drafting Assignments	Committee Position Statements
					Academic Issues Subcommittee - Support. The subcommittee noted the purpose of the hardship waiver is to provide a student-athlete the ability to preserve his or her season of eligibility due to injury or illness that prevents participation. Permitting participation in physical practice activity beyond rehabilitative exercises is inconsistent with the intent of the legislation. The subcommittee also noted that a student-athlete is still permitted to attend practices without physical participation to maintain his or her involvement with athletics Student-Athlete Advisory Committee - Oppose (*Informal position. Formal position will be taken in November*). Rehab activities during practice allow injured to stay connected to team; still on roster so should be involved in these practices (e.g., throwing balls); may have to sit through practice and then do rehab activities – this will result in additional time constraints for student-athlete; more time commitment for trainers who are already pressed to provide services for all student-athletes; student-athletes lose identity without sport; some small schools only have one facility and rehab and practice would inevitably overlap; if it is an illness (e.g., mono) that student-athlete is recovering from, the student-athlete will still be in a disabled state and cannot truly be practicing; do not need to punish the majority of injured student-athletes due to concern of abuse of few.

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Tentative Speaker Assignment	Position Paper Drafting Assignments	Committee Position Statements
2-7	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF -- VOLUNTARY STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED DURING REQUIRED DAY OFF	New England Collegiate Conference, New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference.	MC = Nancy Meyer MC = Kitty Baldridge	Azure Davey	Interpretations and Legislation Committee - Oppose. The committee also discussed if the proposal were split into two parts (in-season and out-of-season), that a prohibition on in-season workouts with certified strength and conditioning coaches on the mandatory day off would be supported. The committee agreed that by requiring the day off outside the season, the institution would be required to monitor participation outside the season which is not currently permitted. Consequently, this would result in more oversight outside the playing season, resulting in the opposite of the intended effect of this proposal. Ensuring, however, that student-athletes are not engaging in a workout with the strength coach during the mandatory day off during the season has merit and should be supported Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee - Position to be presented at the meeting. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee - Support. (*Informal position. Formal position will be taken in November*). If voluntary it's something SA will do on off day anyway – don't need to be conducted, but still monitored for safety purposes; provides a day off for SAs without concern about voluntary compliance

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Tentative Speaker Assignment	Position Paper Drafting Assignments	Committee Position Statements
2-8	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- POSTSEASON ACTIVITIES -- EXEMPTING ONE POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIP FROM THE 18 OR 19 WEEK DECLARED PLAYING SEASON	The Commonwealth Coast Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference	MC = Nancy Meyer MC = Charles Harris MC = Kurt Beron	Jeff Myers	Interpretations and Legislation Committee - Oppose. The committee expressed concern with extending the playing season by allowing additional exemptions to the playing season. The committee also cited cost considerations associated with additional postseason opportunities and increased pressure for institutions to participate in postseason championship events as further basis to oppose this proposal. Championships Committee - Oppose. The committee noted that while certain season-ending tournaments (e.g., Eastern College Athletic Conference championships) are exempted from contest limitations and not from the playing season limitations, there is not a significant undue burden on institutions that choose to participate in these championships to warrant extension of the playing seasons as proposed. The committee expressed concern about the timing of such postseason championships under this proposal, which could result in a significant lengthening of the playing season. Further, the committee observed that this proposal is likely targeted to a specific area of the country where existing and traditional postseason championships occur, but could increase pressure on other institutions to establish new events in order to gain a competitive edge, thereby adding contests and increasing costs. Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee - Position to be presented at the meeting. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee - Support. (*Informal position. Formal position will be taken in November).* Equalizes postseason opportunities; postseason is a reward and should be allowed to maximize contest opportunities and season.

SPOPL No.	Title	Source	Tentative Speaker Assignment	Position Paper Drafting Assignments	Committee Position Statements
2-9	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- REQUIRED SICKLE-CELL TESTING	NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)].	PC (moving and supporting) = Charley Edmondson MC (supporting) = Jeff Martinez PC (supporting) = Livingston Alexander MC (additional support, if necessary) = Steve Nelson	Laura Donahue	N/A
2-10	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT -- AFFIRMATION AND CLARIFICATION OF UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE, BROAD-BASED ATHLETICS PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION IN NON-ATHLETIC PURSUITS AND AUTONOMY IN ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS	NCAA Division III Presidents Council.	PC (moving and supporting) = Jim Schmotter PC (supporting) = Cappy Hill MC (additional support, if necessary) = Marjorie Hass	Kristin Nesbitt	N/A

President's Council and Management Council Members Not Attending Convention

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President's Council and Management Council Members on Dais and Unable to Speak on Position Papers

Jim Bultman, Chris Martin

Management Council Members – Unassigned but Available

None

President's Council Members – Unassigned but Available

Tom Chema, Sharon Herzberger, Marcia Keizs, Lisa Marsh Ryerson, Jack Ohle, Fred Ohles, Ronald Thomas

October 2011 Management Council Meeting
Noncontroversial Legislation for 2012 Convention

Noncontroversial Proposals - These proposals are considered noncontroversial and necessary in the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation. They become effective when approved in legislative format by a three-fourths majority of the Management Council and are ratified at the annual Convention business session.

Note – in the following proposals:

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

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-1	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS -- SANCTIONED OUTSIDE-TEAM TOURS -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF STUDENT-ATHLETES -- WOMEN'S ROWING	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate.	In women's rowing, to specify that the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may participate in international competition as a member of an outside team on a foreign tour shall not exceed four.	None.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-2	AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES TO RECEIVE NONINSTITUTIONAL AWARDS -- ESTABLISHED REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL AWARDS -- ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES PROVIDED BY INSTITUTION	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate.	To permit an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete and his or her relatives, or individuals of a comparable relationship, to travel to a banquet designed to recognize the student-athlete's accomplishments as an athlete as part of an established regional, national or international award.	Minimal for those institutions that choose to provide these expenses to student-athletes selected to receive these awards.
NC-2012-3	RECRUITING -- HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR CONTESTS -- COACH AND ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBER INVOLVEMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL DUTIES	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate	To specify that any coach or athletics department staff member directly involved in the recruiting of student-athletes shall not participate in the coaching, officiating or player selection for a high school all-star event; further, to specify that such staff members may serve in an administrative or operational capacity for a high school all-star event.	None.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-4	RECRUITING -- FOUR-YEAR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- PERMISSION TO CONTACT -- RESPONSE TO REQUEST AND HEARING OPPORTUNITY	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate	To specify that if an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact him or her about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days of receipt of the request; to specify that if the request is denied and a student-athlete requests a hearing, the institution shall conduct a hearing and provide written results of the hearing within 15 business days of receipt of the request; to specify that the student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to appear in-person or via telephone and actively participate in the hearing; to specify that if the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request or fails to conduct a hearing or provide written results within the specified time period, permission to contact shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide the written permission to the student-athlete; further, to define a business day as any weekday that is not recognized as a national holiday, including any weekday that an institution is closed for other reasons.	Minimal.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-5	ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER -- FOUR-YEAR TRANSFERS -- ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- EXCEPTION	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	August 1, 2011	To permit a student-athlete to qualify for an exception to the transfer residence requirement if the student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete's sport, provided the student-athlete successfully completed at least 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit and completed at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters of attendance at the previous institution.	None.
NC-2012-6	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S VOLLEYBALL	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee).	August 1, 2011	In men's volleyball, to amend the playing and practice seasons regulations, as specified.	Reducing the permissible number of dates of competition may result in budget savings for the institutions that previously scheduled the maximum number of contests.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-7	COMMITTEES -- SPORTS COMMITTEES WITH ONLY CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES -- COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP -- MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Championships Committee).	Immediate, pending adoption of related championship at 2011 Convention.	In men's volleyball, to establish a four-person sport committee, representing two regions, to govern the administration of the men's volleyball championship.	$7,200 to cover committee expense related to championship and annual meeting travel and other committee business.
NC-2012-8	MEMBERSHIP -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION STATUS -- NCAA REGIONAL RULES SEMINAR ATTENDANCE -- PENALTY SANCTION	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).	Immediate.	To specify that an institutional staff member(s) may be required to attend an NCAA Regional Rules Seminar if the institution is placed on probation.	Impacted institutions may have to pay for institutional staff member(s) to attend an NCAA Regional Rules Seminar.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-9	RECRUITING -- DEFINTIONS AND APPLICATION -- PERMISSIBLE RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES -- ELECTRONIC MAIL	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate.	To permit enrolled student-athletes to send electronic mail to prospective student-athletes for recruitment purposes.	None.
NC-2012-10	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR COMPUTING PLAYING SEASONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SPORTS -- NON-NCAA POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate.	To specify that practice and competition for one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women are exempt from being counted against the institution's declared playing and practice season limitations.	None.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-11	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS AND SPORT-SPECIFIC PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS – CONSOLIDATION OF GENERALLY APPLICABLE REGULATIONS	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee).	August 1, 2011	To reorganize Bylaw 17.1 and the sport sections (17.2 through 17.27) in a manner that the standard provisions appear in the general regulations section while the sport-specific sections are limited to provisions that are applicable only to that particular sport.	None.
NC-2012-12	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP--ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH DIVISION CRITERIA--NONCOMPLIANCE AND THE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS--AUTHORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).	Immediate.	To specify that the NCAA Division III Membership Committee shall review issues regarding membership requirements that are discovered during the enforcement process and may impose penalties for not satisfying membership requirements.	None.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-13	ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT – REQUIREMENT FOR PRACTICE OR COMPETITION – EXCEPTION – COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate.	To permit a student-athlete to practice and represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics while he or she is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) offered by the institution that is a required part of the student's academic program, provided the student is considered to be enrolled in a full-time program of studies, regardless of the credit value of the program.	None.
NC-2012-14	RECRUITING – UNOFFICIAL VISIT – ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS – GENERAL RESTRICTIONS – COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS FOR A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S PARENTS, GUARDIAN(S), SPOUSE OR INDIVIDUAL OF A COMPARABLE RELATIONSHIP	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate.	To permit an institution to provide additional complimentary admissions to a home athletics event to a prospective student-athlete's parents, guardian(s), spouse or individual of a comparable relationship accompanying the prospective student-athlete during an unofficial visit.	Increased cost of complimentary admissions provided to prospective student-athletes during unofficial visits.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-15	AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PARTICIPATION AWARDS -- MAXIMUM VALUE OF AWARD -- INCREASE TO MAXIMUM VALUES	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate.	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.	Potential increase commensurate with increase in award value limitations.
NC-2012-16	AMATEURISM – PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT – EXCEPTION – DESIGNATION OF FUNDRAISING MONEY – PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES.	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	August 1, 2011.	To permit the designation of funds raised through fundraisers for individuals before initial, full-time collegiate enrollment provided the amount raised does not exceed actual and necessary expenses for athletics participation.	None.
NC-2012-17	ELIGIBILITY – FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT – REQUIREMENT FOR PRACTICE – WAIVER – U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE/NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY – FORMER STUDENT ATHLETE PRACTICING AT ANOTHER INSTITUTION – INDIVIDUAL SPORTS AND WOMEN'S ROWING	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).	Immediate.	In individual sports and women's rowing, in a case in which the U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation, to permit a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining to participate in organized practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended.	None.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-18	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD -- TESTING SESSION ON FIRST DAY	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).	Immediate.	In football, on the first day of the five-day acclimatization period, to permit institutions to conduct either: (1) one on-field practice, not to exceed three hours in length, and one one-hour walk-through session or (2) one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning or agility tests), not to exceed one-hour in length, one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length, and one one-hour walk-through session, provided student-athletes are provided at least three hours of continuous recovery time between each session.	None.
NC-2012-19	AMATEURISM, ELIGIBILITY AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS	Ready for Management Council Consideration	NCAA Division III Management Council (Olympic Sports Liaison Committee).	Immediate.	To include the World University Championships in all bylaws that apply to the World University Games.	None.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-20	COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE AND COMMON COMMITTEES -- MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS -- COMPOSITION	Ready for Management Council Consideration	NCAA Division III Management Council.	Immediate (Composition will be achieved through normal attrition).	To increase, from 15 to 18, the number of members of the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and the Committee on Women's Athletics and to specify that the composition of the committees shall be equally distributed among the three divisions; further, to specify that one member of each committee shall be a current chancellor or president.	Total of approximately $6,960 for six new committee members.
NC-2012-21	NCAA MEMBERSHIP – PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP -- FEE	Ready for Management Council Consideration	NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).	September 1, 2013.	To specify that the amount of the fee for provisional members shall be determined annually by the Membership Committee based on an analysis of the expenses and benefits associated with the membership process.	Periodic increase to institutions in the membership process.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-22	AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION – TWO NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS	Ready for Management Council Consideration	NCAA Division III Management Council (Olympic Sports Liaison Committee).	Immediate.	To permit an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to participate in not more than two national team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Cup, World Youth Championships, or World University Games.	Institutions with eligible student-athletes may bear the expense of additional national team tryouts.
NC-2012-23	COMMITTEES – ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES – RULES COMMITTEES WITHOUT CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES – SWIMMING AND DIVING, TRACK AND FIELD AND WRESTLING	Ready for Management Council Consideration	NCAA Division III Management Council (Championships Committee).	August 1, 2012	To establish a Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, a Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee and a Wrestling Rules Committee, as specified; further, to establish a Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, a Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee and a Division III Wrestling Committee, as specified.	None.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
NC-2012-24	COMMITTEES -- STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -- VACANCIES	Ready for Management Council Consideration	NCAA Division III Management Council (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee).	Immediate	To eliminate the requirement that the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee select representatives when a vacancy occurs and requires the NCAA Division III Nominating Committee perform this duty; further, to specify that a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Nominating Committee for purposes of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee selections.	None.

SUPPLEMENT NO. 29
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October 2011 Management Council Meeting
Noncontroversial Legislation for 2012 Convention

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS -- SANCTIONED OUTSIDE-TEAM TOURS -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF STUDENT-ATHLETES -- WOMEN'S ROWING

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-1

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: In women's rowing, to specify that the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may participate in international competition as a member of an outside team on a foreign tour shall not exceed four.

Bylaws: Amend 17.29.2, as follows:

17.29.2 Sanctioned 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 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.

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 unchanged.]

Additional Information: When women's rowing moved from emerging sport status to championship sport status, placing a limit on the number of student-athletes who may compete for an outside team was inadvertently overlooked. This proposal corrects that oversight.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

October 18, 2010: Approved in concept - Management Council - Supplement No. 9, Item No. 1-(d).

January 12, 2011: Approved in legislative format - Management Council - Supplement No. 22.

Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES TO RECEIVE NONINSTITUTIONAL AWARDS -- ESTABLISHED REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL AWARDS -- ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES PROVIDED BY INSTITUTION

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-2

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To permit an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete and his or her relatives, or individuals of a comparable relationship, to travel to a banquet designed to recognize the student-athlete's accomplishments as an athlete as part of an established regional, national or international award.

Bylaws: Amend 16.1.7.1, as follows:

16.1.7.1 Established Regional, National or International Awards. An **institution or an** outside organization (other than a professional sports organization) may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to travel to a banquet designed to recognize the individual's accomplishments as a student-athlete in order for the student-athlete to receive an established regional, national or international award (permitted by NCAA legislation). The **institution or** outside organization also may provide actual and necessary expenses for the student-athlete's relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship to attend the recognition event.

Additional Information: Current legislation permits an outside organization to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete and the student-athlete's relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship to attend an event at which the student-athlete will receive an established regional, national or international award. However, in cases where an outside organization will not cover these costs, an institution may not provide the expenses. The student-athlete receiving the award and his or her relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship must then bear the financial costs if they wish to attend the event. This proposal promotes student-athlete well-being by providing an opportunity for institutions to pay these costs. It also brings equity to the source of funds for noninstitutional awards since institutions can already pay actual and necessary expenses for student-athletes to be recognized by the federal, state or local government and to receive conference awards.

Budget Impact: Minimal for those institutions that choose to provide these expenses to student-athletes selected to receive these awards.

Review History:

October 18, 2010: Approved in concept - Management Council Supplement No. 9, Item No. 1-(e).

January 12, 2011: Approved in legislative format - Management Council - Supplement No. 22.

Title: RECRUITING -- HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR CONTESTS -- COACH AND ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBER INVOLVEMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL DUTIES

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-3

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To specify that any coach or athletics department staff member directly involved in the recruiting of student-athletes shall not participate in the coaching, officiating or player selection for a high school all-star event; further, to specify that such staff members may serve in an administrative or operational capacity for a high school all-star event.

Bylaws: Amend 13.13.1, as follows:

13.13.1 Coach **and Athletics Department Staff Member** Involvement. ~~*A member institution shall not permit a*~~**A**ny coach or athletics department staff member directly involved in the recruiting of student-athletes ~~*to*~~ **shall not** participate (directly or indirectly) in the ~~*management,*~~ coaching, officiating, ~~*supervision, promotion*~~ or player selection ~~*of any all-star team or contest involving interscholastic players or those who, during the previous school year, were members of high school athletics teams*~~ **for a high school all-star event**. **Such staff members may serve in an administrative or operational capacity (e.g., ticket administration, concessions, scoreboard operator) for a high school all-star event.** Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility.

[13.13.1.1 unchanged.]

Additional Information: Regulations regarding all-star contests are at odds with the recent legislation (2010 Proposal No. 3) allowing an institution greater flexibility to conduct events involving prospective student-athletes on campus. Currently, coaches and athletics staffs are prohibited from serving in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player selection, operational or administrative duties) for or during high school all-star contests, including operating the scoreboard. Accordingly, some flexibility is warranted for a coach's involvement in a high school all-star contest given the new tryout deregulation and this proposal provides opportunities to do so in a reasonable manner.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

October 18, 2010: Approved in Concept - Management Council - Supplement No. 9, Item No. 1-(e).

January 12, 2011: Approved in legislative format - Management Council - Supplement No. 22.

Title: RECRUITING -- FOUR-YEAR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- PERMISSION TO CONTACT -- RESPONSE TO REQUEST AND HEARING OPPORTUNITY

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-4

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To specify that if an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact him or her about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days of receipt of the request; to specify that if the request is denied and a student-athlete requests a hearing, the institution shall conduct a hearing and provide written results of the hearing within 15 business days of receipt of the request; to specify that the student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to appear in-person or via telephone and actively participate in the hearing; to specify that if the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request or fails to conduct a hearing or provide written results within the specified time period, permission to contact shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide the written permission to the student-athlete; further, to define a business day as any weekday that is not recognized as a national holiday, including any weekday that an institution is closed for other reasons.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02, as follows:

13.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

<u>13.02.1 Business Day. A business day is any weekday that is not recognized as a national holiday, including any weekday that an institution is closed for other reasons (e.g., holiday break).</u>

[13.02.1 through 13.02.11.2 renumbered as 13.02.2 through 13.02.12.2, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.2, as follows:

13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact in any manner (e.g., in-person contact, telephone calls, electronic communication, written correspondence) with the student-athlete of another NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining written permission to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. ~~*An institution must grant or deny a student-athlete's request for permission to contact within 14 days of the initial request.*~~ If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer. If permission is granted all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. **<u>If an</u>**

institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days (see Bylaw 13.02.1) of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within seven business days, permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete. Written permission may be granted by:

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

[13.1.1.2.1 through 13.1.1.2.2.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.2.3 Hearing Opportunity. If the institution decides to deny a student-athlete's request to permit any other institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The student-athlete shall be informed of this hearing opportunity within ~~*14*~~ **seven business** days of the request for permission to contact ~~*and the institution shall have established reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request*~~. **Within 15 b usiness days (see Bylaw 13.02.1) of receipt of the student-athlete's written request for a hearing, the institution shall conduct and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in-person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 15 business days, permission to contact the student-athlete shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete.**

[Remainder of 13.1.1.2 unchanged.]

Additional Information: Recent changes added the 14-day deadlines requiring institutions to respond to a student-athlete's request for permission to contact and to be notified of a hearing opportunity. However, those deadlines do not fully protect a student-athlete's best interests. For example, an institution may choose to not respond to a student-athlete's request which would be considered a denial of the request. Furthermore, current rules do not include a specific time period by which to conduct an appeal hearing, stating only that it be prompt. This proposal narrows the timeline for an institution's response from 14 days to seven business days and requires an institution that denies permission to contact to conduct a hearing within 15 business days. Further, it promotes student-athlete well-being by defaulting in the student-athlete's favor if an institution fails to respond or conduct a hearing in the legislated timeframe.

Budget Impact: Minimal.

Review History:

October 18, 2010: Approved in Concept - Management Council - Supplement No. 9, Item No. 1-(c).

January 12, 2011: Approved in legislative format - Management Council - Supplement No. 22.

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER -- FOUR-YEAR TRANSFERS -- ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- EXCEPTION

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2011

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-5

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To permit a student-athlete to qualify for an exception to the transfer residence requirement if the student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete's sport, provided the student-athlete successfully completed at least 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit and completed at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters of attendance at the previous institution.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5, as follows:

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

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition until the student has fulfilled an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution unless the student qualifies for one of the transfer exceptions set forth in Bylaws 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2or 14.5.5.1.3. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) may qualify for an exception to the academic year of residence requirement provided he or she does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring.

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

[14.5.5.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution and would have been academically and athletically eligible had he or she remained at that institution~~.~~**; or**

(c) The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete's sport and, while at that institution, the student-athlete:

> **(i) Successfully completed at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit; and**
>
> **(ii) Completed at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters.**

[Remainder of 14.5.5 unchanged.]

Additional Information: This proposal addresses the situation in which a student-athlete transfers from an institution that did not sponsor his or her sport, but because of athletics participation at a previous collegiate institution the student-athlete does not satisfy the transfer exception. In these situations, the student-athlete does not have the same legislative recourse, as if he or she had transferred from an institution that sponsored his or her sport. Bylaw 14.5.4.1-(c) provides two opportunities for a 4-2-4 transfer to be immediately eligible at the certifying institution. Similar flexibility should be afforded a 4-4-4 transfer.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

October 18, 2010: Approved in Concept - Management Council - Supplement No. 9, Item No. 1-(j).

January 12, 2011: Approved in legislative format - Management Council - Supplement No. 22.

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2011

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-6

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee).

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: In men's volleyball, to amend the playing and practice seasons regulations, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.8, as follows:

17.1.8 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

[17.1.8-(a) through 17.1.8-(g) unchanged.]

(h) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships and Qualifying Competition. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA or non-NCCAA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation; except practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes in accordance with Bylaw 20.11.3.1.1. An institution may exclude a maximum of three weeks of competition from its declared playing season for qualifying competition for a non-NCAA championship event that is excluded from the declared playing and practice season. The qualifying competition shall be the only event from which teams or individuals are selected to participate in the non-NCAA championship event. In women's gymnastics, practice for and competition in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation~~. *In men's volleyball, practice for and competition in the Division III Men's Volleyball Invitational Championship tournament are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation*~~; and

[Remainder of 17.1.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.10.4, as follows:

17.1.10.4 Nontraditional Segment Length -- Baseball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and ~~*Women's*~~ Volleyball.

The nontraditional segment shall be subject to the following limitations:

(a) All practice and competition shall be limited to a maximum of five weeks;

(b) A maximum of 16 days of athletically related activity with no more than four days of athletically related activity in any one week, shall be permitted;

(c) Any athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1.1) by any member of the applicable team shall constitute the use of a day;

(d) One date of competition may occur and shall be counted as one of the 16 permissible days of athletically related activity;

(e) A maximum of eight hours of athletically related activity may occur on the one date of competition for all participants. Further, competition activity on the one date must be included in the eight-hour maximum and is also limited to the following:

(1) Baseball -- two regulation baseball games or 18 regulation innings (e.g., three outs per inning, three strikes per out).

(2) Field Hockey -- two regulation field hockey contests or 140 minutes of competition activity.

(3) Men's and Women's Lacrosse -- two regulation lacrosse contests or 120 minutes of competition activity.

(4) Men's and Women's Soccer -- two regulation soccer contests or 180 minutes of competition activity.

(5) Softball -- three regulation softball games or 21 regulation innings (e.g., three outs per inning, three strikes per out).

(6) **Men's and Women's** Volleyball -- three regulation matches or 15 regulation volleyball games.

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

17.25 VOLLEYBALL

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

[17.25 through 17.25.5 unchanged.]

17.25.6 - ~~*End of Regular Playing Season -- Men. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in volleyball by the following dates:*~~

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period (e.g., fall semester, fall quarter).*~~

~~*17.25.7 --*~~End of Regular Playing Season~~*-- Women*~~. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in volleyball by the following dates:

(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA Division III Volleyball Championship.

(b) Nontraditional Segment **- Women**. Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular term. See Bylaw 17.1.9-(d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.

(c) Nontraditional Segment- Men. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period (e.g., fall semester, fall quarter).

17.25.~~8~~**7** - Number of Dates of Competition~~—*Women*~~

17.25.~~8~~**7**.1 - Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's ~~*women's*~~ volleyball playing season to a maximum of 22 dates of competition during the traditional segment and one during the nontraditional segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.25.~~*10*~~**9**.

17.25.~~8~~**7**.1.1 - In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in ~~*women's*~~ 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.

17.25.~~8~~**7**.2 - Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete~~—*Women*~~. A student-athlete may participate each academic year in a maximum of 22 dates of competition during the traditional segment and one during the nontraditional segment in ~~*women's*~~ volleyball. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution in accordance with Bylaws 17.02.4 and 17.02.8.

~~*17.25.9 Number of Dates of Competition—Men.*~~

~~*17.25.9.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's men's volleyball playing season to a maximum of 282 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 Bylaw 17.25.10.1.*~~

~~*17.25.9.1.1 – In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's volleyball in one or more foreign countries 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.*~~

~~*17.25.9.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete – Men. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in a maximum of 282 dates of competition in men's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution in accordance with Bylaws 17.02.4 and 17.02.8.*~~

17.25.~~*10*~~**8** Annual Exemptions **– Men and Women**.

17.25.~~*10*~~**8**.1 Traditional Segment ~~*for Women and Any Segment for Men*~~. The maximum number of volleyball dates of competition in the traditional segment ~~*for women and any segment for men*~~ shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

[17.25.10.1-(a) through 17.25.10.1-(g) renumbered as 17.25.8.1-(a) through 17.25.10.1-(g), unchanged.]

[17.25.10.2 renumbered as 17.25.8.2, unchanged.]

[17.25.11 through 17.25.16 renumbered as 17.25.9 through 17.25.14, unchanged.]

Additional Information: Currently, men's volleyball is a national collegiate championship sport. However, if 2011 Convention Proposal No. 5 is adopted, men's volleyball will become a Division III championship sport. The present Bylaw 17 playing and practice seasons legislation for men's volleyball reflects Division I regulations which are tied to it being a national collegiate championship sport. If Proposal No. 2011-5 is adopted, the Bylaw 17 playing and practices season regulations should change to reflect Division III regulations and should be consistent with women's volleyball and other Division III spring championship sports.

Budget Impact: Reducing the permissible number of dates of competition may result in budget savings for the institutions that previously scheduled the maximum number of contests.

Review History:

October 18, 2010: Approved in Concept - Management Council contingent on adoption of 2011 Convention Proposal No. 5 - Management Council Supplement No. 5, Item No. 1.

January 15, 2011: Approved in legislative format - Management Council (Post-Convention) - Supplement No. 6.

Title: COMMITTEES -- SPORTS COMMITTEES WITH ONLY CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES -- COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP -- MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate, pending adoption of related championship at 2011 Convention.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-7

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: In men's volleyball, to establish a four-person sport committee, representing two regions, to govern the administration of the men's volleyball championship.

Bylaws: Amend 21.9.6.2, as follows:

21.9.6.2 Committee Membership. Membership on sports committees in team and individual sports with only championships administration responsibilities shall be limited in number as specified in Figure 21-1.

Figure 21-1

Committee Membership

Committee	Number of Members
Baseball Committee	8, including one member from each region
Basketball Committee, Men’s	8, including one member from each region
Basketball Committee, Women’s	8, including one member from each region
Field Hockey Committee	6, including one member from each region
Football Committee	8, consisting of two representatives from each of the four Division III football regions
Golf Committee, Men’s	6, including one member from each region
Golf Committee, Women’s	5, including one member from each region
Ice Hockey Committee, Men’s	4, including two members from both the East and West Regions (one administrator and one coach).

Ice Hockey Committee, Women's	5, including one representative from each of the five women's ice hockey playing conferences
Lacrosse Committee, Men's	4, including two members from each of the North and South Regions (one administrator and one coach). Two representatives serving on the committee shall be athletics administrators, and two shall be coaching-staff members.
Lacrosse Committee, Women's	5, including one member from each region
Rowing Committee, Women's	6, including one member from each region
Soccer Committee, Men's	8, including one member from each region
Soccer Committee, Women's	8 including one member from each region
Softball Committee, Women's	8, including one member from each region
Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's and Women's	7, including the four Division III representatives to the common Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities (see Bylaw 21.4.6) and three additional members: one representing men's swimming interests; one representing women's swimming interests; and one selected at large. There shall be one or two representatives from District 1; one or two from District 2; one from District 3; one or two from District 4; one from Districts 5, 6 or 7; and one from District 8
Tennis Committee, Men's	4, including one member from each region.
Tennis Committee, Women's	4, including one member from each region.
Track and Field Committee, Men's and Women's	8, consisting of the six Division III representatives to the common Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities (see Bylaw 21.4.7) and two additional members: one of the additional members representing men's track and field interests and the other representing women's track and field interests. One member shall be elected from each of the Division III track and field regions.*
Volleyball Committee, Men's	**4, including two members from each region**

Volleyball Committee, Women's	8, including one member from each region
Volleyball Committee, Men's	4, including two members from each region.
Wrestling Committee	4, consisting of the three Division III representatives to the common Wrestling Committee with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities and one additional member: one member shall be elected from Districts 1 and 2, one from Districts 4 and 5, and two at large.

* The Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee shall be responsible for the Division III cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field championships.

Additional Information: Once the relevant championship is established, institutions sponsoring men's volleyball will be divided into two sport regions for the purpose of defining in-region competition and evaluating teams. Two committee members will be assigned to each region. This assignment is consistent with sport committee composition in sports with similar sponsorship levels. Further, a minimum of four members is necessary to allow for effective committee work and championships administration.

Budget Impact: $7,200 to cover committee expense related to championship and annual meeting travel and other committee business.

Review History:

October 18, 2010: Approved in Concept - Management Council contingent on adoption of 2011 Convention Proposal No. 5 - Management Council Supplement No. 6, Item No. 1-(b).

January 15, 2011: Approved in legislative format - Management Council (Post-Convention) - Supplement No. 6.

Title: MEMBERSHIP -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION STATUS -- NCAA REGIONAL RULES SEMINAR ATTENDANCE -- PENALTY SANCTION

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-8

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Membership

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To specify that an institutional staff member(s) may be required to attend an NCAA Regional Rules Seminar if the institution is placed on probation.

A. Constitution: Amend 3.02.3.1.2, as follows:

3.02.3.1.2 Membership Classification Status.

> 3.02.3.1.2.1 Probation. Probation is a membership classification status assigned to an institution that indicates that an institution's membership is not in good standing. The status of probation serves as a warning that certain conditions and obligations of membership have not been satisfied and failure to correct such deficiencies shall result in the institution's reclassification to the category of restricted membership. During the probationary year, the institution shall be required to complete an athletics program assessment using a form approved by the Membership Committee and shall also be provided with the guiding principles to establish a model Division III athletics program. **An institutional staff member(s) may also be required to attend an NCAA Regional Rules Seminar.** An institution does not lose membership benefits as a result of being placed on probation.
>
> [3.02.3.1.2.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 20.02.4, as follows:

20.02.4 Probation. Probation is a membership classification status assigned to an institution which indicates that an institution's membership is not in good standing. The status of probation serves as a warning that certain conditions and obligations of membership have not been satisfied and failure to correct such deficiencies shall result in the institution's reclassification to the category of restricted membership. During the probationary year, the institution shall be required to complete an athletics program assessment using a form approved by the Membership Committee and shall also be provided with the guiding principles to establish a model Division III athletics program. **An institutional staff members(s) may also be required to attend an NCAA Regional Rules Seminar.** An institution does not lose membership benefits as a result of being placed on probation.

Additional Information: This sanction would not be applicable in all instances of membership requirements violations; however, attendance would likely be required if the committee determines compliance education is warranted. Additionally, depending on the circumstances of the violation, the committee would specify which institutional staff member(s) would be required to attend.

Budget Impact: Impacted institutions may have to pay for institutional staff member(s) to attend an NCAA Regional Rules Seminar.

Review History:

January 12, 2011: Management Council - Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 8, item 1-(a).

April 11, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council - Supplement No. 26.

Title: RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION -- PERMISSIBLE RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES -- ELECTRONIC MAIL

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-9

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To permit enrolled student-athletes to send electronic mail to prospective student-athletes for recruitment purposes.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.5.1, as follows:

13.02.5.1 Permissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes. Permissible recruitment activities for enrolled student-athletes are limited to the following:

[13.02.5.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Electronic mail. It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to send electronic mail to a prospective student-athlete for the purpose of recruitment.

[13.02.5.1-(b) through 13.02.5.1-(c) relettered as 13.02.5.1-(c) through 13.02.5.1-(d), unchanged.]

[13.02.5.1.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.11, as follows:

13.02.11 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete by, or on behalf of, a member of the institution's athletics department staff is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. **An enrolled student-athlete may send electronic mail to a prospective student-athlete for recruitment purposes.** All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., instant messaging, text messaging and social networking websites) are prohibited, except as specified in this section. ~~*An institution's athletics department staff member may not use*~~ **Using** a service or software that converts electronic mail into a text message when received by the prospective student-athlete **is not permitted**.

Additional Information: Electronic mail is convenient, does not place any undue burden on enrolled student-athletes, and allows prospective student-athletes to obtain information from peers about the athletics programs at the institution they may attend. Communication with current student-athletes may allow for honest, realistic information and perspective regarding the institution in a number of areas (e.g., academic, athletics, campus life, expectations). In addition,

for some prospective student-athletes, such as international prospective student-athletes, electronic mail may be the only viable option for communication. Because there is not an additional expense associated with sending electronic mail, and to ensure honest communication, it is unnecessary to have restrictions in place similar to those associated with telephone calls.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

January 12, 2011: Management Council - Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 12, item 1-(a).

April 11, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council - Supplement No. 26.

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR COMPUTING PLAYING SEASONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SPORTS -- NON-NCAA POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-10

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To specify that practice and competition for one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women are exempt from being counted against the institution's declared playing and practice season limitations.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.8, as follows:

17.1.8 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

[17.1.8-(a) through 17.1.8-(g) unchanged.]

(h) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships and Qualifying Competition. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA or non-NCCAA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation; except practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes in accordance with Bylaw 20.11.3.4.1 **and practice and competition for one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.6**. An institution may exclude a maximum of three weeks of competition from its declared playing season for qualifying competition for a non-NCAA championship event that is excluded from the declared playing and practice season. The qualifying competition shall be the only event from which teams or individuals are selected to participate in the non-NCAA championship event. In women's gymnastics, practice for and competition in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation; and

[17.1.8-(i) unchanged.]

Additional Information: This proposal is consistent with championships in non-NCAA championship sports used for sports sponsorship. A review of the legislative history suggests that this change should have been made with the adoption of the emerging sports for women program.

Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: Could extend the length of the season for involved student-athletes.

Review History:

January 12, 2011: Management Council - Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 12, item 1-(b).

April 11, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council - Supplement No. 26

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS AND SPORT-SPECIFIC PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- CONSOLIDATION OF GENERALLY APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2011

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-11

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee).

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To reorganize Bylaw 17.1 and the sport sections (17.2 through 17.27) in a manner that the standard provisions appear in the general regulations section while the sport-specific sections are limited to provisions that are applicable only to that particular sport.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1, as follows:

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17.1 GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS

Unless set forth differently in the applicable sports section in Bylaw 17, an institution shall conduct its playing season within the parameters stated in this section.

17.1.1 Playing Season. The playing (i.e., practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the period of time between the date of an institution's first officially recognized practice session and the date of the institution's last practice session or date of competition, whichever occurs later. An institution is permitted to conduct ~~*officially recognized practice and competition*~~ **athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1.1)** each academic year only during the playing season as regulated for each sport in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw. The institution must conduct the same playing season for varsity and subvarsity teams in the same sport.

> ~~*17.1.1.1 Playing Season – Athletically Related Activities. The playing (i.e., practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the only time within which a member institution is permitted to conduct athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1.1). However, coaching staff members may engage in coaching activities with a student-athlete during the student-athlete's participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.3.*~~
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> **17.1.1.1 Declaration of Playing Season. Each member institution shall determine the playing season for each of the sports referenced under Bylaw 17.02.12. Declaration of the institution's playing season in each such sport shall be on file in writing in the department of athletics before the beginning of the institution's playing season for that sport. Changes in the declaration for a particular sport are**

permissible and also shall be filed in writing in the office of the institution's athletics director.

17.1.1.2 Segments of Playing Season. Segment limitations are applicable to all team sports that are listed under Bylaw 17.02.12.1, except for basketball, football and rowing and all individual sports listed under Bylaw 17.02.12.2, except golf, and tennis (see Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4). The segments shall be defined as follows:

(a) Traditional Segment. The portion of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in the sport shall be known as the "traditional segment."

(b) Nontraditional Segment. The remaining portion of the playing season shall be known as the "nontraditional segment."

17.1.1.3 Length of Playing Season.

17.1.1.3.1 Sports with a F all NCAA Championship. The length of an institution's playing season shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks.

17.1.1.3.1.1 Segment Limitations. Except for the sport of football (See Bylaw 17.9) and unless otherwise noted in the applicable sport section, the playing season shall be conducted according to the following:

(a) Traditional Segment.

(1) First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice before the date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.11) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition. This provision is not applicable to men's water polo. [See Bylaw 17.25.2-(a)]

(2) First Contest or Date of Competition. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday. (See Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1.2 regarding Alumni Game) This provision is not applicable to men's water polo. [See Bylaw 17.25.3-(a)]

(3) End of Segment. All practice and competition shall be completed by the conclusion of the NCAA championship.

(b) Nontraditional Segment.

(1) First permissible Practice and Competition. February 1.

(2) End of Segment. All practice and competition shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and

competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular academic term. (See Bylaw 17.1.2-(c) and (d) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.)

17.1.1.3.2 Sports with a Winter NCAA Championship. The length of an institution's playing season shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks.

17.1.1.3.2.1 Season Limitations. Except for the sports of basketball, hockey and wrestling (the applicable provisions are set forth in the specific sports sections) and unless otherwise noted in the applicable sport section, the playing season shall be conducted according to the following:

(a) First Practice or Competition. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

(b) End of Season. All practice and competition shall be completed by the conclusion of the NCAA championship. An institution may continue practice and competition beyond the NCAA championship provide in it within its 19 weeks and all practice and competition is completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a nonregular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that nonregular academic term. (See Bylaw 17.1.2-(c) and (d) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.)

17.1.1.3.3 Sports with a S pring NCAA Championship, except for Golf, Rowing and Tennis. The length of an institution's playing season shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks.

17.1.1.3.3.1 Segment Limitations. Unless otherwise noted in the applicable sport section, the playing season shall be conducted according to the following:

(a) Traditional Segment.

(1) First Practice or Competition. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

(2) End of Segment. All practice and competition shall be completed by the conclusion of the NCAA championship.

(b) Nontraditional Segment.

(1) First Practice or Competition. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(2) End of Segment. All practice and competition shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period. (See Bylaw 17.1.2 r egarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.)

17.1.1.3.4 Golf, Rowing and Tennis. The length of an institution's playing season shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks.

17.1.1.3.4.1 Periods.

(a) Fall Period.

(1) First Permissible Practice. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible date of competition (as opposed to the institution's first date of competition) as specified in each sport.

(2) First Permissible Competition. In golf and tennis, September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier. Exhibition scrimmages may be conducted during the preseason practice period. In rowing, September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

(3) End of Period. All practice and competition shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the final regular fall examination period.

(b) Spring Period.

(1) First Practice or Competition. January 15.

(2) End of Period. All practice and competition shall be completed by the conclusion of the NCAA championship.

~~*17.1.2 Segments of Playing Season. The segments of the playing season are defined as follows:*~~

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The portion of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in the sport shall be known as the "traditional segment."*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. The remaining portion of the playing season shall be known as the "nontraditional segment."*~~

17.1.2 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons. In determining the length of an institution's playing season, the following regulations shall apply:

(a) Week. A week shall be defined by the institution as any consecutive seven-day period, regardless of the day on which the seven-day period begins. The playing season, or its segments (or periods in golf, rowing and tennis), shall consist of consecutive weeks. Practice or competition during any part of a week shall be counted as a full week (e.g., practice or competition during nine weeks and one day shall be counted as 10 weeks). An institution may not redefine its week except in the following circumstances:

(1) During a segment (or period in golf, rowing and tennis) of the playing season, following a period of at least seven consecutive days that includes a vacation, final-examination period or holiday period during which no athletically related activities occur. [See Bylaw 17.1.2-(d)]

(2) Between the fall and spring period in golf, rowing and tennis and between segments of the playing season in other sports, provided the institution divides its practice and playing season into two distinct segments per Bylaw 17.1.1.2.

(b) Total Combined Length. The total number of weeks for both segments (or periods in golf, rowing and tennis) of a playing season combined shall not exceed the maximum permitted in a particular sport;

(c) Holiday, Vacation Periods. In traditional and nontraditional segments (or periods in golf, rowing and tennis), any practice or competition during published vacation and holiday periods during the academic year shall be counted as part of the playing season. If practice or competition is not scheduled during any full week (seven consecutive days) that includes a vacation or holiday period, it neither shall be counted as part of the playing season nor shall constitute a break in a segment (or period in golf, rowing and tennis); [See Bylaw 17.1.2-(a)-(1)]

(d) Final Examination Periods.

(1) Traditional Segment. Any practice or competition during a final-examination period during the academic year shall be counted as part of the playing season. If practice or competition is not scheduled during any full week (seven consecutive days) that includes a final-examination period, it neither shall be counted as part of the playing season nor shall constitute a break in a segment. [See Bylaw 17.1.2-(a)-(1)]

(2) Nontraditional Segment. An institution shall not conduct practice or competition during a final examination period. For any final examination period of a regular academic term (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) an institution may not conduct practice and competition five weekdays beforethe first day of the final examination period. This period shall not be counted as part of the playing season nor shall constitute a break in the segment. [See Bylaw 17.1.2-(c) and (d)]

(e) Nontraditional Segment. The nontraditional segment shall be counted as part of the institutions declared playing season, regardless of whether competition occurs during that segment; and

(f) Equipment Issue, Team Pictures.

(1) It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment or, in basketball and football, the day before the beginning of preseason practice.

(2) Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.

~~*17.1.3 Declaration of Playing Season. Each member institution shall determine the playing season for each of the sports referenced under Bylaw 17.02.12. Declaration of the institution's playing season in each such sport shall be on file in writing in the department of athletics before the beginning of the institution's playing season for that sport. Changes in the declaration for a particular sport are permissible and also shall be filed in writing in the office of the institution's athletics director.*~~

17.1.3 Post-Season Activities.

(a) Makeup Contests. An institution is not permitted to extend the playing season to make up suspended or canceled games except for contests that determine a conference champion or the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championships, provided such contests are concluded not later than 6 p.m. local time of the competition on the date on which participants are selected for the NCAA championship;

(b) Conference Championships. Conference championships must be included within the institution's playing season;

(c) NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA Championships Participation in Team Sports. Neither practice for nor participation in any NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA championship event is considered part of the institution's declared playing season;

(d) Under Consideration for Selection to an NCAA Team Championship. A member institution that has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship event may do the following:

(1) Continue to practice (but may not compete against outside competition) beyond its declared playing season, including the conference championship (if any), without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation as long as such practice begins not earlier than three weeks before the start of the NCAA championship in that sport.

(2) An institution's spring championship sport team that earns its conference's automatic qualification in the fall segment/period may not continue to practice after the fall segment/period and before the spring segment/period based on its belief that it is under consideration for selection to the spring NCAA championship.

(3) An institution that is not selected to participate in the NCAA championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of that championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season.

(e) NCAA Championships Participation in Individual Sports. Only appropriate squad members considered necessary for effective practice with the individual(s) preparing for the NCAA championships may continue to practice without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation;

(f) Post-NCAA Championships Participation. After the conclusion of an NCAA (or NAIA or NCCAA) championship in a sport, an institution may resume practice and/or competition in the sport, provided it is continuing its permissible playing season in the sport and provided the activity occurs during the academic year. An institution in the joint-declaration program may participate in the championship for which the institution declared, even when the championship occurs outside the permissible NCAA playing season. Institutions in the joint-declaration program must abide by all other NCAA regulations for all sports, including the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 31.2.1.3);

(g) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships and Qualifying Competition. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA or non-NCCAA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation. For emerging sports for women (see Bylaw 20.02.6) or a non-NCAA championship sport used for sport sponsorship purposes (see Bylaw 20.11.3.4.1), practice and competition for one postseason championship may be excluded under the following circumstances:

(1) An institution may exclude a maximum of three weeks of competition from its declared playing season for qualifying competition for the championship event; and

(2) The qualifying competition shall be the only event from which teams or individuals are selected to participate in the championship event. In women's gymnastics, practice for and competition in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation; and

(h) Foreign Tours. Participation by a member institution on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.28) need not be included within the institution's declared playing-season limitation in the sport.

~~*17.1.4 Sports Subject to Segment Limitations. Segment limitations are applicable to all team sports that are listed under Bylaw 17.02.12.1 and all individual sports listed under Bylaw 17.02.12.2, except golf, rowing and tennis (see Bylaw 17.1.11). In those sports for which the National Collegiate Championship is the only NCAA championships opportunity (see Bylaw 18.3), an institution's playing season shall be limited to 19 weeks for winter and spring sports and not more than 18 weeks for fall sports. Division III sports are subject to all Division III playing and practice seasons legislation, regardless of the championship opportunities (e.g., national collegiate championships, national governing body) available in those sports.*~~

17.1.4 Practice, Contest and Dates of Competition Limitations.

17.1.4.1 Required Day Off, All Sports. During the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.1), all athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during the following:

(a) Participation during NCAA championships;

(b) Participation between academic terms when classes are not in session or during the institution's preseason practice that occurs before the first day of classes; or

(c) Participation during an institution's official vacation period when classes are not in session.

17.1.4.1.1 Multisport Student-Athlete. All athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week for every student-athlete, regardless of the number of sports in which a student-athlete participates.

17.1.4.2 Missed Class Time. A student-athlete shall not miss class for the following:

(a) Practice activities in any segment; and

(b) Competition in the nontraditional segment.

17.1.4.2.1 Exceptions. A student-athlete may miss class for practice activities in the following circumstances:

(a) When a team is traveling to an away-from-home contest and the practice is in conjunction with the contest; and

(b) Student-athletes representing the host institution shall be permitted to miss class time for practice activities scheduled in conjunction with an NCAA championship.

17.1.4.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests or dates of competition in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season once every four years. Contests or dates of competition played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.28), are not subject to this limitation.

17.1.4.4 Nontraditional Segment Limitations for Baseball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball. The nontraditional segment shall be subject to the following limitations:

(a) All practice and competition shall be limited to a maximum of five weeks;

(b) A maximum of 16 days of athletically related activity with not more than four days of athletically related activity in any one week shall be permitted;

(c) Any athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1.1) by any member of the applicable team shall constitute the use of a day;

(d) One date of competition may occur and shall be counted as one of the 16 permissible days of athletically related activity; and

(e) A maximum of eight hours of athletically related activity may occur on the one date of competition for all participants. Further, competition activity on the one date must be included in the eight-hour maximum and is also limited to the following:

(1) Baseball. Two regulation baseball games or 18 regulation innings (e.g., three outs per inning, three strikes per out).

(2) Field Hockey. Two regulation field hockey contests or 140 minutes of competition activity.

(3) Men's and Women's Lacrosse. Two regulation lacrosse contests or 120 minutes of competition activity.

(4) Men's and Women's Soccer. Two regulation soccer contests or 180 minutes of competition activity.

(5) Softball. Three regulation softball games or 21 regulation innings (e.g., three outs per inning, three strikes per out).

(6) Men's and Women's Volleyball. Three regulation matches or 15 regulation volleyball games.

17.1.4.5 Standard Contest or Date of Competition Exemptions.

17.1.4.5.1 Annual Exemptions.

17.1.4.5.1.1 Traditional Segment. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition during the traditional segment/period shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA championship);

(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA championship without the game(s) being counted as a regular-season contest or postseason tournament;

(c) Season-Ending Tournaments. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;

(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;

(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One contest or date of competition each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.

17.1.4.5.1.2 Alumni Game. One contest or competition each year with an alumni team of the institution during any segment/period, including during the preseason practice period prior to the first permissible contest/date of competition date.

17.1.4.5.2 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. The contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.28.

17.1.4.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico (All Sports except Basketball). A maximum of four contests or dates of competition on a regular-season trip or a tournament, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.

~~*17.1.5 Mandatory Medical Examination. Before 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 before participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete's medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history*~~

~~*must be administered within six months before the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.*~~

17.1.5 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1, except as otherwise noted in this bylaw.

17.1.5.1 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 approved by the Management Council.

17.1.5.2 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 f or restriction on outside competition.)

17.1.5.2.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) 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 and 17.28.

17.1.5.2.2 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 c oach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.

17.1.5.3 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in the same camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.1.5.4 Other Competition. Coaching staff members may engage in coaching activities with a student-athlete during the student-athlete's participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.3.

~~*17.1.6 Required Day Off, All Sports. During the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.1), all athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during the following:*~~

~~*(a) Participation during NCAA championships;*~~

~~*(b) Participation between academic terms when classes are not in session or during the institution's preseason practice that occurs before the first day of classes; or*~~

~~*(c) Participation during an institution's official vacation period when classes are not in session.*~~

~~*17.1.6.1 Multisport Student-Athlete. All athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week for every student-athlete, regardless of the number of sports in which a student-athlete participates.*~~

17.1.6 Waivers and Conditions of Participation.

17.1.6.1 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.1.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.1.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.

17.1.6.2 Playing-Season Waiver. An institution with a nontraditional academic calendar may apply to the Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, for a waiver of the general or sport-specific playing-season regulations; however, there shall be no waivers to extend an institution's playing season beyond the legislated maximum number of weeks.

17.1.6.3 Use of Tobacco Products. The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during a practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition (see Bylaw 11.1.5 for game personnel restrictions).

17.1.6.4 Mandatory Medical Examination. (#) Before participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or, in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning 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 m edical 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 before participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete's medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months before the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.

~~*17.1.7 Missed Class time – Practice. No class time shall be missed for practice activities except when a team is traveling to an away-from-home contest and the practice is in conjunction with the contest (see Constitution 3.2.4.12).*~~

17.1.7.1 Missed Class Time for Competition in the Nontraditional Segment -- Baseball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Women's Volleyball. No class time shall be missed for practice or competition during the nontraditional segment.

17.1.7.2 Exception -- Missed Class Time for Practice in Conjunction with an NCAA Championship. Student-athletes representing the host institution shall be permitted to miss class time for practice activities scheduled in conjunction with an NCAA championship.

17.1.8 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

(a) Practice Only, Nontraditional Segment. The nontraditional segment shall be counted as part of the institution's declared playing season, regardless of whether competition occurs during that segment;

(b) Makeup Contests. An institution is not permitted to extend the playing season to make up suspended or canceled games (excluding contests that determine a conference champion or the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championships, provided such contests are concluded not later than 6 p.m. local time of the competition on the date on which participants are selected for the NCAA Championship);

(c) NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA Championships Participation in Team Sports. Neither practice for nor participation in any NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA championship event is considered part of the institution's declared playing season; and

(d) Under Consideration for Selection to an NCAA Team Championship. A member institution that has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship event may continue to practice (but may not compete against outside competition) beyond its declared playing season, including the conference championship (if any), without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation as long as such practice begins no earlier than three weeks before the start of the NCAA championship in that sport. Further, an institution's spring championship sport team that earns its conference's automatic qualification in the fall segment may not continue to practice after the fall segment and before the spring segment based on its belief that it is under consideration for selection to the spring NCAA championship. An institution that is not selected to participate in the NCAA championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of that championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season; (Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/17/06)

(e) NCAA Championships Participation in Individual Sports. Only appropriate squad members considered necessary for effective practice with the individual(s) preparing for the NCAA championships may continue to practice without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation;

(f) Post-NCAA Championships Participation. After the conclusion of an NCAA (or NAIA or NCCAA) championship in a sport, an institution may resume practice and/or competition in the sport, provided it is continuing its permissible playing season in the sport and provided the activity occurs during the academic year. An institution in the joint-declaration program may participate in the championship for which the institution declared, even when the championship

~~*occurs outside the permissible NCAA playing season. Institutions in the joint-declaration program must abide by all* other NCAA regulations for all sports, including the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 31.2.1.3);~~

~~*(g) Conference Championships. Conference championships must be included within the institution's playing season;*~~

~~*(h) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships and Qualifying Competition. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA or non-NCCAA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation; except practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes in accordance with Bylaw 20.11.3.1.1. An institution may exclude a maximum of three weeks of competition from its declared playing season for qualifying competition for a non-NCAA championship event that is excluded from the declared playing and practice season. The qualifying competition shall be the only event from which teams or individuals are selected to participate in the non-NCAA championship event. In women's gymnastics, practice for and competition in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation. In men's volleyball, practice for and competition in the Division III Men's Volleyball Invitational Championship tournament are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation; and*~~

~~*(i) 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.*~~

~~*17.1.9 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons. In determining the length of an institution's playing season, the following regulations shall apply:*~~

~~*(a) Week. Practice or competition during any part of a week shall be counted as a full week (e.g., practice or competition during nine weeks and one day shall be counted as 10 weeks). A week shall be defined by the institution as any consecutive seven-day period, regardless of the day on which the seven-day period begins. An institution may redefine its week under either or both of the following circumstances.*~~

> ~~*(1) During a segment (or period in golf, rowing and tennis) of the playing season, following a period of at least seven consecutive days that includes a vacation, final-examination period or holiday period during which no athletically related activities occur.*~~
>
> ~~*(2) Between the fall and spring period in golf, rowing and tennis and between segments of the playing season in other sports, provided the institution divides its practice and playing season into two distinct segments per Bylaw 17.1.2;*~~

~~*(b) Consecutive Weeks. In all sports, the playing season, or its segments (or periods in golf, rowing and tennis), shall consist of consecutive seven-day periods and the institution's week cannot be redefined during any segment (or period in golf, rowing and tennis) of the playing season (except as specified above);*~~

~~*(c) Total Combined Length. The total number of weeks for both segments (or periods in golf, rowing and tennis) of a playing season combined shall not exceed the maximum permitted in a particular sport, for the purpose of computing the playing season, and, except as otherwise noted, shall apply during the entire calendar year; and*~~

~~*(d) Holiday, Vacation Periods. In traditional and nontraditional segments (or periods in golf, rowing and tennis), any practice or competition during published vacation and holiday periods during the academic year shall be counted as part of the playing season. If practice or competition is not scheduled during any full week (seven consecutive days) that includes a vacation or holiday period, it neither shall be counted as part of the playing season nor shall constitute a break in a segment (or period in golf, rowing and tennis).*~~

~~*(e) Final Examination Periods.*~~

> ~~*(1) Traditional Segment. Any practice or competition during a final examination period during the academic year shall be counted as part of the playing season. If practice or competition is not scheduled during any full week (seven consecutive days) that includes a final examination period, it neither shall be counted as part of the playing season nor shall constitute a break in a segment.*~~
>
> ~~*(2) Nontraditional Segment. An institution shall not conduct practice or competition during a final examination period. For any final examination period of a regular academic term (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) an institution may not conduct practice and competition five weekdays before the first day of the final examination period. This period shall not be counted as part of the playing season nor shall constitute a break in the segment.*~~

~~*17.1.10 Contest and Segment Limitations.*~~

> ~~*17.1.10.1 Combining Traditional and Nontraditional Segments. In those sports that have different contest limitations in the traditional and nontraditional segments, a member institution that conducts a single continuous traditional segment in a sport (rather than dividing its playing season for that sport into two distinct segments as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.2) shall be limited to the number of contests or dates of competition permitted only for the traditional segment of that sport.*~~
>
> ~~*17.1.10.2 Dividing Traditional and Nontraditional Segments. A member institution that divides its practice and playing season into two distinct segments per Bylaw 17.1.2 shall adhere to the following:*~~
>
> ~~*(a) Fall Nontraditional Segment. An institution shall not begin practice or competition until September 7 or the institution's first day of class, whichever is earlier. An institution shall complete all practice and competition not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period. Further, an institution may not conduct a nontraditional segment between the end of the fall nontraditional segment and February 1. See Bylaw 17.1.9 (d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~

~~*(b) Spring Nontraditional Segment. An institution shall not begin practice or competition until February 1. An institution shall complete all practice and competition not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed no later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular academic term. See Bylaw 17.1.9-(d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~

~~*17.1.10.4 Nontraditional Segment Length -- Baseball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Women's Volleyball. The nontraditional segment shall be subject to the following limitations:*~~

~~*(a) All practice and competition shall be limited to a maximum of five weeks;*~~

~~*(b) A maximum of 16 days of athletically related activity with not more than four days of athletically related activity in any one week, shall be permitted;*~~

~~*(c) Any athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1.1) by any member of the applicable team shall constitute the use of a day;*~~

~~*(d) One date of competition may occur and shall be counted as one of the 16 permissible days of athletically related activity;*~~

~~*(e) A maximum of eight hours of athletically related activity may occur on the one date of competition for all participants. Further, competition activity on the one date must be included in the eight-hour maximum and is also limited to the following:*~~

~~*(1) Baseball -- two regulation baseball games or 18 regulation innings (e.g., three outs per inning, three strikes per out).*~~

~~*(2) Field Hockey -- two regulation field hockey contests or 140 minutes of competition activity.*~~

~~*(3) Men's and Women's Lacrosse -- two regulation lacrosse contests or 120 minutes of competition activity.*~~

~~*(4) Men's and Women's Soccer -- two regulation soccer contests or 180 minutes of competition activity.*~~

~~*(5) Softball -- three regulation softball games or 21 regulation innings (e.g., three outs per inning, three strikes per out).*~~

~~*(6) Volleyball -- three regulation matches or 15 regulation volleyball games.*~~

~~*17.1.11 Playing Season -- Golf, Rowing and Tennis. In golf, rowing and tennis, the playing season shall be subject to Bylaw 17.1.9 and the following regulations:*~~

~~*(a) Fall Period. Practice may commence on the date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible date of competition (as opposed to the institution's first date of competition) as specified in each sport and must conclude on the date that is five weekdays before the first day of the final regular fall examination period.*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. All practice and competition shall occur between January 15 and the conclusion of the NCAA championship in the sport.*~~

~~*17.1.12 Use of Tobacco Products. The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during a practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition (see Bylaw 11.1.5 for game personnel restrictions).*~~

~~*17.1.13 Playing-Season Waiver. An institution with a nontraditional academic calendar may apply to the Division III Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, for a waiver of the general or sport-specific playing-season regulations; however, there shall be no waivers to extend an institution's playing season beyond the legislated maximum number of weeks.*~~

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.2, as follows:

17.2 BASEBALL

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

17.2.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in baseball shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~**(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3 for spring NCAA championship sports.)**

17.2.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in baseball in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

17.2.3 First Contest **and** Date **of Competition**. ~~*A member institution shall not play its first contest (including a scrimmage) against outside competition in baseball in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

17.2.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member* institution shall conclude all practice and competition (contests and scrimmages) in baseball by the *following* dates:~~**(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA baseball championship.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period (e.g., fall semester, fall quarter).*~~

17.2.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.2.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball playing season to a maximum of 40 contests (games and scrimmages) during the

traditional segment, and one date of competition during the nontraditional segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.2.5.3. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in baseball 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.2.5.2 unchanged.]

17.2.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*17.2.5.3.1 Traditional Segment. The maximum number of baseball contests in the traditional segment shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in baseball or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA baseball championship;*~~

~~*(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference baseball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA baseball championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;*~~

~~*(c) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending baseball tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One baseball contest or both games of a doubleheader each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and*~~

~~*(f) Fundraising Activity. Any baseball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.2.5.3.2 Alumni Game. The maximum number of baseball contests shall exclude one contest each year with an alumni team of the institution.*~~

~~*17.2.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. The baseball contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.2.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption – Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four contests on a regular-season trip or a tournament, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, shall not be scheduled more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.2.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.2.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in baseball 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.*~~

~~*17.2.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.2.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.2.8.1.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's baseball team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.2.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~17.2.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing baseball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.2.2.~~

~~17.2.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.~~

~~17.2.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.2.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.2.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its baseball team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.~~

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.3, as follows:

17.3 BASKETBALL

17.3.1 Length of Playing Season. *~~The length of an institution's playing season in basketball shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks between the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.3.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.3.4). This 19-week period includes permissible conditioning activities as set forth in Bylaw 17.3.2.1.1. Guidelines for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations.~~* **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2 for winter NCAA championship sports.)**

[Bylaw 17.3.2 through 17.3.2.1.2.2 unchanged.]

[17.3.3 through 17.3.3.1(d) unchanged.]

(e) Alumni Contest. An institution may conduct an exempted alumni contest ~~[~~**(**see Bylaw ~~17.3.5.3-(g)]~~ **17.11.1.2)** on or after October 15, provided the contest occurs during the declared playing season.

17.3.4 End of Playing Season. *~~A member institution's last contest (game or scrimmage or postseason tournament contest) with outside competition in basketball shall not be played after~~* **All practice and competition shall be completed by the conclusion of** the Division III ~~*Men's*~~ Basketball Championship game.

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition in basketball in any one year to a maximum of 25 contests (games and scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~17.3.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in basketball in one or more foreign countries on~~

~~one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.~~

[Bylaw 17.3.5.2 unchanged.]

17.3.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of basketball contests shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) Postseason Tournament. Contests in one postseason basketball tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship). 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;*~~

~~*(b) 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 the NCAA basketball championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;*~~

~~*(c) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA basketball championship;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. An exhibition contest against a foreign team in the United States played in the arena in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests;*~~

~~*(f) Exhibition Contest and Practice Scrimmages. One of the following may be exempted:*~~

~~*(1) Two informal practice scrimmages with outside competition; or*~~

~~*(2) One informal practice scrimmage with outside competition and one exhibition contest against an NCAA Division I or II institution conducted on or after October 31 and before the first permissible contest date.*~~

~~*(g) Alumni Contest. One basketball contest each year with an alumni team of the institution.*~~

~~*17.3.5.4 Once-In-Three Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. The games played on a foreign basketball tour conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29. (See Figure 17-1.)*~~

17.3.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of basketball contests or competitions shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

(a) Exhibition Contest and Practice Scrimmages. One of the following may be exempted:

(1) Two informal practice scrimmages with outside competition; or

(2) One informal practice scrimmage with outside competition and one exhibition contest against an NCAA Division I or II institution conducted on or after October 31 and before the first permissible contest date.

17.3.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1. However, members of an institution's basketball squad in a wheelchair basketball game against an established wheelchair team after the close of the institution's regular basketball season is permissible, provided the squad members do not wear regular basketball uniforms, and there is no regular practice before the game.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

17.3.6.1 Exception – Wheelchair Basketball Game. It is permissible for members of an institution's basketball squad to compete in a wheelchair basketball game against an established wheelchair team after the close of the institution's regular basketball season, provided the squad members do not wear regular basketball uniforms, and there is no regular practice before the game.

~~*17.3.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in basketball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics. Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (See Bylaw 13.12 for restrictions on such employment.)*~~

~~*17.3.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.3.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restriction on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.3.8.1.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's basketball team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.3.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing basketball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of preseason practice as specified in Bylaw 17.3.2.*~~

~~*17.3.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of preseason practice is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.3.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw17.3.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses from its intercollegiate basketball team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

D. 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, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

17.4.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in bowling shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2 for winter NCAA championship sports.)**

17.4.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in bowling before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the fall, September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the spring, February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~

17.4.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (contest or scrimmage) against outside competition in bowling before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the fall, September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the spring, February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~

17.4.4 End of Regular **Playing** Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in bowling by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment:*~~

~~*(1) Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period (e.g., fall semester, fall quarter).*~~

~~*(2) Spring: Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular term. See Bylaw 17.1.9 (d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~

17.4.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition in bowling during the institution's bowling playing season to 26 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 Bylaw~~s~~ 17.4.5.3 ~~*and 17.4.5.4*~~ (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.4.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in bowling 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.4.5.2 unchanged.]

17.4.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in bowling shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in bowling;*~~

~~*(b) NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship;*~~

~~*(c) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(d) Alumni Meet. One date of competition each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(f) 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; and*~~

~~*(g) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.4.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption—Foreign Tour. The dates of competition on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-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 Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.4.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in bowling 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.*~~

~~*17.4.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.4.8.1 Noncollegiate Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restriction on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.4.8.1.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from the institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.4.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.4.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing basketball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of preseason practice as specified in Bylaw 17.3.2.*~~

~~*17.4.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of preseason practice is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.4.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.4.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.4.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its bowling team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

E. 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, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1.)

17.5.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in cross country shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1 for fall NCAA championship sports.)**

[Bylaw 17.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.5.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in cross country before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.11) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~

17.5.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (contest or scrimmage) against outside competition in cross country before the following dates:*~~ **See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1, except in the traditional segment an institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibition scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one date of competition in the institution's maximum limitation on contests or dates of competition.**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, except that an unlimited number of exhibition scrimmages may be conducted on one date during the preseason practice period (see Bylaw 17.5.2), which shall count as one date of competition in the institution's maximum limitation on contests or dates of competition.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~

~~*17.5.3.1 Exception. An institution may conduct an exempted alumni meet [see Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(e)] before the specified first date of competition, provided the meet occurs during the declared playing season.*~~

17.5.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in cross country by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA cross country championships.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular term. See Bylaw 17.1.9 (d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~

17.5.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.5.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition to a maximum of nine dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.5.5.3~~, *17.5.5.4 and 17.5.5.5*~~ (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

[Bylaw 17.5.5.1.1 unchanged.]

~~*17.5.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign 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 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.5.5.2 through 17.5.5.2.1 unchanged.]

17.5.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in cross country shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in cross country;*~~

~~*(b) NCAA Championship. Competition in an NCAA cross country championships;*~~

~~*(c) NAIA/NCCAA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) or National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) cross country championships;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in cross country each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(f) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in cross country each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and*~~

~~*(g) Fundraising Activity. Any cross country activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.5.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in cross country on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

~~*17.5.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption – Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four dates of competition scheduled on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four dates of competition) either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.5.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.5.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in cross country 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.*~~

~~*17.5.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.5.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restriction on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.5.8.1.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from the institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.5.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.5.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing basketball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of preseason practice as specified in Bylaw 17.5.2.*~~

~~*17.5.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a traditional or nontraditional segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.5.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.5.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.5.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its bowling team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.7, as follows:

17.7 FENCING

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

17.7.1 Length of Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in fencing shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2 for winter NCAA championship sports.)**

17.7.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in fencing before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.7.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (contest or scrimmage) against outside competition in fencing before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.7.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (matches or practice matches) in fencing not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.7.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.7.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition in fencing during the permissible fencing playing season to a maximum of 11 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw~~*s*~~ 17.7.5.3~~ *and 17.7.5.4*~~ (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.7.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in fencing 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.7.5.2 unchanged.]

17.7.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in fencing shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships;*~~

~~*(b) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending fencing tournament (e.g., conference championship, regional tournament) other than an NCAA fencing championship;*~~

~~*(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in fencing each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(d) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in fencing each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(e) Hawaii or Alaska. Any dates of competition in fencing in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;*~~

~~*(f) Fundraising Activity. Any fencing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation; and*~~

~~*(g) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in fencing.*~~

~~*17.7.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption — 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).*~~

17.7.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.7.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in fencing 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.*~~

~~*17.7.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.7.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.7.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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 with the institution's fencing team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.7.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will*~~

~~*be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.7.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. No limitations.*~~

~~*17.7.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.7.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.7.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its bowling team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

G. 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, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1.)

17.8.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in field hockey shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1 for fall NCAA championship sports.)**

17.8.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in field hockey before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.11) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~

17.8.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (contest or scrimmage) against outside competition in field hockey before the following dates:*~~ **See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1, e xcept during the nontraditional segment an institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibition scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one contest in the institution's maximum limitation on contests.**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, except that an unlimited number of exhibition scrimmages may be conducted on one date during the preseason practice period (see Bylaw 17.10.2), which shall count as one date of competition in the institution's maximum limitation on contests or dates of competition.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2)*~~

~~*17.8.3.1 Exception. An institution may conduct an exempted alumni game (see Bylaw 17.8.5.3.2) before the specified first date of competition, provided the game occurs during the declared playing season.*~~

17.8.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (contests and scrimmages) in field hockey by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA field hockey championship in the institution's division.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular term. See Bylaw 17.1.9-(d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~

17.8.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.8.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the traditional segment and one date of competition during the nontraditional segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.8.5.3~~*, 17.8.5.4 and 17.8.5.5 [see Bylaw 17.8.3-(a)]*~~. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.8.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign 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 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.8.5.2 unchanged.]

17.8.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*17.8.5.3.1 Traditional Segment. The maximum number of field hockey contests in the traditional segment shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in field hockey (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA field hockey championship);*~~

~~*(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference field hockey championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA field hockey championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;*~~

~~*(c) Season-Ending Tournaments. Competition in one season-ending field hockey tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One contest or date of competition in field hockey each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and*~~

~~*(f) Fundraising Activity. Any field hockey activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.8.5.3.2 Alumni Game. The maximum number of field hockey contests shall exclude one contest each year with an alumni team of the institution.*~~

~~*17.8.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption — Foreign Tour. The contests or dates of competition in field hockey played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.8.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption — Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four dates of competition on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four dates of competition) either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.8.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall no engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.8.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in cross country 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.*~~

~~*17.8.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.8.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restriction on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.8.8.1.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from the institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.8.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.8.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing field hockey equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of preseason practice as specified in Bylaw 17.5.2.*~~

~~*17.8.8.2.1 - Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.8.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.8.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.8.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its bowling team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.9, as follows:

17.9 FOOTBALL

17.9.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in football shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks between the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.9.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.9.4). This 18-week period includes preseason practice activities as set forth in Bylaw 17.9.2. Guidelines for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Bylaw 17.9.3 for restrictions on first contest dates.)*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1 for fall NCAA championship sports.)**

[17.9.2 through 17.9.4 unchanged.]

17.9.5 Number of Contests.

17.9.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule against outside competition in football during the permissible football playing season in any one year to a maximum of 10 contests (games and scrimmages), except as provided under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.9.5.3 ~~*and 17.28.1*~~. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

> ~~*17.9.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in football in one or more foreign countries 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.9.5.2 unchanged.]

17.9.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. The maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

(a) Twelve-Member Conference Championship Game. A conference champion-ship game between division champions of a member conference of 12 or more institutions that is divided into two divisions (of six or more institutions each), each of which conducts round-robin, regular-season competition among the members of that division;

(b) Conference Tournament. A conference-sponsored postseason tournament (i.e., one between teams that are not identified until the end of the preceding regular season), not to exceed one contest for any one member institution;

(c) Preseason Practice Scrimmage. One informal preseason practice scrimmage conducted during the preseason practice period per Bylaw 17.9.3.1-(a);

(d) NCAA Championships. Contests played in the NCAA football championships Season-Ending Tournaments. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;

~~*(e) NAIA Championships. Games played in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) football championship;*~~

(~~*f*~~**e**) Foreign Tour. The football games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29; **and**

(~~*g*~~**f**) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four contests on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four contests), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by an institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference~~*; and*~~**.**

~~*(h) NCCAA Championships. Games played in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) football championship.*~~

17.9.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

[Bylaw 17.9.6.1 unchanged.]

~~*17.9.7 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.9.7.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw14.7 for restriction on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.9.7.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing football equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the opening of permissible practice as specified in Bylaw 17.9.2.1.*~~

~~*17.9.7.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the opening of permissible practice is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.9.8 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.9.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its football team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

I. Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

17.10 GOLF

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

17.10.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in golf shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (fall and spring periods combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4)**

17.10.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in golf before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4.1)**

~~*(a) Fall Period. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible date of competition (as opposed to the institution's first date of competition) as specified in Bylaw 17.10.3.*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. January 15.*~~

17.10.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition against outside competition in golf before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4.1)**

~~*(a) Fall Period. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier. Exhibition scrimmages may be conducted during the preseason practice period (see Bylaw 17.10.2).*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. January 15.*~~

~~*17.10.3.1 Exception. An institution may conduct an exempted alumni match [see Bylaw 17.10.5.3-(e)] before the specified first date of competition, provided the match occurs during the declared playing season.*~~

17.10.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in golf by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4.1)**

~~*(a) Fall Period. Five weekdays before the first day of the final regular fall examination period.*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. The conclusion of the NCAA Division III Golf Championship.*~~

17.10.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.10.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition to a maximum of 20 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.10.5.3 (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

[17.10.5.1.1 through 17.10.5.1.2 unchanged.]

~~*17.10.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in golf 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.*~~

[17.10.5.2 unchanged.]

17.10.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in golf;*~~

~~*(b) NAIA/NCCAA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) or National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) golf championships;*~~

~~*(c) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA golf championships;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an*~~

~~*intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Alumni Match. One date of competition in golf each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(f) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in golf each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(g) College All-American Golf Classic. Participation by an institution in the College All-American Golf Classic, provided not more than two student-athletes from the institution participate in that event;*~~

~~*(h) Fundraising Activity. Any golf activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams or in which team members of that sport participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation; and*~~

~~*(i) College-Am Event. A "college-am" golf tournament, provided the event is held in conjunction with intercollegiate competition and student-athletes do not receive awards or prizes for such participation.*~~

17.10.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

(a) College All-American Golf Classic. Participation by an institution in the College All-American Golf Classic, provided not more than two student-athletes from the institution participate in that event; and

(b) College-Am Event. A "college-am" golf tournament provided the event is held in conjunction with intercollegiate competition and student-athletes do not receive awards or prizes for such participation.

~~*17.10.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption — Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in golf on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.10.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption — Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four dates of competition on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four dates of competition), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.10.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.10.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in golf 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.*~~

~~*17.10.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.10.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.10.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. In golf, 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from that institution's golf team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.10.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.10.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing golf equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of the fall or spring period as specified in Bylaw 17.10.2.*~~

~~*17.10.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a fall or spring period is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.10.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.10.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.10.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its golf team(s) due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

J. Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

17.11 GYMNASTICS

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

17.11.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in gymnastics shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2 for winter NCAA championship sports.)**

17.11.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in gymnastics before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.11.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) against outside competition in gymnastics before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.11.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in gymnastics by the conclusion of the National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.11.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.11.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the permissible gymnastics playing season to a maximum of 13 dates of competition except for the dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.11.5.3 (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.11.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable gymnastics dates of competition 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.*~~

[17.11.5.2 unchanged.]

17.11.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in gymnastics shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5, except for 17.1.4.5.3.)**

~~*(a) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA gymnastics championships;*~~

~~*(b) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in gymnastics;*~~

~~*(c) USA Gymnastics and NCGA Championships. Competition in the USA Gymnastics and National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) collegiate gymnastics championships;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in gymnastics each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(f) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in gymnastics each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(g) Hawaii or Alaska. Any dates of competition in gymnastics in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;*~~

~~*(h) Fundraising Activity. Any gymnastics activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation; and*~~

~~*(i) U.S. National Team. One date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for gymnastics.*~~

17.11.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of gymnastics contests or competitions shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

(a) U.S. National Team. One date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for gymnastics.

(b) Hawaii or Alaska. Any dates of competition in gymnastics in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question; and

~~*17.11.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption — 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 17.29. An institution may not use this exemption in the same year that it uses an exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.13.5.3.*~~

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 athletically related activities (outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.11.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in gymnastics 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.*~~

~~*17.11.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.11.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.11.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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 gymnastics team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.11.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.11.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. No limitations.*~~

~~*17.11.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of playing season (see Bylaw 17.11.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.11.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its gymnastics team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

K. 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, General Playing-Season Regulations. Institutions that conduct women's ice hockey shall comply with the same playing and practice season legislation that currently exists for men's ice hockey. (See Figure 17-1.)

17.12.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in ice hockey shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2 for winter NCAA championship sports.)**

[17.12.2 through 17.12.5 unchanged.]

17.12.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's ice hockey playing season to a maximum of 25 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.12.5.3~~, *17.12.5.4 and 17.12.5.5*~~. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

> ~~*17.12.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in ice hockey 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.12.5.2 unchanged.]

17.12.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of ice hockey contests/dates of competition shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in ice hockey (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA ice hockey championship);*~~

~~*(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA ice hockey championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;*~~

~~*(c) Season-Ending Tournaments. Competition in one season-ending ice hockey tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Alumni Game. One ice hockey contest each year against an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(f) Foreign Team in U.S. One ice hockey contest each year with either a foreign opponent in the United States or with a team that is involved in the USA Hockey National Team Development Program;*~~

~~*(g) U.S. Women's National Team. Two women's ice hockey contests against the U.S. national women's ice hockey team during the season leading up to the Winter Olympics; and*~~

~~*(h) Fundraising Activity. Any ice hockey activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

17.12.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemption – Women's Ice Hockey. The maximum number of ice hockey contests or competitions shall exclude women's ice hockey contests against the U.S. national women's ice hockey team during the season leading up to the Winter Olympics (see Figure 17-1).

~~*17.12.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. The ice hockey games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.12.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption – Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four contests on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four contests), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.12.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.12.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in ice hockey 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.*~~

~~*17.12.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.12.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.12.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-*~~

~~*athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's ice hockey team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.12.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.12.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing ice hockey equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.12.2.*~~

~~*17.12.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.12.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.12.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.12.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its ice hockey team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

L. Bylaws: Amend 17.13, as follows:

17.13 LACROSSE

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

17.13.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in lacrosse shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3 for spring NCAA championship sports.)**

17.13.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in lacrosse in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

17.13.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) against outside competition in lacrosse in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

17.13.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in lacrosse by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA lacrosse championship.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period (e.g., fall semester, fall quarter.*~~

17.13.5 Number and Dates of Competition.

17.13.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's lacrosse playing season to 17 dates of competition during the traditional segment and one date of competition during the nontraditional segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.13.5.3~~, *17.13.5.4 and 17.13.5.5*~~. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.13.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable contests in lacrosse in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests 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 unchanged.]

17.13.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*17.13.5.3.1 Traditional Segment. The maximum number of lacrosse dates of competition in the traditional segment shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in lacrosse;*~~

~~*(b) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending lacrosse tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(d) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in lacrosse each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and*~~

~~*(e) Fundraising Activity. Any lacrosse activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.13.5.3.2 Alumni Game. The maximum number of lacrosse dates of competition shall exclude one date of competition each year with an alumni team of the institution.*~~

~~*17.13.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption—Foreign Tour.*~~

~~*17.13.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four contests on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four dates of competition), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.13.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.13.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in lacrosse 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.*~~

~~*17.13.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.13.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.13.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's lacrosse team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.13.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.~~

~~17.13.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing lacrosse equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.13.2.~~

~~17.13.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.~~

~~17.13.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.13.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.13.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its lacrosse team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.~~

M. Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

17.14 RIFLE

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

17.14.1 Length of Playing Season. *~~The length of an institution's playing season in rifle shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).~~* **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2 for winter NCAA championship sports.)**

17.14.2 Preseason Practice. *~~A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in rifle before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.~~* **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.14.3 First Date of Competition. *~~A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) against outside competition in rifle before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.~~* **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.14.4 End of Regular Playing Season. *~~A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in rifle not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.~~* **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.14.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.14.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the permissible rifle playing season to a maximum of 13 dates of competition except for those dates of competition excluded

under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.14.5.3~~ *and 17.14.5.4*~~ (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

> ~~*17.14.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rifle 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.*~~

[17.14.5.2 unchanged.]

17.14.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in rifle shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5 except for 17.1.4.5.3.)**

~~*(a) NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Rifle Championships;*~~

~~*(b) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship competition in rifle;*~~

~~*(c) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(d) Alumni Match. One date of competition in rifle each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in rifle each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(f) Hawaii or Alaska. Any dates of competition in rifle in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by an active member located outside the area in question;*~~

~~*(g) Fundraising Activity. Any rifle activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation; and*~~

~~*(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for rifle.*~~

> **17.14.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition for rifle shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):**

(a) U.S. National Team. One date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for rifle.

(b) Hawaii or Alaska. Any dates of competition in rifle in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by an active member located outside the area in question;

~~*17.14.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption — 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 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 athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.14.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in rifle 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.*~~

~~*17.14.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.14.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.14.8.1.1 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 rifle team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.14.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.14.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. No limitations.*~~

~~*17.14.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of playing season (Bylaw 17.14.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (Bylaw 17.14.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its rifle team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

N. 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, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1.)

17.15.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in rowing shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (fall and spring periods combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4)**

17.15.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in rowing before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4.1)**

~~*(a) Fall Period. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible date of competition (as opposed to the institution's first date of competition) as specified in Bylaw 17.15.3.*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. January 15.*~~

17.15.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) against outside competition in rowing before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4.1)**

~~*(a) Fall Period. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. January 15.*~~

17.15.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in rowing by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4.1)**

~~*(a) Fall Period. Five weekdays before the first day of the final regular fall examination period.*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. The conclusion of the NCAA Division III Rowing Championship.*~~

17.15.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.15.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition in rowing during the institution's playing season to a maximum of 20 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.15.5.3~~ *and 17.15.5.4*~~. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.15.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rowing 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.*~~

[17.15.5.2 unchanged.]

17.15.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in rowing shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5 except for 17.1.4.5.3.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in rowing;*~~

~~*(b) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division III Women's Rowing Championships;*~~

~~*(c) U.S. Rowing Association Championship. Competition in the U.S. Rowing Association championship;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in rowing each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(f) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in rowing each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(g) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in rowing 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; and*~~

~~*(h) Fundraising Activity. Any rowing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

17.15.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rowing shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

(a) U.S. Rowing Association Championship. Competition in the U.S. Rowing Association championship.

(b) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in rowing 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.

~~*17.15.5.4 Once-In-Three-Years Exemption Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in rowing on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

17.15.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council*~~

~~*17.15.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in rowing 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.*~~

~~*17.15.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.15.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.15.8.1.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's rowing team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.15.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.15.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing rowing equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a fall or spring period as specified in Bylaw 17.15.2.*~~

~~*17.15.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a fall or spring period is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.15.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of playing season (Bylaw 17.15.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (Bylaw 17.15.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its women's rowing team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

O. 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, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1.)

17.16.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in rugby shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1 for fall NCAA championship sports.)**

17.16.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice in rugby before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.11) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition. (See Bylaw 17.1.2.1.)*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the fall, September 1 or the first date on which classes are scheduled for the institution's fall term, whichever date occurs first. For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the spring, February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2.1).*~~

17.16.3 First Contest. ~~*A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) against outside competition in women's rugby before the following dates:*~~ **See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1, except, during the traditional segment an institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibition scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one contest.**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. September 1 or the proceeding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, except that an unlimited number of exhibition scrimmages may be conducted on one date during the preseason practice period (see Bylaw 17.16.2), which shall count as one date of competition in the institution's maximum limitation on contests or dates of competition.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the fall, September 1. For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the spring, February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2.)*~~

~~*17.16.3.1 Exception. An institution may conduct an exempted alumni contest [see Bylaw 17.16.5.3-(d)] before the specified first date of competition, provided the contest occurs during the declared playing season.*~~

17.16.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in rugby by the following dates:*~~

(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the national governing body championship.

(b) Nontraditional Segment. ~~*Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular term. See Bylaw 17.1.9-(d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~ **[See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1-(b)-(2)]**

17.16.5 Number of Contests.

17.16.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in rugby during the institution's rugby playing season to 10 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.16.5.3~~ *and 17.16.5.4*~~. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.16.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in rugby 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.*~~

[17.16.5.2 unchanged.]

17.16.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of contests in women's rugby shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5 except for 17.1.4.5.3.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in rugby;*~~

~~*(b) National Governing Body Championship. Competition in the rugby national governing body championship;*~~

~~*(c) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the national governing body championship;*~~

~~*(d) Alumni Contest. One contest each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One contest each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(f) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any contest 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; and*~~

~~*(g) Fundraising Activity. Any rugby 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 or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

17.16.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of women's rugby contests shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

(a) National Governing Body Championship. Competition in the rugby national governing body championship; and

(b) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any contests 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.

~~*17.16.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. The rugby contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

17.16.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.16.1 except as permitted by Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.16.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in rugby 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.*~~

~~*17.16.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.16.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.16.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's rugby team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.16.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.16.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing rugby equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of the traditional or nontraditional segment as specified in Bylaw 17.16.2.*~~

~~*17.16.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a traditional or nontraditional segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.16.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.16.1) by modifying the start of the preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.16.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its rugby team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

P. Bylaws: Amend 17.18, as follows:

17.18 SKIING

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

17.18.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in skiing shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks in alpine skiing and 19 weeks in nordic skiing (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2 for winter NCAA championship sports.)**

17.18.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in skiing before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.18.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meets or practice meets) against outside competition in skiing before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.18.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in skiing not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.

17.18.5 Number and Dates of Competition.

17.18.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the permissible skiing playing season to a maximum of 16 dates of competition in Nordic skiing and 16 dates of competition in Alpine skiing, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.18.5.3 ~~*and 17.18.5.4*~~ (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

[Bylaw 17.18.5.1.1 unchanged.]

~~*17.18.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in skiing 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.18.5.2 unchanged.]

17.18.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in skiing shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaws 17.1.4.5 and 17.1.4.5.3.)**

~~*(a) NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Skiing Championships;*~~

~~*(b) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in skiing;*~~

~~*(c) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(d) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in skiing each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in skiing each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(f) Hawaii or Alaska. Any dates of competition in skiing in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question; (g) Fundraising Activity. Any skiing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams*~~

~~participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation; and~~

~~(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for skiing.~~

17.18.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of skiing dates of competitions shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

(a) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for skiing; and

(b) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in skiing 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.

~~17.18.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption — 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 17.29. An institution may not use this exemption in the same year that it uses an exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.18.5.3(f).~~

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 athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.~~* **(See Bylaw 17.1. 5)**

~~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 approved by the Management Council.~~

~~17.18.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in skiing 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.~~

~~17.18.8 Other Restrictions.~~

~~17.18.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)~~

~~17.18.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's skiing team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.~~

~~17.18.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.18.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. No limitations.*~~

~~*17.18.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of playing season (Bylaw 17.18.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (Bylaw 17.18.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its skiing team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

Q. Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

17.19 SOCCER

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

17.19.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in soccer shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1 for fall NCAA championship sports.)**

17.19.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice in soccer before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.11) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~

17.19.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) against outside competition in soccer before the following dates:*~~ **See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1, except during the traditional segment:**

(a) ~~*Traditional Segment. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday.*~~ An institution may play up to three soccer scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's win-loss record) before the first scheduled contest, provided the scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests. ~~*In addition*~~

(b) ~~*a*~~**A**n institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibition scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one of three scrimmages or exhibition games detailed ~~*above*~~ **in (a).**

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. February 1(See Bylaw 17.1.102). (See Bylaw 17.1.2.1.1.)*~~

~~*17.19.3.1 Exception. An institution may conduct an exempted alumni game (see Bylaw 17.19.5.3.2) before the specified first date of competition, provided the game occurs during the declared playing season.*~~

17.19.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in soccer by the following dates set forth in Bylaw 17.1.2.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA Division III soccer championship.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular term. See Bylaw 17.1.9 (d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~

17.19.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.19.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to a maximum of 20 contests during the traditional segment and one date of competition during the nontraditional segment, except for those contests ~~*and/or dates of competition*~~ excluded under Bylaw~~*s*~~ 17.19.5.3~~*, 17.19.5.4 and 17.19.5.5*~~. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.19.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in soccer 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.*~~

[17.19.5.2 unchanged.]

17.19.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. **(See Standard exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*17.19.5.3.1 Traditional Segment. The maximum number of soccer contests during the traditional segment shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in soccer (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA soccer championship);*~~

~~*(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference soccer championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA soccer championship without the game(s) being counted as a regular-season contest or postseason tournament;*~~

~~*(c) Season-Ending Tournaments. Competition in one season-ending soccer tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One soccer contest or date of competition each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and*~~

~~*(f) Fundraising Activity. Any soccer activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.19.5.3.2 Alumni Game. The maximum number of soccer contests shall exclude one contest each year with an alumni team of the institution.*~~

~~*17.19.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. The soccer games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.19.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four contests on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four contests), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.19.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.19.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in the same soccer camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.*~~

~~*17.19.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.19.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restriction on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.19.8.1.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's soccer team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.19.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.19.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing soccer equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.19.4.*~~

~~*17.19.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.19.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.19.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.19.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its soccer team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

R. Bylaws: Amend 17.20, as follows:

17.20 SOFTBALL

Regulations for computing the softball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations (see Figure 17-1).

17.20.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in softball before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3 for spring NCAA championship sports.)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the fall, September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. For an institution that conducts its nontraditional segment in the spring, February 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~

17.20.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in softball in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

17.20.3 First Contest **or** Date **of Competition**. ~~*A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) against outside competition in softball in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

17.20.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in softball by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA Division III Softball Championship.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period (e.g., fall semester, fall quarter).*~~

17.20.5 Number ~~*of Contests*~~ and Dates of Competition.

17.20.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's softball playing season to a maximum of 40 contests (games and scrimmages) during the traditional segment, and one date of competition during the nontraditional segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.20.5.3. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.20.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in softball 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.20.5.2 unchanged.]

17.20.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*17.20.5.3.1 Traditional Segment. The maximum number of softball contests in the traditional segment shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in softball (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA softball championship);*~~

~~*(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA softball championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;*~~

~~*(c) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending softball tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One softball contest or both games in a doubleheader each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and*~~

~~*(f) Fundraising Activity. Any softball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.20.5.3.2 Alumni Game. The maximum number of softball contests shall exclude one contest each year with an alumni team of the institution.*~~

~~*17.20.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption—Foreign Tour. The softball games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.20.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four contests on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four contests), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation*~~

~~*shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.20.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.20.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in softball 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.*~~

~~*17.20.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.20.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.20.8.1.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's softball team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.20.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.20.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing softball equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.20.2.*~~

~~*17.20.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.20.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.20.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.20.2) for*~~

~~*an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its softball team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

S. Bylaws: Amend 17.22, as follows:

17.21 SWIMMING AND DIVING

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

17.21.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in swimming and diving shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2 for winter NCAA championship sports.)**

17.21.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in swimming and diving in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.21.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (contest or scrimmage) against outside competition in swimming and diving in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.21.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in swimming and diving by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment.*~~

> ~~*(1) Fall. Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period (e.g., fall semester, fall quarter).*~~
>
> ~~*(2) Spring. Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular term. See Bylaw 17.1.91.1.5-(d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~

17.21.5 Number of ~~*Contests and*~~ Dates of Competition.

> 17.21.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition to a maximum of 16 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.21.5.3 (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of required student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*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 swimming and diving 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.*~~

[Bylaw 17.21.5.2 unchanged.]

17.21.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in swimming and diving shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in swimming and diving (or the meet used to determine the conference's entries in an NCAA swimming and diving championships);*~~

~~*(b) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships;*~~

~~*(c) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) swimming championships;*~~

~~*(d) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in swimming and diving each year against an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(e) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(f) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in swimming and diving each year with a foreign opponent in the United States; and*~~

~~*(g) Fundraising Activity. Any swimming and diving 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 or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.21.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in swimming and diving on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.21.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption – Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four dates of competition scheduled on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four dates of competition), either against or under the sponsorship of an active*~~

~~*member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.21.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.21.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in swimming and diving that 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. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.21.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Members. 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's swimming and diving team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.21.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.21.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing swimming and diving equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of the traditional or nontraditional segment as specified in Bylaw 17.21.2.*~~

~~*17.21.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a traditional or nontraditional segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.21.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.21.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.21.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its swimming and diving team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

T. Bylaws: Amend 17.23, as follows:

17.22 TENNIS

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

17.22.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in tennis shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (fall and spring periods combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4)**

17.22.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in tennis before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4.1)**

~~*(a) Fall Period. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible date of competition (as opposed to the institution's first date of competition) as specified in Bylaw 17.22.3.*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. January 15.*~~

17.22.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (match or practice match) against outside competition in tennis before the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4.1)**

~~*(a) Fall Period. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier. Exhibition scrimmages may be conducted during the preseason practice period (see Bylaw 17.22.2).*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. January 15.*~~

> ~~*17.22.3.1 Exception. An institution may conduct an exempted alumni match [see Bylaw 17.22.5.3-(e)] before the specified first date of competition, provided the match occurs during the declared playing season.*~~

17.22.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in tennis by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.4.1)**

~~*(a) Fall Period. Five weekdays before the first day of the final regular fall examination period.*~~

~~*(b) Spring Period. The conclusion of the NCAA Division III Tennis Championship.*~~

17.22.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

> 17.22.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition to a maximum of 20 dates of competition, including not more than four individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded

under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.22.5.3~~, 17.22.5.4 and 17.22.5.5~~ (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

[17.22.5.1.1 and 17.22.5.1.2 unchanged.]

~~*17.22.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in tennis 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*.~~

[17.22.5.2 and 17.22.5.2.1 unchanged.]

17.22.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in tennis shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in tennis (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entries in the NCAA tennis championships);*~~

~~*(b) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA tennis championships;*~~

~~*(c) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tennis championships;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Alumni Match. One date of competition in tennis each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(f) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in tennis each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and*~~

~~*(g) Fundraising Activity. Any tennis activities in which athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams or in which team members of that sport participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.22.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption—Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in tennis on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.22.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four dates of competition on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four dates of competition), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.22.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.22.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in tennis 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.*~~

~~*17.22.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.22.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.22.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from that institution's tennis team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.22.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.22.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing tennis equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of the fall or spring period as specified in Bylaw 17.22.2.*~~

~~*17.22.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a fall or spring period is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.22.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.22.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.22.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its tennis team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

U. Bylaws: Amend 17.24, as follows:

17.23 TRACK AND FIELD, INDOOR/OUTDOOR

Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.23.1 through 17.23.1.1 unchanged.]

17.23.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in indoor and outdoor track and field before the following dates:*~~ **(For indoor track and field, see Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1 for winter NCAA championship sports; for outdoor track and field, see Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1 for spring NCAA championship sports.)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~

17.23.3 First Contest ~~*and*~~ **or** Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) against outside competition in indoor and outdoor track and field before the following dates:*~~ **(For indoor track and field, see Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1; for outdoor track and field, see Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1.)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~

17.23.4 End of Regular **Playing** Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in indoor and outdoor track and field by the following dates:*~~ **(For indoor track and field, see Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1; for outdoor track and field, see Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1.)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. For indoor track and field, the traditional segment shall end with the conclusion of the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. For outdoor track and field, the traditional segment shall end with the conclusion of the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. Not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.*~~

17.23.5 Number of ~~*Contests and*~~ Dates of Competition.

17.23.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the permissible indoor/outdoor track and field playing season to a maximum of 18 dates of competition (which may include not more than four two-day events that shall each count as a single date of competition) except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.23.5.3 (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). An institution that participates in a meet that exceeds two days in duration may count the first two days of the competition as a single date of competition but must count any additional days as separate dates of competition. Such multi-day events shall count toward the four two-day events that may count as a single date of competition. **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.23.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign 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 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 unchanged.]

17.23.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in the sports of indoor and outdoor track and field shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in indoor track and field and one such meet in outdoor track and field;*~~

~~*(b) NCAA Championships. Competition in the NCAA indoor and outdoor track and field championships;*~~

~~*(c) NAIA/NCCAA Championships. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) or the National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association (NCCAA) indoor and outdoor track and field championships;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(f) Fundraising Activity. Any indoor or outdoor track and field 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 or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation; and*~~

~~*(g) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field each year against an alumni team of the institution.*~~

~~*17.23.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in indoor or outdoor track and field on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.23.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption – Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four dates of competition on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four dates of competition), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.24.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.23.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in indoor or outdoor track and field 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.*~~

~~*17.23.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.23.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.23.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from that institution's indoor/outdoor track and field team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.23.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.23.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing track and field equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of the traditional or nontraditional segment as specified in Bylaw 17.23.2.*~~

~~*17.23.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a traditional or nontraditional segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.23.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.23.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.23.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its indoor or outdoor track and field team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

V. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

17.24 VOLLEYBALL

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

17.24.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in volleyball shall be limited to:*~~

(a) Men**.** ~~*-- A maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segment combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3 for spring NCAA championship sports.)**

(b) Women**.** ~~*-- A maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1 for fall NCAA championship sports.)**

17.24.2 Preseason Practice ~~*-- Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's volleyball before the following dates*~~:

(a) ~~*Traditional Segment. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.11) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition.*~~ **Men. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

(b) ~~*Nontraditional Segment. February 1.*~~ **Women. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)**

17.24.3 First Date of Competition ~~– *Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) against outside competition in women's volleyball before the following dates*~~:

(a) ~~*Traditional Segment. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, except that an unlimited number of exhibition scrimmages may be conducted on one date during the preseason practice period (see Bylaw 17.25.2), which shall count as one date of competition in the institution's maximum limitation on contests or dates of competition.*~~ **Men. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)**

(b) ~~*Nontraditional Segment. February 1.*~~ **Women. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)**

> ~~*17.24.3.1 Exception. An institution may conduct an exempted alumni game (see Bylaw 17.25.10.2) before the specified first date of competition, provided the match occurs during the declared playing season.*~~

17.24.4 ~~*Preseason Practice – Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's volleyball in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~ **End of Regular Playing Season:**

(a) Men. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)

(b) Women. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)

17.24.5 ~~*First*~~ **Number of** Date**s** of Competition – Men **and Women**. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) against outside competition in men's volleyball in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.10.2)**

> **17.24.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's volleyball playing season to a maximum of 22 dates of competition during the traditional segment and one during the nontraditional segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.24.5.3. For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**
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> **17.24.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete – Men and Women. A student-athlete may participate each academic year in a maximum of 22 dates of competition during the traditional segment and one during the nontraditional segment in volleyball. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution in accordance with Bylaws 17.02.4 and 17.02.8.**
>
> **17.24.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

17.24.6 ~~*End of Regular Playing Season -- Men. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in volleyball by the following dates:*~~ **Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. (See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period (e.g., fall semester, fall quarter).*~~

~~*17.24.7 End of Regular Playing Season -- Women. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in volleyball by the following dates:*~~

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA Division III Volleyball Championship.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular term. See Bylaw 17.1.9-(d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~

~~*17.24.8 Number and Dates of Competition -- Women.*~~

~~*17.24.8.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's women's volleyball playing season to a maximum of 22 dates of competition during the traditional segment and one during the nontraditional segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.24.10.*~~

~~*17.24.8.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's 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.*~~

~~*17.24.8.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. A student-athlete may participate each academic year in a maximum of 22 dates of competition during the traditional segment and one during the nontraditional segment in women's volleyball. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution in accordance with Bylaws 17.02.4 and 17.02.8.*~~

~~*17.24.9 Number of Dates of Competition -- Men.*~~

~~*17.24.9.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's men's volleyball playing season to a maximum of 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 Bylaw 17.24.10.1.*~~

~~*17.24.9.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's volleyball in one or more foreign countries 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.*~~

~~*17.24.9.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete—Men. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in a maximum of 28 dates of competition in men's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution in accordance with Bylaws 17.02.4 and 17.02.8.*~~

~~*17.24.10 Annual Exemptions.*~~

~~*17.24.10.1 Traditional Segment for Women and Any Segment for Men. The maximum number of volleyball dates of competition in the traditional segment for women and any segment for men shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in volleyball (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA volleyball championship);*~~

~~*(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference volleyball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA volleyball championship without the date(s) of competition being counted as a postseason tournament;*~~

~~*(c) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending volleyball tournament (e.g., Molten Championship, NCAA championship, NAIA championship, National Invitational Volleyball Championship, Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament and NCCAA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;*~~

~~*(d) Independent Championships. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in volleyball each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(f) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico -- Men. Any dates of competition in volleyball 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 an active member located outside the area in question; and*~~

~~*(g) Fundraising Activity. Any volleyball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.24.10.2 Alumni Game. The maximum number of volleyball dates of competition shall exclude one date of competition each year with an alumni team of the institution.*~~

~~*17.24.11 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour -- Men and Women. The dates of competition in volleyball on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.24.12 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico -- Women. A maximum of four dates of competition on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four dates of competition), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

~~*17.24.13 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~

~~*17.24.13.1 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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.24.14 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in 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.*~~

~~*17.24.15 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.24.15.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.24.15.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-*~~

athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's volleyball team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.

17.24.15.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.

17.24.15.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing volleyball equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.24.2.

17.24.15.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.

17.24.16 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.24.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.24.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its women's volleyball team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.

W. Bylaws: Amend 17.26, as follows:

17.25 WATER POLO

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

17.25.1 Length of Playing Season. *The length of an institution's playing season in water polo shall be limited to:*

(a) Men*— A maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined)*. **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1 for fall NCAA championship sports.)**

(b) Women*— A maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined)*. **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3 for spring NCAA championship sports.)**

17.25.2 Preseason Practice*— Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's water polo before the date that permits a maximum of 21 permissible units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.11.2.5) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition*.

(a) Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's water polo before the date that permits a maximum of 21 permissible units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.11.2.5) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition.

(b) Women. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)

17.25.3 ~~*Preseason Practice -- Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's water polo in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~ **First Date of Competition:**

(a) Men. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) against outside competition in men's water polo before the first Saturday in September.

(b) Women. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)

17.25.4 ~~*First Contest and Date of Competition -- Men. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) against outside competition in men's water polo before the first Saturday in September.*~~ **End of Regular Playing Season:**

(a) Men. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1)

(b) Women. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1)

> ~~*17.25.4.1 Exception. An institution may play an exempted alumni game [see Bylaw 17.26.8.3-(f)] before the specified first date of competition, provided the game occurs during the declared playing season.*~~

17.25.5 ~~*First*~~ **Number of** Date**s** of Competition ~~*-- Women. In women's water polo, a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) against outside competition in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier (see Bylaw 17.1.10.2).*~~

> **17.25.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's water polo playing season to 21 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.26.5.3. F or in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**
>
> **17.25.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 21 dates of competition in water polo. This limitation includes those contests 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.**
>
> **17.25.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**
>
> > **17.25.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of men's and women's water polo competitions shall exclude one date of competition**

against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for water polo.

17.25.6 **Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. (See Bylaw 17.1.5)** ~~*End of Regular Playing Season -- Men. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in men's water polo not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.*~~

~~*17.25.7 End of Regular Playing Season -- Women. In women's water polo, a member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) by the following dates:*~~

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final regular fall examination period (e.g., fall semester, fall quarter).*~~

~~*17.25.8 Number and Dates of Competition.*~~

~~*17.25.8.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the institution's water polo playing season to 21 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.8.3 and 17.25.8.4.*~~

~~*17.25.8.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in water polo 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.*~~

~~*17.25.8.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 21 dates of competition in water polo. This limitation includes those contests 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.*~~

~~*17.25.8.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in water polo shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1)*~~

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in water polo (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship or the tournament used to determine entry into the National Women's Collegiate Water Polo Championship or the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship);*~~

~~*(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference water polo championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination*~~

~~*playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA Water Polo Championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;*~~

~~*(c) NCAA Championship -- Men. Competition in the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship;*~~

~~*(d) NCAA Championship -- Women. Competition in the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship;*~~

~~*(e) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(f) Alumni Game. One date of competition in water polo each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(g) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in water polo each year against a foreign opponent in the United States;*~~

~~*(h) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in water polo in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;*~~

~~*(i) Fundraising Activity. Any water polo activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation; and*~~

~~*(j) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for water polo.*~~

~~*17.25.8.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption -- Men and Women -- 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 17.29. In men's water polo, an institution may not use this exemption in the same year that it uses an exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.25.8.3(h).*~~

~~*17.25.9 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1)*~~

~~*17.25.9.1 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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.25.10 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in water polo 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.*~~

~~*17.25.11 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.25.11.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.25.11.1.1 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 water polo team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.25.11.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.25.11.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing water polo equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaws 17.25.2 and 17.25.3.*~~

~~*17.25.11.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.25.12 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 17.25.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaws 17.25.2 and 17.25.3) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its water polo team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

X. Bylaws: Amend 17.27, as follows:

17.26 WRESTLING

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

17.26.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~*The length of an institution's playing season in wrestling shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined).*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2 for winter NCAA championship sports.)**

17.26.2 Preseason Practice. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in wrestling in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.26.3 First Date of Competition. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (match or scrimmage) against outside competition in wrestling in either the traditional or nontraditional segment before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

17.26.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~*A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in wrestling by the following dates:*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)**

~~*(a) Traditional Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships.*~~

~~*(b) Nontraditional Segment.*~~

~~*(1) Fall. Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.*~~

~~*(2) Spring. Five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examinations for the regular academic year. If an institution's academic year concludes with a non-regular academic term (e.g., May term), then all practice and competition shall be completed not later than the first day of final examinations for that non-regular term. See Bylaw 17.1.9 (d) and (e) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.*~~

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.26.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the permissible wrestling playing season to a maximum of 16 dates of competition, which may include not more than two two-day meets that shall each count as a single date of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw~~s~~ 17.26.5.3~~, *17.26.5.4 and 17.26.5.5*~~ (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1 for required minimum number of student-athletes and Bylaw 20.11.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). **For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

~~*17.26.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in wrestling 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.*~~

[17.26.5.2 unchanged.]

17.26.5.3 ~~*Annual*~~ Exemptions. ~~*The maximum number of dates of competition in wrestling shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):*~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)**

~~*(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in wrestling (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entries in the NCAA wrestling championships);*~~

~~*(b) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA wrestling championships;*~~

~~*(c) NAIA/NCCAA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) or National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) wrestling championships;*~~

~~*(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;*~~

~~*(e) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in wrestling each year with an alumni team of the institution;*~~

~~*(f) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition in wrestling each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and*~~

~~*(g) Fundraising Activity. Any wrestling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.*~~

~~*17.26.5.4 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in wrestling on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.*~~

~~*17.26.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption – Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four dates of competition on a regular-season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four dates of competition), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by a member institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular-season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.*~~

17.26.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. ~~*Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1.*~~ **(See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

~~*17.26.6.1 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 approved by the Management Council.*~~

~~*17.26.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in wrestling 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.*~~

~~*17.26.8 Other Restrictions.*~~

~~*17.26.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)*~~

~~*17.26.8.1.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff Member. 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3 and 17.29.*~~

~~*17.26.8.1.2 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 the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.*~~

~~*17.26.8.2 Equipment Issue, Team Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing wrestling equipment and for taking team pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of the traditional or nontraditional segment as specified in Bylaw 17.27.2.*~~

~~*17.26.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a traditional or nontraditional segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking team pictures.*~~

~~*17.26.9 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the length of playing season (see Bylaw 17.26.1) by modifying the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.26.2) for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its wrestling team due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.*~~

Additional Information: Reorganizing Bylaw 17 in this manner reduces redundancies and clarifies the legislative similarities and differences between sports. This format succinctly sets forth sport specific legislative differences while more clearly indicating those legislative

provisions that are universally applicable. While this is primarily a reorganization of the existing Article 17 there are a few substantive changes necessary to effectuate greater consistency between sports. Those changes include: (1) Making the contest exemption for a foreign team in the United States the same in basketball as it is in all the other sports. Currently, basketball has an additional requirement that the contest takes place in the institution's home arena, while no other sport includes that requirement. This change would eliminate the home arena requirement; (2) Allowing basketball to use the once in four year exemption for contests played in Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico; and (3) Eliminating the reference to nontraditional segment for winter sports and defining the playing season in more relevant and consistent terms for the winter sports.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 6, Action Item 1-(a).

May 11, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee

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Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH DIVISION CRITERIA -- NONCOMPLIANCE AND THE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS -- AUTHORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-12

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Membership

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To specify that the NCAA Division III Membership Committee shall review issues regarding membership requirements that are discovered during the enforcement process and may impose penalties for not satisfying membership requirements.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20.2.5, as follows:

20.2.5 Noncompliance and Waivers of Division Criteria

[20.2.5.1 through 20.2.5.2 unchanged.]

20.2.5.3 Noncompliance with Membership Requirements and the Enforcement Process -- Authority of the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall review issues regarding membership requirements (e.g., sports sponsorship,) that are discovered during the enforcement process and may impose penalties for noncompliance.

B. Bylaws: Amend 21.9.5.8, as follows:

21.9.5.8 Membership Committee.

[21.9.5.8.1 unchanged.]

21.9.5.8.2 Duties. The committee shall review issues related to Division III membership, including**:** ~~*issues and educational efforts affecting provisional, reclassifying and continuing members, monitoring and auditing of sports sponsorship requirements, and coordinating educational programs for the membership regarding NCAA legislation. Additionally, the committee may impose penalties for the failure of any member to meet conditions and obligations of membership, including sports sponsorship requirements.*~~

(a) Issues and educational efforts affecting provisional, reclassifying and continuing members;

(b) Monitoring and auditing of sports-sponsorship requirements;

(c) Coordinating educational programs for the membership regarding NCAA legislation; and

(d) Issues regarding membership requirements (e.g., sports sponsorship) that are discovered during the enforcement process. Additionally, the committee may impose penalties for the failure of any member to meet conditions and obligations of membership, including sports-sponsorship requirements and any issues discovered through the enforcement process.

Additional Information: During the enforcement process, it may be discovered that an active Division III institution is not meeting membership requirements (e.g., minimum sports sponsorship). Based on current legislation, the Division III Membership Committee has the authority to impose penalties if an institution does not meet one or more membership requirements. This recommendation will clarify that if it is discovered during the enforcement process that an institution is not meeting membership requirements, it shall be the Membership Committee that has jurisdiction to impose any penalties and the Membership Committee will notify the NCAA enforcement staff and the Division III Committee on Infractions of any action taken by the Membership Committee.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Management Council Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 10, item 1-(b).

July 26, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 25

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR PRACTICE OR COMPETITION -- EXCEPTION -- COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-13

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

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To permit a student-athlete to practice and represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics while he or she is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) offered by the institution that is a required part of the student's academic program, provided the student is considered to be enrolled in a full-time program of studies, regardless of the credit value of the program.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.8.1.6, as follows:

14.1.8.1.6 Exceptions.

[14.1.8.1.6.1 through 14.1.8.1.6.5 unchanged.]

14.1.8.1.6.6 Required Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program – Practice or Competition. A student may represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics while he or she is enrolled in a cooperative educational program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) offered by the institution that is a required part of the student's academic program, provided the student is considered to be enrolled in a full-time program of studies, regardless of the credit value of the program.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.8.1.7, as follows:

14.1.8.1.7 Waivers of the Full-Time Enrollment Requirement for Practice or Competition. Waivers may be granted for the following:

14.1.8.1.7.1 Nontraditional Academic Calendars or **Nonrequired** Cooperative Education Programs -- 12-Hour Requirement Only. The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, may waive the 12-hour requirement for a student-athlete **enrolled** in an institution that determines enrollment hours on a basis other than a traditional semester or quarter hours or that conducts a **nonrequired** cooperative educational **work experience** program if it is determined that at the time of competition the student-athlete is enrolled in a comparable minimum academic load.

[Remainder of 14.1.8.1.7 unchanged.]

Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: Reduces bureaucracy for student-athletes who participate in required programs.

Additional Information: This proposal incorporates current guidelines that have resulted in the approval of waivers related to such programs. The proposal decreases bureaucracy by allowing a student-athlete to practice or compete while he or she is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience program that is a required part of the student's academic program. Nonrequired programs will continue to be reviewed through the existing waiver process.

Review History:

April 2011: Management Council Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 12, item 1-(a).

July 26, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 25

Title: RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS -- GENERAL RESTRICTIONS -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS FOR A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S PARENTS, GUARDIAN(S), SPOUSE OR INDIVIDUAL OF A COMPARABLE RELATIONSHIP

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-14

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

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To permit an institution to provide additional complimentary admissions to a home athletics event to a prospective student-athlete's parents, guardian(s), spouse or individual of a comparable relationship accompanying the prospective student-athlete during an unofficial visit.

Bylaws: Amend 13.7.2.1, as follows:

13.7.2.1 General Regulations. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. **Additional complimentary admissions may be provided to a prospective student-athlete's parents, guardian(s), spouse or individual of a comparable relationship accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit.** 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. Seating shall be provided 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, guardian(s), spouse or individual of a comparable relationship in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited.

Budget Impact: Increased cost of complimentary admissions provided to prospective student-athletes during unofficial visits.

Student-Athlete Impact: Additional flexibility for prospective student-athletes with nontraditional families.

Additional Information: This proposal permits an institution to provide additional complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete during an unofficial visit. Current legislation regarding complimentary admissions for official visits already provides flexibility for these situations; therefore, it is appropriate that the unofficial visit legislation be similar to accommodate prospective student-athletes and their families.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Management Council - Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 12, item 1-(b).

July 26, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 25

Title: AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PARTICIPATION AWARDS -- MAXIMUM VALUE OF AWARD -- INCREASE TO MAXIMUM VALUES

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-15

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

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

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 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	$~~*175*~~ **225**	Once per year per sport	Institution	1
Annual Participation -- Senior	$~~*325*~~ **425**	Once per year per sport	Institution	1
Special Event Participation				
• Participation in postseason conference championship contest or tournament	$~~*325*~~ **375***	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event (may include conference office)	2
• Participation in postseason NCAA	Institution -- $~~*325*~~ **375**	Once per event	• Institution	2

championship contest or tournament	NCAA -- No limit		• NCAA	
• Participation in all-star game	$~~*350*~~ **400****	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2
• Participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition	$~~*350*~~ **400***	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2

* 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 maximum value in this figure.

** Each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate limit per award.

Additional Information: The proposed award limits have not been adjusted for inflation since 2006 and due to inflation, particularly in the market rate for gold, it has become more difficult to provide the same or similar awards to student-athletes. The committee noted that while all institutions may not approach the dollar limit, the rate of inflation should not restrict those who wish to provide certain awards that may be traditional marks of recognition (e.g., rings). Furthermore, the committee noted the inequity among the divisions if Division III does not increase the limits in a similar manner.

Budget Impact: Potential increase commensurate with increase in award value limitations.

Student-Athlete Impact: Potential to receive awards traditionally provided to student-athletes.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Management Council Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 12, item 1-(c).

July 26, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 25

Title: AMATEURISM -- PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT, BENEFITS OR SERVICES -- EXCEPTIONS -- DESIGNATION OF FUNDRAISING MONEY -- BEFORE INITIAL FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2011.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-16

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Amateurism

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To permit the designation of funds raised through fundraisers for individuals before initial, full-time collegiate enrollment provided the amount raised does not exceed actual and necessary expenses for athletics participation.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.1, as follows:

12.1.1 Preferential Treatment, Benefits or Services. It is impermissible to receive preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics reputation or skill, or pay-back potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation. For violations of this bylaw in which the value of the benefit is $100 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected, conditioned on the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the benefit until the individual repays the benefit. If the violation involves institutional responsibility, it remains an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff.

12.1.1.1 – Exceptions.

12.1.1.1.1 Designation of Fundraising Money -- Before Initial, Full-Time Enrollment. A n outside amateur team or organization may designate specific funds to an individual through his or her participation in fundraising activities, provided all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) Designated funds do not exceed the individual's actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, uniforms) for athletics participation [See Bylaw 12.1.3.1-(f)]; and

(b) Any funds that exceed an individual's actual and necessary expenses must be applied to the general team or organizational fund.

12.1.1.1.**2** ~~*Exception*~~ --Designation of Earned Fundraising Money **-- Student-Athletes**. An institution may designate specific funds earned by a student-athlete

through institutional fundraising activities provided all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) Designated funds do not exceed the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, uniforms);

(b) Any funds that exceed a student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, uniforms) must be applied to the general team or institutional fund and cannot be designated for any specific student-athlete;

(c) All designated funds must be deposited with the institution to administer; and

(d) Any unearned funds must be deposited into the general team or institutional fund and cannot be designated for any student-athlete.

[12.1.1.1.1 renumbered as 12.1.1.1.2.1 unchanged.]

Additional Information: Given the nature of youth sports and the prevalence of fundraising activities at all levels of the youth sports structure, it is possible that numerous institutions have not been properly applying the legislation as it can be difficult to effectively collect information about what may have occurred prior to initial full time collegiate enrollment and consistently monitor. It is unfair to expect individuals and their families to have sufficient knowledge and education on the current rules in this area. Even if they were aware of the rules, they would be difficult to follow. Given the flexibility provided to enrolled student-athletes in institutional fundraisers with the adoption of Proposal No. 2011-4 at the 2011 Convention, it is appropriate to provide similar flexibility for individuals prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

Budget Impact: Provides flexibility for individuals prior to collegiate enrollment to raise money to participate in athletics.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Management Council - Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 12, item 1-(d).

July 26, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 25

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR PRACTICE -- WAIVER -- U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE/NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY -- FORMER STUDENT ATHLETE PRACTICING AT ANOTHER INSTITUTION -- INDIVIDUAL SPORTS AND WOMEN'S ROWING

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-17

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

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: In individual sports and women's rowing, in a case in which the U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation, to permit a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining to participate in organized practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended.

Bylaws: Amend 14.1.8.1.7.4, as follows:

14.1.8.1.7.4 U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body -- Practice Only. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met:

(a) The practice sessions take place ~~*only*~~ at the institution(s) the individual previously attended as an undergraduate, or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student**, except that a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining may participate in practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended**;

[14.1.8.1.7.4-(b) through 14.1.8.1.7.4-(d) unchanged.]

Additional Information: Recent legislative changes in Divisions I and II permit a former student-athlete greater flexibility if he or she is training for elite-level competition in an area that is not close to the institution from which he or she graduated. This flexibility is reasonable and should be afforded to Division III student-athletes in the same manner as their Divisions I and II counterparts.

Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: Additional flexibility for former student-athletes who are training for elite-level competition.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Management Council Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 12, item 1-(e).

July 26, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 25

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD -- TESTING SESSION ON FIRST DAY

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-18

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: In football, on the first day of the five-day acclimatization period, to permit institutions to conduct either: (1) one on-field practice, not to exceed three hours in length, and one one-hour walk-through session or (2) one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning or agility tests), not to exceed one-hour in length, one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length, and one one-hour walk-through session, provided student-athletes are provided at least three hours of continuous recovery time between each session.

Bylaws: Amend 17.9.2.2, as follows:

17.9.2.2 Five-Day Acclimatization Period. Preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including those who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

(a) Institutions may not conduct conditioning, speed, strength or agility tests before the start of the five-day acclimatization period.

(b) During the first day of the five-day acclimatization period, an institution may conduct either:

(1) One on-field practice, not to exceed three hours in length. The institution may also conduct one one-hour walk-through session. No protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) may be worn, no equipment related to football (e.g., football, blocking sled) may be used and conditioning activities may not occur during the walk-through session. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three hours of continuous recovery time between the end of the first session and the start of the second session; or

(2) One on-field testing session (speed, conditioning or agility tests), not to exceed one hour in length, and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. The institution may also conduct one one-hour walk-through session. No protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) may be worn, no equipment related to football (e.g., football, blocking sled) may be used and conditioning activities may not occur during the walk-through session.

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Student-athletes must be provided with at least three hours of continuous recovery time between the end of each session and the beginning of the next session (e.g. conditioning session, on-field practice, or walk-through session).

(~~*b*~~**c**) During ~~*each day*~~ **the remainder** of the five-day period, participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice, not to exceed three hours in length, and one one-hour walk-through session. No protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) may be worn, no equipment related to football (e.g., football, blocking sled) may be used and conditioning activities may not occur during the walk-through session. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three hours of continuous recovery time between the end of the ~~*on-field practice*~~ **first** session and the start of the ~~*walk-through*~~ **second** session **(e.g., on-field practice or walk-through session)**.

(~~*c*~~**d**) During the first two days of the acclimatization period, helmets shall be the only piece of protective equipment student-athletes may wear during the on-field practice session **and conditioning session** (as opposed to the walk-through session). During the third and fourth days of the acclimatization period, helmets and shoulder pads shall be the only pieces of protective equipment student-athletes may wear during the on-field practice session. During the final on-field practice session of the five-day period and on any day thereafter, student-athletes may practice in full pads.

Additional Information: Under the current preseason model, an institution must conduct all on-field activities within the permissible three-hour time period which means student-athletes must move directly from testing activities to the on-field practice session. Testing activities assist an institution in determining a student-athlete's physical preparedness for the rigors of preseason practice. Permitting institutions the discretion to conduct separate testing and practice sessions, which combined will not exceed three hours of on-field activity, while providing ample recovery time in between the sessions will minimize the health and safety risks to student-athletes and provide adequate preparation time for the regular football season in an environment that is in the best interests of the student-athletes' well-being and provide consistency across all divisions. Student-athletes performing under expectations should not be punished or required to perform additional physical activity beyond what is required for the rest of the team as the accumulated effects of this additional workload can increase an athlete's risk of injury. During any part of the playing season, institutions should consider factors of increased risk such as student-athletes with underlying medical conditions (e.g., sickle cell trait, previous heat illness, flu, medications).

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

July 26, 2011: Approved in Concept and Approved in Final Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 13, Item No. 1-(b).

Title: AMATEURISM, ELIGIBILITY AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Convention Year: 2012

IPOPL Number:

SPOPL Number:

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-19

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Olympic Sports Liaison Committee).

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Amateurism

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To include the World University Championships in all bylaws that apply to the World University Games.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.6, as follows:

12.1.6 Elite-Level Participation. An individual (prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete) may receive the following benefits at any time without jeopardizing his or her amateur status:

[12.1.6-(a) through 12.1.6-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Commemorative Items for Elite Events. Commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, World University Games, **World University Championships,** Pan American Games, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body (or, for foreign student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation). These benefits may include but are not limited to, apparel, leisure wear, foot wear and other items that are provided to all athletes participating in the applicable event;

[12.1.6-(e) through 12.1.6-(h) unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1, as follows:

12.5.1 Permissible.

[12.5.1.1 through 12.5.1.10 unchanged.]

12.5.1.11 Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup**,** ~~*and*~~ World University Games **and World University Championships**. A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, Pan American, World

Championships, World Cup**,** ~~or~~ World University Games**, or World University Championships** as specified in this section.

[Remainder of 12.5.1 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.8.1.7, as follows:

14.1.8.1.7 Waivers of the Full-Time Enrollment Requirement for Practice or Competition. Waivers may be granted for the following:

[14.1.8.1.7.1 through 14.1.8.1.7.2 unchanged.]

14.1.8.1.7.3 Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games**, World University Championships** or World Youth Championships -- Practice or Competition. The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the junior or elite levels of the Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games**, World University Championships** or World Youth Championships who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

[Remainder of 14.1.8.1.7 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4.3.2, as follows:

14.2.4.3.2 Activities Constituting Use of Season. An individual shall use a season of participation per Bylaw 14.2.4.3 if the individual engages in activities that meet any of the following criteria:

[14.2.4.3.2-(a) through 14.2.4.3.2-(d) unchanged.]

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

[14.2.4.3.2.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Athletics Activity Exception.

(1) Official Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University **Games, World University Championships** and Olympic training, tryouts and competition;

[14.2.4.3.2.1-(b)-(2) through 14.2.4.3.2.1-(b)-(3) unchanged.]

[Remainder of 14.2.4.3.2 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 14.7, as follows:

14.7 OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaw 17.02.9) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

[14.7.1 through 14.7.2 unchanged.]

14.7.3 Exceptions -- All Sports.

[14.7.3-(a) through 14.7.3-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Official World Championships, World University Games, **World University Championships**, World Youth Championships and World Cup Tryouts and Competition. A student-athlete may participate in official World Championships, World University Games, **World University Championships,** World Youth Championships and World Cup tryouts and competition (including junior levels).

[14.7.3-(f) through 14.7.3-(g) unchanged.]

[Remainder of 14.7 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 16.8.1.3, as follows:

16.8.1.3 Other Competition. During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the next summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: [R]

[16.8.1.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Specific competition (e.g., Olympic Trials) from which participants may directly qualify for the Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World Youth Championships**,** ~~*and*~~ World University Games **and World University Championships**; and

(c) One national team tryout competition event from which participants are selected for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Cup, World Youth Championships**,** ~~*or*~~ World University Games **and World University Championships**. Although national team participants may be selected from multiple tryout events for a particular listed competitive event, an institution may provide expenses for only one such tryout event for each of the listed competitive events.

[Remainder of 16.8.1.3 unchanged.]

Additional Information:

The World University Championships take place on even years and feature several individual sports and a few team sports that are not included in the World University Games, which occur on odd years. The World University Championships have grown and have had increasing success in recent years. They allow a large number of students and

university sports leaders to unite on occasions other than at the World University Games. By expanding the noted bylaws to include the World University Championships, student-athletes participating in baseball, softball, cross country and women's equestrian will receive the same opportunities and benefits as student-athletes who participate in the World University Games.

Review History:

July 26, 2011: Approved in Concept – Management Council – Supplement No. 15, Action Item No. b.

Title: AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION – TWO NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

IPOPL Number: na

SPOPL Number: na

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-22

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Olympic Sports Liaison Committee).

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To permit an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to participate in not more than two national team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Cup, World Youth Championships, or World University Games.

Bylaws: Amend 16.8.1.3, as follows:

16.8.1.3 Other Competition. During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the next summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities:

[16.8.1.3-(a) through 16.8.1.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) ~~*One*~~ **Not more than two** national team tryout competition event**s, including events** from which participants are selected **for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made** for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Cup, World Youth Championships or World University Games. ~~*Although national team participants may be selected from multiple tryout events for a particular listed competitive event, an institution may provide expenses for only one such tryout event for each of the listed competitive events.*~~

Additional Information:

Current legislation permits an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to participate in only one national team tryout event. However, the national team selection process for many sports includes more than one round (tier) of tryout events, which may take place at different sites and on different dates. As a result, a

student-athlete who is successful in the first tier may be required to incur the financial burden to continue through the additional tiers or withdraw from the tryout process prior to reaching the final tryout. This proposal would allow an institution to pay for a student-athlete to participate in a second (or later) round in the selection process. In addition, there are other sports that provide more than one opportunity in which a student-athlete may compete in an effort to advance in the selection process if the student-athlete fails to advance from the first round (tier). This proposal would allow an institution to pay for a student-athlete to participate in a second event on the same tier (if the student-athlete failed to advance from the first event). This proposal would allow student athletes greater access to the current selection processes for international competition.

Budget Impact: Institutions with eligible student-athletes may bear the expense of additional national team tryouts.

Review History: *July 2011:* Approved in Concept - Management Council - Supplement No. 15, Action Item No. a.

COMMITTEES – ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES – RULES COMMITTEES WITHOUT CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES – SWIMMING AND DIVING, TRACK AND FIELD AND WRESTLING

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-23

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To establish a Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, a Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee and a Wrestling Rules Committee, as specified; further, to establish a Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, a Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee and a Division III Wrestling Committee, as specified.

A. Bylaw: Amend 21.3, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.3 ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- RULES COMMITTEES WITHOUT CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

[21.3.1 through 21.3.10 unchanged.]

21.3.11 Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows:

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be a secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.12 Track and Field Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows:

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be a secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

[21.3.11 renumbered as 21.3.13 unchanged.]

21.3.14 Wresting Rules Committee. The Wrestling Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows:

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be a secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

B. Bylaw: Amend 21.4, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.4 COMMON COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEES WITH PLAYING RULES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

[21.4.1 through 21.4.4 unchanged.]

~~*21.4.5 Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee shall consist of 21 members and shall be constituted as follows:*~~

~~*(a) There shall be at least two representatives from Districts 1 and 2; two representatives from District 3; two representatives from District 4; one representative from Districts 5, 6 and 7; and one representative from District 8;*~~

~~*(b) Eight members shall be from Division I and shall compose a Division I subcommittee. Four members of the subcommittee shall represent men's swimming interests and four members shall represent women's swimming interests, including three positions allocated for men, three allocated for women and two unallocated;*~~

~~*(c) Four members shall be from Division II and shall compose a Division II subcommittee. Two members of the subcommittee shall represent men's swimming interests and two members shall represent women's swimming interests, including one position allocated for a man, one allocated for a woman and two unallocated;*~~

~~*(d) Four members shall be from Division III and shall compose a Division III subcommittee. Two members of the subcommittee shall represent men's swimming and diving interests and two members shall represent women's swimming and diving interests, including one position allocated for a man, one allocated for a woman and two unallocated;*~~

~~*(e) An additional four members shall represent diving interests, two representing men's diving and two representing women's diving. Two shall be Division I representatives, one shall be a Division II representative, and one shall be a Division III representative; and*~~

~~*(f) An additional member shall be secretary-rules editor.*~~

~~*21.4.6 Track and Field Committee, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee shall consist of 25 members and shall be constituted as follows:*~~

~~*(a) There shall be at least four representatives from each of the following four geographical regions: Districts 1 and 2; District 3; Districts 4 and 5; and Districts 6, 7 and 8;*~~

~~*(b) Twelve members shall be from Division I and shall compose a Division I subcommittee. Six members of the subcommittee shall represent men's track and field interests and six members shall represent women's track and field interests, including four positions allocated for men, four allocated for women and four unallocated;*~~

~~*(c) Six members shall be from Division II and shall compose a Division II subcommittee. Three members of the subcommittee shall represent men's track and field interests and three members shall represent women's track and field interests, including two positions allocated for men, two allocated for women and two unallocated;*~~

~~*(d) Six members shall be from Division III and shall compose a Division III subcommittee. Three members of the subcommittee shall represent men's track and field interests and three members shall represent women's track and field interests, including two positions allocated for men, two allocated for women and two unallocated;*~~

~~*(e) An additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and*~~

~~*(f) A rules-editing subcommittee shall have five members, including two members appointed by the Division I subcommittee, one member each appointed by the Division II and Division III subcommittees, and the secretary-rules editor. The rules-editing subcommittee shall formulate playing rules subject to the approval of the full committee.*~~

[21.4.7 through 21.4.8 renumbered as 21.4.5 through 21.4.6, unchanged.]

~~*21.4.9 Wrestling Committee. The Wrestling Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows:*~~

~~*(a) There shall be at least one representative from District 3 and at least two representatives from each of the following three geographical regions: Districts 1 and 2; Districts 4 and 5; and Districts 6, 7 and 8;*~~

~~*(b) Six members shall be from Division I, three members shall be from Division II and three members shall be from Division III; and*~~

~~*(c) An additional member shall be secretary-rules editor.*~~

C. Bylaw: Amend Figure 21-1, as follows:

FIGURE 21-1

Committee Membership

Committee	Number of Members
Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's and Women's	~~7~~**8**, ~~*including the four Division III representatives to the common Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities (see Bylaw 21.4.6) and three additional members: one representing men's swimming interests; one representing women's swimming interests; and one selected at large. There shall be one or two representatives from District 1; one or two from District 2; one from District 3; one or two from District 4; one from Districts 5, 6 or 7; and one from District 8.*~~ **three members shall represent men's swimming and diving interests and four members shall represent women's swimming and diving interests with two positions allocated for a m an and three allocated for a woman and two unallocated with one additional member representing diving interests.**
Track and Field Committee, Men's and Women's	8, ~~*consisting of six Division III representatives to the common Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities (see Bylaw 21.4.7) and two additional members: one of the additional members representing men's track and field interests and the other representing women's track and field interests. One member shall be elected from each of the Division III track and field regions*~~ **four members shall represent men's track and field interests and four members shall represent women's track and field interests with four positions allocated for men and four allocated for women. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division III track and field regions.***
Wrestling Committee	4~~*, consisting of the three Division III representatives to the common Wrestling Committee with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities and one additional member: one member shall be elected from Districts 1 and 2, one from Districts 4 and 5, and two at large.*~~

*The Men's and Women's Track and Field shall be responsible for the Division III cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field championships.

Additional Information: The creation of separate rules-making committees will result in several positive outcomes, including a more focused effort on the part of divisional representatives to the rules-making process and greater reach among the membership with respect to sport-focused committee composition. In addition, a move to separate rules committees underscores the importance of a rules-making process that addresses the entirety of the competition season. The respective sport committees for Division I and Division III are also in support of this recommendation. The need for regular dialogue between the new rules-making committees and the sports committees will be important to allow for meaningful input in the rules-making process, including the development of rules surveys. For the sports of track and field and cross country, and swimming and diving, as individuals are evaluated in the nominating process, attention should be paid to expertise in the various disciplines within the sport (e.g., diving for swimming and diving; distance running, throws, pole vault, etc. for track and field and cross country).

Review History:

June 2, 2011: Recommends Approval – Championships Committee

July 26, 2011: Approved in Concept – Management Council

Title: COMMITTEES -- STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -- VACANCIES

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2012-24

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

Status: Ready for Management Council Consideration

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee select representatives when a vacancy occurs and requires the NCAA Division III Nominating Committee perform this duty; further, to specify that a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Nominating Committee for purposes of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee selections.

A. Bylaws: Amend Bylaw 21.9.5.9, as follows:

21.9.5.9 Nominating Committee.

21.9.5.9.1 Composition. The Nominating Committee shall consist of eight members, including at least one former NCAA officer or former member of the NCAA Council or Management Council, one current member of the Management Council, and one president or chancellor. A maximum of five members may be at large. The committee shall include at least three men, at least three women, and at least one member of an ethnic minority. At least one member shall be appointed from each of the four geographical regions per Constitution 4.13.1.1. **A current member of the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity for selections to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

[21.9.5.9.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend Bylaw 21.9.5.10, as follows:

21.9.5.10 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

[21.9.5.10.1 unchanged.]

~~*21.9.5.10.2 Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs on the committee, a student-athlete representative shall be selected by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee from a slate of nominees, subject to review by the Division III*~~

~~*Nominating Committee and ratification by the NCAA Division III Management Council.*~~

[21.9.5.10.3 through 21.9.5.10.5 renumbered as 21.9.5.10.2 through 21.9.5.10.4, unchanged.]

Additional Information: Currently, the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is the only committee involved in the nomination, review and selection process when vacancies occur. For all other Division III committees, these matters are handled by the NCAA Division III Nominating Committee. SAAC noted vacancies for SAAC should be handled in the same manner. Further, a current member of SAAC shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee for selections to SAAC in order to provide student-athlete specific guidance to the Nominating Committee deliberations.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

July 26, 2011: Approved in concept – Management Council – Supplement No. 9, action item.

October 2011 Management Council Meeting
Modifications of Wording for 2012 Convention

Modifications of Wording - These proposals are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation and sufficient documentation and testimony exists to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent. They become effective and are considered adopted when approved in legislative format by a two-thirds majority of the Management Council. Further, they are subject to ratification at the annual Convention business session.

Note – in the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in ~~*italics and strikethrough*~~ are to be deleted.
- Those letters and words that appear in **bold and underlined** are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division III legislation.
- Proposal numbers for proposals with a status of "Ready for Consideration by Management Council" are tentative, pending approval by the Management Council.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent
M-2012-1	ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFERS -- FOUR-YEAR TRANSFERS -- ELIGIBILITY AT THE TIME OF TRANSFER	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)	Immediate	To clarify that a transfer student's eligibility is determined by whether he or she would have been academically and athletically eligible for competition at his or her previous institution at the time the student transfers to the certifying institution.
M-2012-2	NCAA MEMBERSHIP – CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP – NCAA CONVENTION ATTENDANCE—REPRESENTATION AND VOTE BY CERTIFIED VOTING DELEGATE	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee)	Immediate.	To clarify that each year an active member institution must be represented by an institutional staff member who is certified as a voting delegate and who votes at the NCAA Convention Division III business session.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent
M-2012-3	ELIGIBILITY -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY --WRESTLING	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)	August 1, 2011.	In wrestling, to clarify 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.
M-2012-4	AMATEURISM – PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES – PERMISSIBLE – PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION IN INSTITUTIONAL FUNDRAISERS OR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES	Ready for Ratification at Convention	NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)	Immediate.	To clarify that prospective student-athletes may not be involved in institutional fundraisers or promotional activities.

October 2011 Management Council Meeting
Modification of Wording Legislation for 2012 Convention

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFERS -- FOUR-YEAR TRANSFERS -- ELIGIBILITY AT THE TIME OF TRANSFER

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: M-2012-1

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

Category: Modification of Wording

Topical Area: Eligibility

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To clarify that a transfer student's eligibility is determined by whether he or she would have been academically and athletically eligible for competition at his or her previous institution at the time the student transfers to the certifying institution.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4.1, as follows:

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

[14.5.4.1-(a) through 14.5.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The student transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year college, and then to the certifying institution, provided the student either would have been athletically and academically eligible**, at the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2),** had he or she remained at the previous four-year institution or he or she successfully completed at least 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit at the two-year college and spent at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters of attendance at the two-year college.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.1.1, as follows:

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

[14.5.5.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution and would have been academically and athletically eligible**, at the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2),** had he or she remained at ~~*that*~~ **the previous** institution.

Additional Information: Current transfer legislation does not explicitly specify the point at which to determine whether a student-athlete "would have been academically and athletically eligible had he or she remained" at the previous four-year institution. According to the original intent of Proposal No. 1991-27 and further articulated in Proposal 1997-72, a transfer student-athlete was immediately eligible "only if the student-athlete was academically and athletically

eligible for competition at his or her previous institution at the time the student-athlete transferred from that institution." Therefore, the committee confirmed that the point in time at which the question should be answered is when a student-athlete triggers transfer status per Bylaw 14.5.2 (conditions affecting transfer status) based on the legislation's intent. Clarification of this will assist the membership in applying the transfer rules.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

October 18, 2010: Approved in Concept - Management Council - Supplement No. 9, Item No. 1-(f).

January 12, 2011: Approved in legislative format - Management Council - Supplement No. 20.

Title: NCAA MEMBERSHIP – CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP – NCAA CONVENTION ATTENDANCE—REPRESENTATION AND VOTE BY CERTIFIED VOTING DELEGATE

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: M-2012-2

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

Category: Modification of Wording

Topical Area: NCAA Membership

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To clarify that each year an active member institution must be represented by an institutional staff member who is certified as a voting delegate and who votes at the NCAA Convention Division III business session.

A. Bylaws: Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.14 unchanged.]

3.2.4.15 Convention and Regional Rules Seminar Attendance. **Each year,** ~~A~~**a**n active member institution must be represented by ~~*a voting delegate*~~ **an institutional staff member who is certified as a voting delegate (see Constitution 5.1.3.4) and who votes for his or her institution** at the NCAA Convention **Division III** business session ~~*each year*~~**. At least once every three years, an active member institution must be represented** by at least one institutional staff member at the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar ~~*at least every three years*~~.

[Remainder of 3.2.4 unchanged.]

Additional Information: Current legislation specifies that an institution may satisfy the NCAA Convention attendance requirement through representation by a voting delegate; however, that wording did not contemplate a situation in which an institution appoints its conference as its voting delegate with no actual attendance by an institutional staff member. This is contrary to the intent and rationale of the legislation that the legislation be satisfied only if an institutional staff member attends the Division III business session and casts a vote. Therefore, this change is necessary to reflect the intent of the legislation.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Management Council Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 10, item 1-(a).

July 26, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 24.

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY -- WRESTLING

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: August 1, 2011

Official Notice Number: M-2012-3

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

Proposal Category: Modification of Wording

Topical Area: Eligibility

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: In wrestling, to clarify 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.

Bylaws: Amend 14.7, as follows:

14.7 OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY. The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaw 17.02.9) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

14.7.1 Outside Competition. A student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition in that sport until eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate season in the sport (see Bylaw 14.7.3 for exceptions and waivers) unless restored to eligibility before that time by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

14.7.1.1 Additional Restriction – Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's intercollegiate season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, except during the period 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.

[14.7.2 through 14.7.2.4 unchanged.]

14.7.2.5 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.

14.7.2.5.1 No Competition Between Beginning of Academic Year and 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.

[Remainder 14.7 unchanged.]

Additional Information: The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed the history of Proposal No. 2011-12 and noted the final version of the proposal did not include part of the original recommendation that the same date restrictions apply to a student-athlete's participation in outside competition (on a team or as an individual). Since the intent was for all three divisions to be the same regarding practice and competition start dates, the committee believed it was appropriate to modify the outside competition legislation in accordance with the written history of the recommendation.

Estimated Financial Impact: None.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Management Council – Approved in concept – Supplement No. 12, item 1-f.

July 26, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 24.

Title: AMATEURISM -- PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES -- PERMISSIBLE -- PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION IN INSTITUTIONAL FUNDRAISERS OR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: M-2012-4

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

Category: Modification of Wording

Topical Area: Amateurism

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To clarify that prospective student-athletes may not be involved in institutional fundraisers or promotional activities.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.5, as follows:

12.5 PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

[12.5.1 through 12.5.1.1.6 unchanged.]

12.5.1.1.7 Prospective Student-Athlete's Participation in Institutional Fundraisers or Promotions. Prospective student-athletes may not be involved in institutional fundraisers or promotional activities ~~*before initial full-time collegiate enrollment*~~. **(see Bylaw 13.02.6)**.

[12.5.1.2 through 12.5.1.11.1.1 unchanged.]

Additional Information: A review of the interpretive and legislative history indicates the legislation was not intended to prohibit an individual from being involved with an institutional fundraiser even after he or she was no longer considered a prospective student-athlete (e.g., reporting for squad practice). This modification of wording is necessary to eliminate the confusion given the general understanding of how a prospective student-athlete and student-athlete are defined.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

April 11, 2011: Management Council - Approved in Concept - Supplement No. 12, item 1-(g).

July 26, 2011: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council Supplement No. 24

October 2011 Management Council Meeting -- Administrative Regulations Legislation

Administrative Regulations – The Management Council is empowered to adopt or revise administrative regulations consistent with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws, subject to amendment by the Division III membership, for the implementation of policy established by legislation governing the general activities of each division. These administrative bylaws become part of the Division III legislation and are considered adopted when approved in legislative format by the Management Council. They are not required to be ratified at the annual Convention business session.

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Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
ADM--2012--1	EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES -- FINANCIAL PENALTIES	Ready for Consideration by Management Council	NCAA Division III Management Council (Championships Committee).	Immediate	To increase the maximum penalty from $300 to $600 for an institution's failure to adhere to published procedures for the submission of regular-season results, availability questionnaires and/or entry forms.	Increase for institutions subject to the penalty.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Budget Impact
ADM--2012--2	EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF BALANCE OF CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD -- SECONDARY CRITERIA -- RANKING AND SELECTION -- PERFORMANCE IN PREVIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON -- FOOTBALL	Ready for Consideration by Management Council	NCAA Division III Management Council (Championships Committee).	Immediate	In football, to specify that if all primary criteria are equal among teams with undefeated records, performance in the previous championship season may be considered in the secondary criteria.	None.

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Administrative Regulations Legislation for 2012 Convention

Title: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES -- FINANCIAL PENALTIES

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

IPOPL Number: na

SPOPL Number: na

Official Notice Number: ADM-2012-1

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

Proposal Category: Administrative Regulation

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To increase the maximum penalty from $300 to $600 for an institution's failure to adhere to published procedures for the submission of regular-season results, availability questionnaires and/or entry forms.

Administrative: Amend 31.1.13.1, as follows:

31.1.13.1 Financial Penalties. A governing sports committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing championships administration, subject to review by and appeal to the Championships Committee. The institution may be assessed:

(a) One hundred dollars per team or $50 per individual, up to a $~~3~~**6**00 maximum penalty, for failure to adhere to published procedures for the submission of regular-season results, availability questionnaires and/or entry forms;

[Remainder of 31.1.13.1 unchanged.]

Additional Information: The $300 maximum financial penalty for failure to adhere to policies and procedures governing championships administration has not increased since the adoption of the provision. Research indicates that $600 in today's dollars is the equivalent of $300 when the original legislation was adopted. This proposal increases the maximum fine that may be imposed without seeking prior championships committee approval. Any fine above $600 would continue to require prior championships committee approval.

Budget Impact: Increase for institutions subject to the penalty.

Review History:

July 26, 2011: Approved in Concept - Management Council - Supplement No. 5, action item No. 1-(d).

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Title: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF BALANCE OF CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD -- SECONDARY CRITERIA -- RANKING AND SELECTION -- PERFORMANCE IN PREVIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON -- FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 2012

Effective Date: Immediate

IPOPL Number: na

SPOPL Number: na

Official Notice Number: ADM-2012-2

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

Proposal Category: Administrative Regulation

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: In football, to specify that if all primary criteria are equal among teams with undefeated records, performance in the previous championship season may be considered in the secondary criteria.

Administrative: Amend 31.3.3.2.2, as follows:

31.3.3.2.2 Secondary Criteria – Ranking and Selection.

[31.3.3.2.2-(a) through 31.3.3.2.2-(h) unchanged.]

> **31.3.3.2.2.1 Performance in Previous Championship Season – Football. In football, if all primary criteria are equal among teams with undefeated records, performance in the previous championship season may be considered in the secondary criteria.**

Additional Information: The maximum number of games that a football team can play is 10 and the conference schedule typically determines 80 to 90 percent of those games. This percentage is significantly higher in football than it is in any other sport. After taking into account conference games (an automatic .500 strength-of-schedule), the committee is left with only one or two games that have statistical significance within the existing criteria. Permitting the committee to consider a team's performance in the previous championship season would provide an additional criterion to use to evaluate the teams and distinguish one undefeated team from another. Moreover, unlike many sports, a football team's success is based on the performance of a significant number of players; thus the rise and fall of a team is usually not affected by the graduation of a few players. If a team has done well in the previous championship and is currently undefeated, there is a significant probability that the team's prior success is an indicator of future success.

Budget Impact: None.

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NCAA Government Relations Report

(September 2011)

1. Congressional Overview.

Continued challenging economic conditions in the United States and around the world have led Congress to make the nation's overall fiscal health the focus of its agenda for the remainder of 2011. Prior to its annual August recess, Congress passed the Budget Control Act of 2011, which raised the debt ceiling and required a bipartisan joint-select committee to propose ways to reduce the deficit. If proposals from this committee are not passed by December 23, 2011, as much as $1.2 trillion dollars in cuts will occur in defense and non-defense spending. Policymakers appointed to this joint committee include: Senator John Kerry (D-MA), Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Senator John Kyl (R-AZ), Senator Rob Portman (R-OH), Senator Patrick Toomey (R-PA), Representative Dave Camp (R-MI), Representative Fred Upton (R-MI), Representative Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Representative Xavier Becerra (D-CA), Representative James Clyburn (D-SC), and Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD).

With the legislative deadlines implemented under the Budget Control Act, Congress and the White House will be under pressure to come to an agreement before the end of the year. Other issues expected to gain attention this year include the expiring exemptions to the Alternative Minimum Tax, consideration of the defense authorization bill and an attempt to write a multi-year solution to prevent scheduled cuts in reimbursement rates for physicians who take Medicare patients.

To date, sports issues have not seen a significant amount of legislative attention. However, Congress has paid close attention to the labor negotiations of the professional sports leagues, proposed testing of HGH in the NFL, improved safety standards for athletes at all levels of play, and the realignment of conference affiliations in college sports.

2. Federal Issues.

a. Concussions and Helmet Safety.

Congress has continued to express an interest in addressing concerns with mild traumatic brain injuries and the utility of the equipment being used to protect athletes on all levels of play. The NCAA government relations office is actively tracking legislation relevant to this issue including H.R. 1127 and its companion measure in

the Senate, S. 601, the Children's Sports Athletic Equipment Safety Act. This legislation would give industry groups nine months to improve the voluntary football helmet standards for youth athletes. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) would be given the responsibility of determining if those standards are adequate. If deemed inadequate, the CPSC would launch an effort to establish mandatory standards for football helmets worn by high school and younger athletes. Also of interest is H.R. 469, the Protecting Student-Athletes from Concussions Act of 2011. Under this bill, public elementary and secondary schools would be required to educate students, parents and personnel on concussion safety and implement a standard plan for concussion safety and management.

To date, these measures have not received a significant amount of legislative attention. However, the NCAA government relations staff and NCAA health and safety staff have continued to work with interested parties and share relevant information to identify ways to protect student-athletes on all levels of play.

b. Internet Gambling.

In September 2006, Congress passed the SAFE Port Act, which included language seeking to curb Internet gambling. The language, which was taken from the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA), prohibits any person engaged in the business of betting or wagering from knowingly accepting certain financial instruments, credit cards and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling. At the time of passage there was opposition from some members of Congress because of the bill's strong restrictions while others were bothered that the language was included as an amendment to the SAFE Port Act, which was a larger security measure. In response to these concerns, several measures have been introduced during the 112th Congress.

H.R. 1174, the Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act, was introduced by Representative John Campbell (R-CA) on March 17, 2011. The measure, which has the support of Financial Services Ranking Member Barney Frank (D-MA), would essentially overturn the 2006 law and prescribe administrative and licensing requirements for Internet betting. If passed, the bill would also permit states to opt-out of Internet gambling activities within their respective jurisdictions.

H.R. 2366, the Internet Gambling Prohibition, Poker Consumer Protection, and Strengthening UIGEA Act of 2011, was introduced by Representative Joe Barton (R-TX) on June 24, 2011. This measure would allow for the licensing, regulation, and taxation of Internet poker. Similar to H.R. 1174, this bill would provide states the opportunity to opt out of online poker within their respective jurisdiction.

H.R. 2230, the Internet Gambling Regulation and Tax Enforcement Act of 2011, was introduced by Representative Jim McDermott (D-WA) on June 16, 2011. This bill would establish a structure to regulate and tax Internet gambling operations. Specifically, the measure would impose a two percent federal tax on Internet gambling providers, require those providers to submit detailed information on individual betters, and require the withholding of tax on net Internet gambling winnings.

It is important to note that H.R. 1174 and H.R. 2366 both contain language specifically prohibiting wagering on athletic competitions. Since introduction, these measures have not received significant legislative attention. NCAA government relations staff will continue to track legislation in this area.

c. President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition.

The NCAA Government Relations staff has worked as a liaison with the staff of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, Sport and Nutrition and our headquarters' colleagues to incorporate participation in the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award program within our other fitness initiatives at NCAA championships. The NCAA efforts were acknowledged by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and the Board of the President's Council during the Worldwide Day of Play event held at the White House Ellipse on September 24, 2011.

3. <u>State Issues</u>.

a. Lystedt Law.

In an effort to address concerns with mild traumatic brain injuries suffered by athletes on all levels of play, the NCAA has joined with the NFL and several medical organizations to seek passage of the Lystedt law throughout the country. The Lystedt

law, which was initially passed in the state of Washington in 2009, establishes a concussion management policy for youth athletes. Under the law, athletes, parents, and coaches will be educated about the dangers associated with concussions. Also, any student-athlete who is suspected of having a concussion must be removed from play and the athlete will not be allowed to return to play until he/she is cleared by a licensed physician.

To date, the NFL and NCAA have been successful in seeking passage of the Lystedt law in more than half of the states. While many state legislatures have adjourned for the year, the measure is still under consideration in Wisconsin, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The NCAA and NFL will continue to work in a collaborative manner to seek adoption of the Lystedt law in all fifty states.

b. Uniform Athlete Agents Act.

The Uniform Athlete Agents Act (UAAA) is a state model act designed to protect student-athletes and membership institutions from the unscrupulous conduct of some athlete agents. The act establishes uniform athlete agent registration procedures and places limitations on the type of conduct that an athlete-agent may engage in when dealing with a student-athlete. In addition, the act imposes criminal, civil and/or administrative penalties against unscrupulous agents.

During the last year, nearly a quarter of the 40 states that adopted the UAAA, have considered legislation to amend the act. Concerns about the effectiveness of the law have driven the discussion in this area. Most of these new measures have sought to increase the criminal and civil penalties for violating the law, alter the definition of athlete-agent to broaden the scope of individuals who must adhere to the law, and add a provision requiring that notice be given to a membership institution before an athlete-agent may have contact with a student-athlete.

In an attempt to maintain uniformity amongst the various state laws and to explore the effectiveness of the model act, the NCAA government relations staff and the NCAA enforcement staff are planning to hold a summit to probe these issues on November 17, 2011. Attendees will include state representatives who administer and enforce the act as well as personnel from professional sports leagues and membership institutions.

c. Higher Education Associations.

NCAA government relations staff continues to build strong relationships with various higher education associations. The American Council on Education (ACE), the Association of American Universities (AAU), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), and the National Association of Colleges and University Business Officers (NACUBO) among others, continue to provide guidance and support on issues of common interest. The NCAA government relations staff looks forward to continuing these mutually beneficial relationships to better formulate and further the NCAA's legislative goals.

NCAA Inclusion of Transgender Student-Athletes

Office of Inclusion

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Office of Inclusion

As a core value, the NCAA believes in and is committed to diversity, inclusion and gender equity among its student-athletes, coaches and administrators. We seek to establish and maintain an inclusive culture that fosters equitable participation for student-athletes and career opportunities for coaches and administrators from diverse backgrounds. Diversity and inclusion improve the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhance excellence within the Association.

The Office of Inclusion will provide or enable programming and education, which sustains foundations of a diverse and inclusive culture across dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to age, race, sex, national origin, class, creed, educational background, disability, gender expression, geographical location, income, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation and work experiences.

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The purpose of this resource is to provide guidance to NCAA athletic programs about how to ensure transgender student-athletes fair, respectful, and legal access to collegiate sports teams based on current medical and legal knowledge. It provides best practice and policy recommendations for intercollegiate athletic programs to provide transgender student-athletes with fair and equal opportunities to participate. In addition to specific policy recommendations for college athletics, the resource provides guidance for implementing these policies to ensure the safety, privacy, and dignity of transgender student-athletes as well as their teammates. Specific best practice recommendations are provided for athletic administrators, coaches, student-athletes and the media.

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INTRODUCTION

What Does Transgender Mean?

"Transgender" describes an individual whose gender identity (one's internal psychological identification as a boy/man or girl/woman) does not match the person's sex at birth. For example, a male-to-female (MTF) transgender person is someone who was born with a male body, but who identifies as a girl or a woman. A female-to-male (FTM) transgender person is someone who was born with a female body, but who identifies as a boy or a man.[1]

It is important that all people recognize and respect the transgender person's identification as a man or a woman. In order to feel comfortable and to express their gender identity, transgender people may take a variety of steps: changing their names and self-referencing pronouns to better match their gender identity; choosing clothes, hairstyles, or other aspects of self-presentation that reflect their gender identity; and generally living, and presenting themselves to others, consistently with their gender identity. Some, but not all, transgender people take hormones or undergo surgical procedures to change their bodies to better reflect their gender identity.

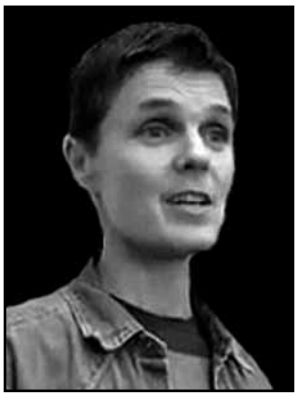
Some people are confused by the difference between transgender people and people who have intersex conditions. The key feature of being transgender is having a psychological identification as a man or a woman that differs from the person's sex at birth. Apart from having a gender identity that is different than their bodies, transgender people are not born with physical characteristics that distinguish them from others. In contrast, people with intersex conditions (which may also be called a "Disorders of Sex Development"), are born with physically mixed or atypical bodies with respect to sexual characteristics such as chromosomes, internal reproductive organs and genitalia, and external genitalia.[2]

An increasing number of high school- and college-aged young people are identifying as transgender (or trans), meaning that their internal sense of their gender identity is different from the gender they were assigned at birth. These students challenge educators to rethink an understanding of gender as universally fixed at birth. Educators must be open to this challenge to create educational institutions that value and meet the needs of all students. Once we recognize that transgender young people are part of school communities across the United States, educational leaders have a responsibility to ensure that these students have access to equal opportunities in all academic and extracurricular activities in a safe and respectful school environment.

For a more complete list of definitions and terms related to transgender people, refer to Appendix A.

STEPHANIE BRILL
Executive Director, Gender Spectrum

"There are more and more transgender children today who, even at young ages, are allowed to live their lives in alignment with who they are. As it becomes common medical procedure to allow these children to transition in childhood, athletic policies need to reflect this change in the landscape of student-athletes."



Athletics programs are widely accepted as integral parts of the college experience. The benefits of athletics participation include many positive effects on physical, social, and emotional well-being. Playing sports can provide student-athletes with important lessons about self-discipline, teamwork, success, and failure—as well as the joy and shared excitement that being a member of a sports team can bring.

For some students, playing on collegiate sports teams leads to future careers in athletics as competitors, coaches, administrators, and athletic trainers. All students, including those who are transgender, deserve access to these benefits.

Though the needs of transgender college students have received some attention in recent years, this issue has not been adequately addressed in the context of athletics. Few collegiate athletics programs, administrators, or coaches have been prepared to fairly, systematically, and effectively address a transgender student's interest in participating in athletics. The majority of intercollegiate athletics programs have no policy governing the inclusion of transgender student-athletes, and most coaches have not received any direction for accommodating a transgender student who wants to play on a sports team. In fact, most intercollegiate athletics programs have not received the information to address even basic accommodations such as knowing what pronouns or names to use when referring to a transgender student, where a transgender student should change clothes for practice or competition, or what bathroom or shower that student should use.

The best practices and recommended policies within this resource will provide athletics administrators and others involved in intercollegiate athletics with the information and tools to support participation of transgender student-athletes and create environments that respect students from all backgrounds.

PART ONE

Overview

This section provides an overview of issues related to providing participation opportunities for transgender student-athletes by addressing the following questions:

- Why must we address transgender issues in athletics?
- Why focus on college athletics?
- Should the participation of transgender student-athletes raise concerns about competitive equity?
- What are the benefits of adopting fair and inclusive policies?

Why Must We Address Transgender Issues in Collegiate Athletics Programs?

Educators must address transgender issues in athletics for several reasons. First and foremost, core values of equal opportunity and inclusion demand that educational leaders adopt thoughtful and effective policies that enable all students to participate fully in intercollegiate athletics programs. Over the course of many years, schools have learned and continue to appreciate the value and necessity of accommodating the sport participation interests of students of color, women, students with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, and bisexual students. These are all issues of basic fairness and equity that demand the expansion of our thinking about equal opportunity in sports. The right of transgender students to participate in sports calls for similar considerations of fairness and equal access.

Additionally, as more states, localities, and schools add gender identity and expression to their non-discrimination policies, and as more courts hold that sex discrimination laws protect transgender people, transgender students and their parents are increasingly empowered to insist that athletics programs accommodate transgender students (see Part Four: Appendix C for a compilation of state and federal laws, regulations, and legal decisions prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity/expression). To avoid decision-making that perpetuates discrimination, school leaders must be proactive in adopting policies that are consistent with school non-discrimination policies and state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity or expression (see Appendix A for definitions of gender identity and gender expression).

Though the number of transgender students is small, research indicates that their number is growing.[3] As the number of people who come out as transgender as teenagers and children increases, so too do the numbers of parents who support their transgender children and advocate for their rights to safety and fair treatment. In response to these demands, college leaders must be prepared to accommodate the educational needs and protect the rights of transgender students.

To respond to these realities, athletics conferences and individual universities/colleges are well advised to proactively adopt policies and best practices that provide equal opportunities for transgender students to participate on sports teams. Moreover, in the spirit of encouraging sports participation for all, it is the right thing to do.

In order to design effective policies, educators must understand that gender is a core part of everyone's identity and that gender is more complex than our society generally acknowledges. Learning about the experience of transgender people can help us to see more clearly how gender affects all of our lives, and to put that knowledge into practice in order to better serve all students.

Addressing the needs of transgender students is an important emerging equal opportunity issue that must be taken seriously by school leaders. Because a more complex understanding of gender may be new and

challenging for some people, there is a danger that misinformation and stereotypes rather than accurate and up-to-date information will guide policy decisions. Campus and athletics administrators who are charged with policy development need guidance to avoid including misconceptions and misinformation in policies that, ultimately, create more problems than they solve.

Lea Robinson
Associate Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Columbia University
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
(former coach and athlete)

"During my coaching career, there was little discussion of the existence of transgender student-athletes and few resources for those student-athletes that did identify as transgender.

In my own experience, the few students that I did suspect may have identified as transgender weren't really able to come out in those settings because of a lack of support within their athletic communities as well as a real lack of resources, education, and safe spaces.

I believe that the implementation of supportive policies would signify a commitment to the support and acceptance of transgender-identified student-athletes and coaches, and aid in creating more spaces for dialogue and education within the culture of athletics regarding issues and challenges facing transgender student-athletes.

Those policies will also give transgender student-athletes and coaches the guidance, support, encouragement, and sense of safety they need to pursue what can sometimes be a very difficult journey."

Why Focus on College Athletics?

Providing equal opportunities in all aspects of school programming is a core value in education. As an integral part of higher educational institutions, college athletics programs are responsible and accountable for reflecting the goals and values of the educational institutions of which they are a part. It follows that athletics programs must reflect the value of equal opportunity in all policies and practices.

A core purpose of college is to teach students how to participate and be good citizens in an increasingly diverse society and how to interact respectfully with others. In addition, college athletics programs impose limits on how many years a student-athlete can compete that do not exist in adult sporting competitions, where athletes can compete as long as their performances are viable or, in the case of most amateur sports, as long as they wish to. Intercollegiate athletics provides a unique opportunity to provide particpation opportunities for all students regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or gender expression.

As a core value, the NCAA believes in and is committed to diversity, inclusion and gender equity among its student-athletes, coaches and administrators. The NCAA seeks to establish and maintain an inclusive culture that fosters equitable participation for student-athletes and career opportunities for coaches and administrators from diverse backgrounds. Diversity and inclusion improve the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhance excellence within the Association.

The NCAA Office of Inclusion provides or enables programming and education, which sustains foundations of a diverse and inclusive culture across dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to age, race, sex, class, national origin, creed, educational background, disability, gender expression, geographical location,

income, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation and work experiences. In keeping with those values of inclusion, the NCAA encourages thoughtful development of policies and practices that provide fair participation opportunities for all student-athletes, including transgender individuals.

Should the Participation of Transgender Student-Athletes Raise Concerns About Competitive Equity ?

Concern about creating an "unfair competitive advantage" on sex-separated teams is one of the most often cited reasons for resistance to the participation of transgender student-athletes. This concern is cited most often in discussions about transgender women competing on a women's team. Some advocates for gender equality in college sports are concerned that allowing transgender women—that is, male-to-female transgender athletes who were born male, but who identify as female—to compete on women's teams will take away opportunities for women, or that transgender women will have a competitive advantage over other women competitors.

These concerns are based on three assumptions: one, that transgender women are not "real" women and therefore not deserving of an equal competitive opportunity; two, that being born with a male body automatically gives a transgender woman an unfair advantage when competing against non-transgender women; and three, that men might be tempted to pretend to be transgender in order to compete in competition with women.

These assumptions are not well founded. First, the decision to transition from one gender to the other—to align one's external gender presentation with one's internal sense of gender identity—is a deeply significant and difficult choice that is made only after careful consideration and for the most compelling of reasons. Gender identity is a core aspect of a person's identity, and it is just as deep seated, authentic, and real for a transgender person as for others. Male-to-female transgender women fully identify and live their lives as women, and female-to-male transgender men fully identify and live their lives as men.

Second, some people fear that transgender women will have an unfair advantage over non-transgender women. It is important to place that fear in context.

Transgender girls who medically transition at an early age do not go through a male puberty, and therefore their participation in athletics as girls does not raise the same equity concerns that arise when transgender women transition after puberty.

Transgender women display a great deal of physical variation, just as there is a great deal of natural variation in physical size and ability among non-transgender women and men. Many people may have a stereotype that all transgender women are unusually tall and have large bones and muscles. But that is not true. A male-to-female transgender woman may be small and slight, even if she is not on hormone blockers or taking estrogen. It is important not to overgeneralize. The assumption that all male-bodied people are taller, stronger, and more highly skilled in a sport than all female-bodied people is not accurate.[4]

DR. NICK GORTON

American Board of Emergency Medicine, Medical Legal Consultant, Trans Health Care

"Transgender student-athletes fall within the spectrum of physical traits found in athletes of their transitioned gender, allowing them to compete fairly and equitably."

It is also important to know that any strength and endurance advantages a transgender woman arguably may have as a result of her prior testosterone levels dissipate after about one year of estrogen or testosterone-suppression therapy. According to medical experts on this issue, the assumption that a transgender woman competing on a women's team would have a competitive advantage outside the range of performance and competitive advantage or disadvantage that already exists among female athletes is not supported by evidence.

Finally, fears that men will pretend to be female to compete on a women's team are unwarranted given that in the entire 40 year history of "sex verification" procedures in international sport competitions, no instances of such "fraud" have been revealed.[5] Instead, rather than identifying men who are trying to fraudulently compete as women, "sex verification" tests have been misused to humiliate and unfairly exclude women with intersex conditions.[6] The apparent failure of such tests to serve their stated purpose of deterring fraud—and the terrible damage they have caused to individual women athletes—should be taken into account when developing policies for the inclusion of transgender athletes.

Educators in collegiate athletics programs must develop thoughtful and informed practices that provide opportunities for all students, including transgender students, to participate in sports. These practices must be based on sound medical science, which shows that male-to-female transgender athletes do not have any automatic advantage over other women . These practices must also be based on the educational values of sport and the reasons why sport is included as a vital component of the educational environment: promoting the physical and psychological well-being of all students, and teaching students the values of equal opportunity, participation, inclusion, teamwork, discipline, and respect for diversity.

What Are the Benefits of Adopting Inclusive Practices Regarding Transgender Student-Athletes?

All stakeholders in NCAA athletics programs will benefit from adopting fair and inclusive practices enabling transgender student-athletes to participate on school sports teams. School-based sports, even at the most competitive levels, remain an integral part of the process of education and development of young people, especially emerging leaders in our society. Adopting fair and inclusive participation practices will allow school and athletics leaders to fulfill their commitment to create an environment in which all students can thrive, develop their full potential, and learn how to interact with persons from diverse groups.

JILL PILGRIM
Precise Advisory Group, Principal Counsel
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Ladies Professional Golf Association

"Colleges need to adopt transgender student-athlete accommodation policies to remedy the silent suffering of young people who have the right to participate and enjoy the same activities that all other students have access to, without being discriminated against."

Many schools and athletics departments identify diversity as a strength and have included sexual orientation and gender identity/expression in their non-discrimination policies. Athletics departments and personnel are responsible for creating and maintaining an inclusive and non- discriminatory climate in the areas they oversee. Adopting inclusive participation practices provides school athletics administrators with a concrete opportunity to fulfill that mandate and demonstrate their commitment to fair play and inclusion.

Moreover, when all participants in athletics are committed to fair play, inclusion, and respect, student-athletes are free to focus on performing their best in athletic competition and in the classroom. This climate promotes the well-being and achievement potential of all student-athletes. Every student-athlete and coach will benefit from meeting the challenge of overcoming fear and prejudice about social groups of which they are not members. This respect for difference will be invaluable to all student-athletes as they graduate and enter an increasingly diverse workforce in which knowing how to work effectively across differences is a professional and personal asset.

The benefits of school sports participation include many positive effects on physical, social, and emotional well-being. All students, including those who are transgender, deserve access to these benefits.[7] *When athletics departments adopt inclusive policies, they are living up to the educational values of equality that join them with the broad institutional and societal ideal of inclusion and respect for differences*.

PART TWO

Recommendations for Including Transgender Student-Athletes

This section of the resource includes:

- Guiding Principles
- Recommended Policy for College Athletics
- Additional Guidelines for Transgender Student-Athlete Inclusion

Guiding Principles

Policies governing the participation of transgender student-athletes should be informed by the following principles, and be included in the institution's transgender student-athlete policy statement:

1. Participation in intercollegiate athletics is a valuable part of the education experience for all students.
2. Transgender student-athletes should have equal opportunity to participate in sports.
3. The integrity of women's sports should be preserved.
4. Policies governing sports should be based on sound medical knowledge and scientific validity.
5. Policies governing sports should be objective, workable, and practicable; they should also be written, available and equitably enforced.
6. Policies governing the participation of transgender students in sports should be fair in light of the tremendous variation among individuals in strength, size, musculature, and ability.
7. The legitimate privacy interests of all student-athletes should be protected.
8. The medical privacy of transgender students should be preserved.
9. Athletics administrators, staff, parents of athletes, and student-athletes should have access to sound and effective educational resources and training related to the participation of transgender and gender-variant students in athletics.
10. Policies governing the participation of transgender students in athletics should comply with state and federal laws protecting students from discrimination based on sex, disability, and gender identity and expression.

Policy Recommendations for Collegiate Athletics

Policy development governing the inclusion of transgender student-athletes is an emerging endeavor. As new research on the participation of transgender athletes and the physiological effects of gender transition on athletic performance becomes available, policies may need to be re-evaluated to ensure that they reflect the most current research-based information.

KEELIN GODSEY

Former Student-Athlete, Bates College 2006, Northeastern College, 2010

I was 18 when I started to figure out I was transgender, but the thought of telling anyone was absolutely frightening. I didn't have the support system I needed and I didn't know how it would impact my track and field career.

I started researching rules and regulations for transgender athletes, and while I was able to find a policy from the International Olympic Committee, I couldn't find anything that would apply to me at the collegiate level. I later found out it was because they didn't have any policies.

I also tried to find information about transgender athletes, which, at the time, was like trying to find a needle in a haystack. I became very fearful that you couldn't be transgender and a champion collegiate athlete at the same time. This fear, the lack of policies and information about successful transgender athletes, and the fact that I was the track team's biggest scorer and a national contender each year, caused me to hold off on coming out as transgender for almost three years. I was so afraid of losing everything I had worked so hard to accomplish in track and field and that I would no longer be able to compete in something that defined me as much as being transgender does.

But by the end of my junior year I couldn't hide who I was anymore. I felt I had no choice but to face the consequences head on and come out as FTM. I was afraid if I didn't, I wouldn't make it through my senior year. I started by coming out to a professor/mentor. This wasn't too hard, but I knew that I had to come out to the athletic director, and that getting his/ her support was imperative in order for my "transition" of names and pronouns to work and my continued participation on the women's track and field team to go smoothly.

At the time, my track team had a new head coach, and I was really nervous about how she was going to respond. But after having a long talk with her it was clear that she understood and that she was there to help. Together, we were able to think through how my coming out might affect the team, and come up with the best plan for telling my teammates. When I came out to the team, I wasn't met with the fear and hate that I was expecting. In fact, it was the complete opposite. My team was awesome. The only thing that was said was, "Please forgive us if we slip on the pronouns while we adjust." And, to tell the truth, I don't think I ever once heard them slip up on pronouns.

Everyone's biggest concern was how my transition was going to be received outside of Bates, as, at that time, the NCAA didn't have any rules or guidelines about transgender athletes. Since I was already a national champion in the Women's Hammer Throw, as well as holding the DIII national record as an 11-time all-American, we knew my coming out was very much going to be a public event. Unfortunately, things went less smoothly off-campus than on. I was extremely lucky though to have the support of my teammates and my coach, who helped me succeed despite all of the outside stresses I experienced as an FTM competing at the national level on a women's team. My teammates were the first to defend me when people were being hateful, when the media was stalking me or when I was repetitively accused of cheating despite all of my clean drug (testosterone) tests. I had chosen to forego any medical transitioning to remain on my women's team. My team was also there to share in the positive things that happened as a result of my coming out.

NCAA Bylaws related to hormonal treatment and mixed teams.

Two areas of NCAA regulations can be impacted by transgender student-athlete participation: use of banned substances and mixed team status.

A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes. *(Revised: 5/8/06)*. NCAA Bylaw 18.02.2 for purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, a mixed team shall be counted as one team. A mixed team shall count toward the minimum sponsorship percentage for men's championships.

- NCAA rules state that a male participating in competition on a female team makes the team a "mixed team." The mixed team can be used for sports sponsorship numbers (provided other conditions, such as being an acceptable NCAA sport, outlined in Bylaw 20.9 (Division I), 20.10 (Division II) and 20.11 (Division III) are met) and counts toward the mixed/men's team minimums within the membership sports-sponsorship requirements. Such a team is ineligible for a women's NCAA championship but is eligible for a men's NCAA championship.
- A female on a men's team does not impact sports sponsorship in the application of the rule-the team still counts toward the mixed/men's numbers. Such a team is eligible for a men's NCAA championship.
- Once a team is classified as a mixed team, it retains that status through the remainder of the academic year without exception.

NCAA Bylaw 31.2.3 identifies testosterone as a banned substance, and provides for a medical exception review for demonstrated need for use of a banned medication. It is the responsibility of the NCAA institution to submit the request for a medical exception (see **www.ncaa.org/drugtesting**) for testosterone treatment prior to the student-athlete competing while undergoing treatment. In the case of testosterone suppression, the institution must submit written documentation to the NCAA of the year of treatment and ongoing monitoring of testosterone suppression.

NCAA Policy on Transgender Student-Athlete Participation

The following policies clarify participation of transgender student-athletes undergoing hormonal treatment for gender transition:

1. A trans male (FTM) student-athlete who has received a medical exception for treatment with testosterone for diagnosed Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for purposes of NCAA competition may compete on a men's team, but is no longer eligible to compete on a women's team without changing that team status to a mixed team.
2. A trans female (MTF) student-athlete being treated with testosterone suppression medication for Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for the purposes of NCAA competition may continue to compete on a men's team but may not compete on a women's team without changing it to a mixed team status until completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment.[8]

ERIC VILAIN

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"Research suggests that androgen deprivation and cross sex hormone treatment in male-to-female transsexuals reduces muscle mass; accordingly, one year of hormone therapy is an appropriate transitional time before a male-to-female student-athlete competes on a women's team."

Any transgender student-athlete who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate in sex-separated sports activities in accordance with his or her assigned birth gender.

- A trans male (FTM) student-athlete who is not taking testosterone related to gender transition may participate on a men's or women's team.
- A trans female (MTF) transgender student-athlete who is not taking hormone treatments related to gender transition may not compete on a women's team.

Additional considerations

The student's responsibilities

1. In order to avoid challenges to a transgender student's participation during a sport season, a student-athlete who has completed, plans to initiate, or is in the process of taking hormones as part of a gender transition should submit the request to participate on a sports team in writing to the director of athletics upon matriculation or when the decision to undergo hormonal treatment is made.
2. The request should include a letter from the student's physician documenting the student-athlete's intention to transition or the student's transition status if the process has already been initiated. This letter should identify the prescribed hormonal treatment for the student's gender transition and documentation of the student's testosterone levels, if relevant.

The school's responsibilities

1. The director of athletics should meet with the student to review eligibility requirements and procedure for approval of transgender participation.
2. If hormone treatment is involved in the student-athlete's transition, the director of athletics should notify the NCAA of the student's request to participate with a medical exception request.
3. To assist in educating and in development of institutional policy and practice, a Transgender Participation Committee should be established. Members of the committee should represent a cross section of the institutional staff with student well-being interests, and include representation from the following departments: office of general counsel, health and counseling, faculty/academic affairs, and athletics.
4. All discussions among involved parties and required written supporting documentation should be kept confidential, unless the student-athlete makes a specific request otherwise. All information about an individual student's transgender identity and medical information, including physician's information provided pursuant to this policy, shall be maintained confidentially.

PAR T THREE

Best Practices and Guidelines for Inclusion of Transgender Student-Athletes

Part Three describes best practices — the actions that coaches, administrators and student-athletes can take to assure the inclusion of transgender student-athletes. Although these practices specifically address transgender student-athletes, they can be used to address discrimination based on other factors as well, such as race, religion, class, and sexual orientation.

The first part of this section describes general best practices for everyone. The next sections identify best practices recommended specifically to athletics administrators, coaches, student-athletes, and athletics staff who interact with the media.

MORGAN DICKENS
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"There are differences between being male and female, but being gender fluid doesn't mean I reject these differences, it just means I'm rejecting the idea that I have to be defined one way or another. The clear delineation between male and female in the sporting world doesn't leave room for someone like me. When I started presenting in a more masculine way, I was ostracized in girls' locker rooms, told I was in the wrong bathroom, and even once had my gender questioned during a co-ed intramural football game. Because athletics are such an important part of my life, I deal with these and other inequalities and misunderstandings. While I'm prepared to handle it, my concern is there aren't many other people out there who are prepared and willing to engage in a dialogue about the presence of gender fluid athletes in sport."

Overall Best Practices

1. **Provide Equal Opportunity** — Colleges and universities often have legal obligations to provide equal opportunity to student-athletes and to personnel, including coaches. All those involved in athletics should be aware of these obligations, and treat them as core values, guiding policies and practices. Transgender discrimination may be a part of a systemic problem where the broader environment is unfriendly or discriminatory toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. This can negatively affect all men and women who participate in athletic competition. If discrimination is accepted as part of the common practices of an athletics department, this will undermine the core principle of equal opportunity.
2. **Value Diversity** — In creating guidelines or best practices for including transgender student-athletes, it is important to place this conversation in the context of the athletics department's broad commitments to safety, fairness, and respect for all participants. It helps when athletics department leadership, including coaches, value all aspects of diversity. Collegiate athletics provides an opportunity for students to compete with and against others who come from different races, cultures, religions, sexual

orientations, gender identities and expressions, and social classes, but all of whom share the common goal of achieving athletic excellence. Valuing this common ground enhances the social and competitive experience for all. Athletics administrators should make their commitment to valuing diversity explicit in media interviews and other public speaking opportunities as well as in meetings with athletics department staff. That diversity-valuing approach then shapes and informs activities throughout the athletics department and is conveyed to coaches and student-athletes. Everyone should also understand how these core values are important to team success and to individual team member development. Teams that value each member's contribution to the unit, while respecting individual differences, provide a foundation for the whole team and each member of the team to focus on achieving their athletic and academic goals.

3. **Establish policy** — When diversity values are explicit, athletics departments, institutions, state, and national governing organizations are in a position to develop specific policy statements that reflect a commitment to these values. These policy statements, if followed, protect schools, administrators, student-athletes, and coaches from litigation and other negative consequences. Coaches should know that they may have a transgender student-athlete on their teams and should be equipped to make that experience a positive one for the athlete and teammates. Parents should communicate the importance of these values in meetings with prospective coaches and athletics administrators. Student-athletes can discuss these values with new team members and in public speaking opportunities.

LAURIE PRIEST
Chair of Physical Education and Director of Athletics, Mt. Holyoke College

"It is imperative that administrators and coaches provide a safe and inclusive environment so that all student-athletes can participate and achieve success. Being aware of appropriate laws can help us to develop policies and implement practices to assure that all of our students are treated with respect."

Best Practices for Athletics Administrators

Best practices for athletics administrators focus on policy development, discrimination prevention, education, enforcement procedures, and consequences. These best practices will be helpful to a wide range of athletics administrators in organizations including colleges and universities, collegiate sport-governing organizations, coaches associations, and athletics conferences.

1. If the school does not have an inclusive non-discrimination and harassment policy, work with other school administrators to adopt a policy that includes gender identity and expression.
2. Respect the right to privacy of all student-athletes with respect to personal information (including whether a student is transgender) when discussing gender identity and expression and understand that all medical information must be kept confidential in accordance with applicable state, local, and federal privacy laws.
3. Become knowledgeable about collegiate non-discrimination and harassment policies that include gender identity and expression.
4. Include gender identity and expression in departmental non-discrimination statements on all official department documents and web sites.
5. Become aware of state and federal non-discrimination laws that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and expression (see Part 4 Appendix C for a list of relevant federal and state laws).
6. Adopt an effective and fair athletics departmental policy addressing the participation of transgender

student-athletes that is consistent with school policy and state or federal non-discrimination laws.

7. Educate all members of the athletics department community (including staff, student-athletes, and parents) about departmental and school policy regarding the participation of transgender student-athletes in athletics.
8. Educate yourself about transgender identity, preferred terminology, and current scientific perspectives on the participation of transgender student-athletes on men's and women's sports teams.
9. Work with athletics conferences of which your school is a member to adopt fair and effective policies governing the participation of transgender student-athletes.
10. Recommend that your athletics conference sponsor educational programs for coaches and student-athletes on the inclusion of transgender student-athletes, preferred terminology, and understanding transgender identity.
11. Recommend that professional associations for athletics administrators sponsor educational programs on the inclusion of transgender student-athletes, preferred terminology, understanding transgender identity, and adopting fair and effective policies.
12. Educate all members of the sports information department about transgender identity, preferred terminology, department policies governing the participation of transgender student-athletes, and confidentiality requirements when discussing transgender student-athlete participation with the media.

Best Practices for Coaches

Best practices for coaches focus on acquiring knowledge about transgender student-athletes, understanding legal and ethical obligations, maintaining professional conduct, and ensuring that those with whom coaches work are also educated and aware of these issues.

1. Become knowledgeable about school non-discrimination and harassment policies that include gender identity and expression.
2. Become knowledgeable about departmental and school policy regarding the participation of transgender student-athletes in athletics.
3. If your department does not have a policy addressing the participation of transgender student-athletes, ask your athletic director to adopt one.
4. Educate student-athletes on your team about transgender identity, preferred terminology, and departmental/school policies regarding the participation of transgender student-athletes on sports teams.
5. Be prepared to talk with parents of student-athletes about transgender student-athletes' participation on school teams.
6. Use respectful and preferred language and terminology when discussing transgender student-athlete participation or interacting with a transgender student-athlete.
7. Anticipate and address transgender student-athlete access issues proactively and in accordance with departmental policy regarding locker room use, toilet and shower availability, hotel room assignment, uniforms and dress codes.
8. Recommend that coaches associations to which you belong adopt fair and effective policy statements addressing the participation of transgender student-athletes.
9. Recommend that coaches associations to which you belong sponsor educational programs addressing the participation of transgender student-athletes.
10. If you are aware of discriminatory or harassing behavior from opposing teams or spectators based on the perceived or actual gender identity or expression of a student-athlete, talk to the opposing coach and ask your director of athletics to talk with the opposing school's athletic director.
11. Respect the right to privacy of all student-athletes with respect to personal information (including whether a student is transgender) when discussing gender identity and expression and understand that all medical information must be kept confidential in accordance with applicable state, local, and federal privacy laws.

JENNIFER 'JAY' HARTSHORN
Track and Field Coach, Bates College

"I think it's important for us to be aware there are transgender student-athletes who want to compete, and with a little preparation, including transgender athletes isn't a big deal ."

Best Practices for Student-Athletes

Best practices for student-athletes who have transgender teammates focus on respectful behavior, safety, and valuing diversity.

1. Use respectful and preferred language and terminology when discussing transgender student-athlete participation or interacting with a transgender teammate.
2. Become familiar with departmental and school policy governing the participation of transgender student-athletes in athletics.
3. Learn about school non-discrimination and harassment policies that include gender identity and expression.
4. Encourage other student-athletes to use respectful language when discussing transgender issues in sports or interacting with a transgender student-athlete.
5. Respect the right to privacy of all student-athletes with respect to personal information (including whether a student is transgender) when discussing gender identity and expression.
6. Ask your coach and director of athletics for team and departmental educational training concerning transgender student-athlete participation.
7. If taunting or harassment from spectators or opponents occurs during competition, take the approach that these actions are never acceptable for any reason including taunting or harassment based on gender identity or expression. Make your coaches aware of discriminatory or harassing behavior and ask them to arrange a meeting with the opposing school's director of athletics to address this behavior.
8. Ask your student-athlete advisory committee to plan an activity that focuses on the participation of transgender athletes in sports and frame the issue as one of equal opportunity in sports and fair treatment for all.

KYE ALLUMS, 2008-11, CLASS OF 2012

Women's NCAA Division I Basketball Student-Athlete
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Coming to the realization that I am a transgender man has been an incredible and mind-blowing experience. I had to overcome a lot of mental blocks to get there, but when I got to college and had my first taste of independence, I was finally able to come to terms with how I truly felt and what I needed.

Growing up, I felt that I had to hide a part of my self from my family because of my mother's strong beliefs against homosexuality. That was really stressful for me. After I graduated from high school, I moved away from my family. That gave me the space to figure out who I am, which turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me.

When I first had the feeling of being uncomfortable when someone would call me a "lady," I did some research to try to figure out what that feeling could possibly mean. The first thing that I came across was the term "transsexual," which is when a person's sex doesn't match their gender identity and they have taken the steps possible, like surgery and hormones, so that their sex and gender will match. I read about many different terms and definitions and the one that I could relate to the most was "transgender," which just means that your gender and your body don't match.

After I had a word to describe what I was feeling, I started getting extremely distressed when other people would refer to me as "she," or hearing people refer to me and a group of women as "ladies," or seeing the label "women's" outside my locker room. The feeling of having someone call you something that you know you are not is the most frustrating, uncomfortable feeling ever. During my first and second year of college, I kept hearing those terms applied to me and feeling worse and worse about it. A pain built up in my stomach and chest as if there were a ton of bricks weighing on me and my emotions. I felt trapped and miserable—I learned that the medical term is "dysphoric"—because I could not escape the way people saw me, because the body that I was born in did not match my gender.

Even though I was feeling so bad, it was very hard for me to build up enough courage to say anything, because I was afraid that other people wouldn't accept me. After freshmen year I told my closest teammates that I identify as a guy. At first they laughed and thought it was a joke, and I couldn't bring myself to correct them. But over time, it got to the point where it was unbearable to keep living like this. For a while I felt like I had to choose between playing basketball or quitting to transition into the person I want to become. But I didn't want to walk out on playing a game that I love, and that has afforded me a full scholarship to pay for my education. So I finally began correcting my friends and teammates every time they would refer to me as "she" or "her."

When my friends and close teammates saw the pain and sadness it caused me when people referred to me using female pronouns, they began to use male pronouns and to correct others for me. Their respect for what I wanted to be called meant the world to me and still does. Without their support I would not be playing basketball right now.

My teammates' support made a huge difference, but of course they could not be with me all the time to correct everyone. I didn't feel comfortable correcting people on my own all the time, because I would have to explain the entire story of why I wanted to be called a guy. I felt depressed by the constant reminders that I was "Ms. Allums" every time I had to show my identification: at the doctor's office, the gym, the bank, restaurants, stores, and pretty much anywhere I went.

So I decided to take the steps needed to get my name changed so I could have some kind of tangible proof that I was becoming the man I knew I was. That process took four months, and it was very difficult and time-consuming, but the day it was done I was the happiest guy alive.

The happiness wore off the next day, though, when I heard my coaches still using female pronouns. I knew then that it wasn't enough to only tell my closest friends—I had to tell everyone that I talked to on a daily basis. Once I made the difficult decision to tell my coaches, the rest of my teammates, and my family, I received nothing but support from them, which has been irreplaceable. With the love and respect of the people around me, I no longer feel like I have to choose between being true to myself and staying in school playing the sport I love.

Best Practices for Athletics Staff Interacting With Media About Transgender Student-Athlete Issues

Best practices for interacting with the media focus on the importance of understanding basic information about transgender identity, preferred terminology, and respecting confidentiality of student-athletes.

1. The school or athletics department should provide training to all athletics staff who may interact with the media.
2. Respect the confidentiality of all student-athletes when discussing transgender issues with the media and understand that all medical information must be kept confidential in accordance with applicable state, local, and federal privacy laws.
3. Use appropriate language in media interviews or presentations and insist that this terminology be used in media reports on transgender issues in athletics.
4. Focus on the importance of providing equal opportunities for all students to participate in athletics.
5. Describe how departmental policies provide equal opportunities for all students to participate in athletics.

Additional Guidelines for Transgender Student-Athlete Inclusion

The following additional guidelines will assist colleges, athletics departments, coaches, teams, and student-athletes in creating an environment in which all student-athletes are safe and fairly treated.

Facilities Access

1. Changing Areas, Toilets, Showers — Transgender student-athletes should be able to use the locker room, shower, and toilet facilities in accordance with the student's gender identity. Every locker room should have some private, enclosed changing areas, showers, and toilets for use by any athlete who desires them. When requested by a transgender student-athlete, schools should provide private, separate changing, showering, and toilet facilities for the student's use, but transgender students should not be required to use separate facilities.
2. Competition at Another School — If a transgender student-athlete requires a particular accommodation to ensure access to appropriate changing, showering, or bathroom facilities, school leaders, athletic directors, and coaches, in consultation with the transgender student-athlete, should notify their counterparts at other schools prior to competitions to ensure that the student has access to facilities that are comfortable and safe. This notification should maintain the student's confidentiality. Under no circumstances should a student-athlete's identity as a transgender person be disclosed without the student's express permission.
3. Hotel Rooms — Transgender student-athletes generally should be assigned to share hotel rooms based on their gender identity, with a recognition that any student who needs extra privacy should be accommodated whenever possible.

Language

1. Preferred Names — In all cases, teammates, coaches and all others in the school should refer to transgender student-athletes by a student's preferred name.
2. Pronouns — Similarly, in all cases, pronoun references to transgender student-athletes should reflect the student's gender and pronoun preferences.

Dress Codes and Team Uniforms

1. Dress Codes—Transgender student- athletes should be permitted to dress consistently with their gender identities. That is, a female-to-male transgender athlete should be permitted to dress as a male. A male-to-female should be permitted to dress as a female.
   For reasons unrelated to trans-inclusion, schools should evaluate the necessity of gendered dress codes

and recognize that they tend to marginalize a range of students who may not feel comfortable with them. Dress codes for athletic teams when traveling or during a game day at school should be gender-neutral. Instead of requiring a girls' or women's team to wear dresses or skirts, for example, ask that team members wear dresses or slacks that are clean, neat, well cared for and appropriately "dressy" for representing their school and team.

2. Uniforms — All team members should have access to uniforms that are appropriate for their sport and that they feel comfortable wearing. No student should be required to wear a gendered uniform that conflicts with the student's gender identity.

Education

1. Institutions — All members of the university community should receive information and education about transgender identities, institutional and conference non-discrimination policies, the use of preferred names and pronouns, and expectations for creating a respectful team and school climate for all students, including transgender and gender-variant students.
2. Athletics Conference Personnel — Athletics conference leaders should be educated about the need for policies governing the participation of transgender student-athletes, develop such policies, and ensure that all schools in the conference understand and adopt the policies.
3. Opposing Teams/Universities — Without violating a transgender student's confidentiality or privacy, school leaders, athletic directors, and coaches should communicate with their counterparts at other schools prior to competitions in which a transgender athlete is participating about expectations for treatment of transgender student-athletes on and off the field. This does not require "outing" or otherwise identifying a particular student-athlete as transgender, but rather establishing general expectations for the treatment of all student-athletes, including those who may be transgender.

Media

1. Training — All school or athletics representatives (conference leaders, sports information departments and personnel, school leaders, athletics administrators, team members, and coaches) who are authorized to speak with the media should receive information about appropriate terminology, use of names and pronouns, and school and athletics conference policies regarding the participation of transgender student-athletes on school sports teams.
2. Confidentiality — Protecting the privacy of transgender student-athletes must be a top priority for all athletics department and affiliated school personnel, particularly when in the presence of the media. All medical information shall be kept confidential in accordance with applicable state, local, and federal privacy laws.

Enforcement and non-Retaliation

1. Enforcement — Any member of an athletics department who has been found to have violated this policy by threatening to withhold athletic opportunity or harassing any student on the basis of their gender identity or expression, or by breaching medical confidentiality, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge or expulsion from the school. The athletics department should take appropriate remedial action to correct the situation. Any member of the athletics department who becomes aware of conduct that violates this policy should report the conduct to the appropriate official such as the director of athletics.
2. Retaliation — Retaliation is specifically forbidden against anyone who complains about discrimination based on gender identity or expression, even if the person was in error. Athletics departments should take steps to prevent any retaliation against any person who makes such a complaint.

PART FOUR

APPENDIX A

Definitions and Terminology: A Word About Words

Language has immense power to shape our perceptions of other people. Using accurate language can help to overcome many of the misperceptions associated with gender and transgender people. Although the vocabulary related to transgender people continues to evolve, here are some working definitions and examples of frequently used (and misused) terms.

Biological/Anatomical Sex — The physical characteristics typically used to assign a person's gender at birth, such as chromosomes, hormones, internal and external genitalia and reproductive organs. Given the potential variation in all of these, biological sex must be seen as a spectrum or range of possibilities rather than a binary set of two options.

Gender — The complex relationship between physical traits and one's internal sense of self as male, female, both or neither as well as one's outward presentations and behaviors related to that perception. Biological sex and gender are different; gender is not inherently connected to one's physical anatomy

Gender Identity — One's inner concept of self as male or female or both or neither. One's gender identity can be the same or different than the gender assigned at birth. Most people become conscious of their gender identity between the ages 18 months and 3 years. Most people have a gender identity that matches their assigned gender at birth. For some, however, their gender identity is different from their assigned gender. Some of these individuals choose to live socially as the other gender and may also hormonally and/or surgically change their bodies to more fully express their gender identity. All people have gender identity, not just transgender people.

Gender Expression — Refers to the ways in which people externally communicate their gender identity to others through behavior, clothing, haircut, voice, and other forms of presentation. Gender expression also works the other way as people assign gender to others based on their appearance, mannerisms, and other gendered characteristics. Many transgender people seek to make their external appearance—their gender expression—congruent with their internal gender identity through clothing, pronouns, names, and, in some cases, hormones and surgical procedures. All people have gender expression, not just transgender people.

Transgender — Sometimes used as an 'umbrella term' to describe anyone whose identity or behavior falls outside of stereotypical gender norms. More narrowly defined, it refers to an individual whose gender identity does not match their assigned birth gender. Being transgender does not imply any specific sexual orientation (attraction to people of a specific gender.) Therefore, transgender people may additionally identify as straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

Sexual Orientation — Term that refers to being romantically or sexually attracted to people of a specific gender. Our sexual orientation and our gender identity are separate, distinct parts of our overall identity. Although a child may not yet be aware of their sexual orientation, they usually have a strong sense of their gender identity.

Genderqueer — This term represents a blurring of the lines around gender identity and sexual orientation. Genderqueer individuals typically reject notions of static categories of gender and embrace a fluidity of gender identity and sexual orientation. This term is typically assigned an adult identifier and not used in reference to preadolescent children.

Gender Nonconforming/Gender Variant — Refers to individuals whose behaviors and/or interests fall outside what is considered typical for their assigned gender at birth. Someone who identifies as "gender nonconforming" is not necessarily transgender. To the contrary, many people who are not transgender do not conform to gender stereotypes in their appearance, clothing, physical characteristics, interests, or activities.

Gender Fluidity — Gender fluidity conveys a wider, more flexible range of gender expression, with interests and behaviors that may even change from day to day. Gender fluid individuals do not feel confined by restrictive boundaries of stereotypical expectations of girls or boys.

Intersex — An estimated one in 2,000 babies is born with an "intersex" condition or Disorders of Sex Development (DSD). People with intersex conditions (DSD) are born with physically mixed or atypical bodies with respect to sexual characteristics, i.e. chromosomes, internal reproductive organs, and genitalia. These characteristics may not be visible and individuals may not be aware of the condition. Having an intersex condition does not necessarily affect a person's gender identity.

FTM (Female-to-Male)/Affirmed male/transboy — A child or adult who was assigned to the female gender at birth but has a male gender identity.

MTF (Male-to-Female)/Affirmed female/transgirl — A child or adult who was assigned to the male gender at birth but has a female gender identity.

Transition — The process by which a transgender individual lives consistently with his or her gender identity, and which may (but does not necessarily) include changing the person's body through hormones and/or surgical procedures. Transition can occur in three ways: social transition through changes in clothing, hairstyle, name and/or pronouns; hormonal transition through the use of medicines such as hormone "blockers" or cross hormones to promote gender-based body changes; and/or surgical transition in which an individual's body is modified through the addition or removal of gender-related physical traits. Based on current medical knowledge and practice, genital reconstructive surgery is not required in order to transition. Most transgender people in the United States do not have genital reconstructive surgery.

Transsexual — An individual whose gender identity does not match the person's sex at birth. This individual usually desires to physically alter their bodies surgically and/or hormonally. This physical transition is a complicated, multi-step process that may take years and may include, but is not limited to, cross-gender hormone therapy and a variety of surgical procedures. The precise treatments required vary from person to person.

Transphobia — Fear or hatred of transgender people. Transphobia is manifested in a number of ways, including violence, harassment, and discrimination.

PART FOUR

APPENDIX B

Resources On Transgender Issues

Print Resources (Books, Articles, Reports)

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American Bar Association (ABA) — The ABA opposes discrimination against those who are transgender or gender non-conforming. In 2006, the ABA House of Delegates adopted a recommendation that all federal, state, local and territorial governments enact legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived gender identity or expression, in employment, housing and public accommodations. For more information visit **www.abanet.org/leadership/2006/annual/dailyjournal/hundredtwentytwob.doc**.

Advocates for Informed Choice — Legal advocacy organization dedicated to promoting the civil rights of children with intersex conditions or disorders of sex development. **www.aiclegal.org**

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) — The ACLU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Project fights discrimination and moves public opinion through the courts, legislatures and public education across five issue areas: Relationships, Youth & Schools, Parenting, Gender Identity and Expression and Discrimination in Employment, Housing and other areas. **www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights**

American Medical Association (AMA) — The AMA is a medical professional association whose mission is to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health. The AMA has adopted a number of policies supporting the right of transgender and gender-non-conforming persons to be free from discrimination on the basis of their gender identity or expression. **www.ama-assn.org**

American Psychological Association (APA) — In 2008, the APA Council of Representatives adopted a policy statement supporting "the passage of laws and policies protecting the rights, legal benefits, and privileges of people of all gender identities and expressions;" and as well as supporting "efforts to provide safe and secure educational environments, at all levels of education." **www.apa.org/about/governance/council/policy/transgender.aspx**

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders Transgender Rights Project — Through the Transgender Rights Project (TRP), Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders puts litigation, legislative, and educational assets to work in a focused way to establish clear legal protections for the transgender community. **www.glad.org**

Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network — The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. **www.glsen.org**

Gender Spectrum — Gender Spectrum provides education, training and support to help create a gender sensitive and inclusive environment for all children and teens. **www.genderspectrum.org**

It Takes A Team! Education Campaign for LGBT Issues in Sport — A Women's Sports Foundation initiative, It Takes A Team! Education Campaign for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Sport is an education project focused on eliminating homophobia as a barrier to all women and men participating in sport. **www.ittakesateam.org**

Lambda Legal — Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work. **www.lambdalegal.org**

National Center for Lesbian Rights — NCLR is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education. **www.nclrights.org**

National Center for Transgender Equality — The National Center for Transgender Equality is a social justice organization dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender people through advocacy, collaboration and empowerment. **www.transequality.org**

NCAA Office of Inclusion — www.ncaa.org/lgbt

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force — The mission of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is to build the grassroots power of the LGBT community by training activists, equipping state and local organizations with the skills needed to organize broad-based campaigns to defeat anti-LGBT referenda and advance pro-LGBT legislation, and building the organizational capacity of the movement. **www.thetaskforce.org**

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays-TNET — The purpose of this special affiliate of PFLAG is to promote the health and well-being of transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill- informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. PFLAG TNET focuses on support for transgender people and their parents,

families, and friends; education on transgender facts and issues; and advocacy for equal rights for the transgender
community at local and national levels. **www.pflag.org/tnet**

Transgender Law Center — Transgender Law Center (TLC) connects transgender people and their families to culturally competent legal services, increases acceptance and enforcement of laws and policies that support California's transgender communities, and works to change laws and systems that fail to incorporate the needs and experiences of transgender people. **www.transgenderlawcenter.org**

Transgender Law and Policy Institute — Transgender Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) is a non- profit organization dedicated to engaging in effective advocacy for transgender people in our society. The TLPI brings experts and advocates together to work on law and policy initiatives designed to advance transgender equality. **www.transgenderlaw.org**

World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) — WPATH is an international, interdisciplinary organization of professionals from fields of psychiatry, endocrinology, surgery, law, psychology, sociology, and counseling. WPATH publishes the internationally recognized Standards of Care for Gender Identity Disorders, an evolving consensus on best practice in the provision of medical treatments for individuals with Gender Identity Disorder. **www.wpath.org**

VIDEOS

Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up
Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up takes a powerful and intimate look at how popular pressures around gender and sexuality are shaping the lives of American teens. The film proudly showcases the diverse and unscripted voices of more than 50 high school students from a variety of different communities, all of whom speak with breathtaking honesty, insight, and humor about gender roles and their struggles to be who they really are. More information on the film is available at **www.groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/straightlaced**

Transgender Student-Athlete
A 30-minute video presentation sponsored by the NCAA and conducted by Dr. Betsy Crane, Widener University, **http://s3.amazonaws.com/ncaa/web_video/diversity_inclusion/transgenderSA.html**. Dr. Crane presents a sex educator's expertise on gender awareness and diversity, and provides definition to assist the veiwer in understanding best practices for including transgender students in athletics participation.

PART FOUR:

APPENDIX C

Legal Status of Transgender People

Federal, state, and local laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity/expression. In addition, many K-12 and collegiate educational institutions have adopted non-discrimination policies that include gender identity/expression. Each school or school district should be knowledgeable about specific legal requirements that apply and make sure that all school athletic staff understand their responsibilities to abide by and enforce these laws.

Federal Protections

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 — The purpose of Title IX is to address sex discrimination in schools. This federal law also addresses discrimination or harassment in schools based on gender stereotypes.[9] As described by the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights guideance in 2010, when gender non-conforming or transgender students are targeted on the basis of their gender expression, Title IX may provide the basis for legal recourse.[10] Schools are responsible for developing educational programs, preventative policy and grievance procedures to address sexual harassment, bullying and assault.

EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION — The Equal Protection clause states that "no state shall … deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."[11] Several successful cases involving allegations of harassment and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and staff in public schools have been based on the Equal Protection clause.[12]

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) — ENDA is a bill that was introduced in the 111th U.S. Congress in 2009.[13] If passed into law, ENDA would provide basic protections against workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The bill is closely modeled on existing civil rights laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. ENDA prohibits public and private employers from using an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as the basis for employment decisions, such as hiring, firing, promotion or compensation. ENDA also applies to federal, state, and local government employees.

The Matthew Shepard and James byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA) — The HCPA gives the Department of Justice (DOJ) the power to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated violence by providing the DOJ with jurisdiction over crimes of violence where a perpetrator has selected a victim because of the person's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.[14] Furthermore, the HCPA requires the Federal Bureau of Investigation to track statistics on hate crimes.[15]

State of Non-Discrimination Law

As of July 2010, 13 states and the District of Columbia[16] have enacted non-discrimination laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression: California,[17] Colorado,[18] Hawaii,[19] Illinois,[20] Iowa,[21] Maine[22], Minnesota,[23] New Jersey,[24] New Mexico,[25] Oregon,[26] Rhode Island,[27] Vermont,[28] and Washington.[29]

Eight additional states have enacted laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation only: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, and Wisconsin.[30]

Additionally, courts and administrative bodies in seven states have interpreted state laws against sex discrimination to prohibit discrimination against transgender and gender nonconforming people: California, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Courts and administrative bodies in seven states have also held that transgender people are protected by state laws prohibiting discrimina-

tion based on disability or medical condition: Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and Washington.[31]

State Student Rights Laws

In addition to these federal protections, as of July 2010, twelve states and the District of Columbia[32] have enacted laws protecting students in schools from discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity: California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington.[33] Four additional states offer protections on the basis of sexual orientation only: Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Wisconsin.[34]

Individual School or School District Non-Discrimination Policies

For a list of colleges and universities that have enacted non-discrimination policies that include gender identity/expression, refer to the following list created by the Transgender Law and Policy Institute: **www.transgenderlaw.org/college/index.htm#policies**

For a list of K-12 school districts that have enacted non-discrimination policies that include gender identity/expression, refer to the following list created by the Transgender Law and Policy Institute: **www.transgenderlaw.org/college/index.htm#schools American bar Association**

The American Bar Association (ABA) opposes discrimination against those who are transgender or gender non-conforming. The ABA is a national organization of lawyers, law students and judges, and is the largest voluntary professional association in the world, with more than 400,000 members. The control and administration of the ABA is vested in the House of Delegates, which is the policy-making body of the Association. In 2006, the ABA House of Delegates adopted a recommendation that all federal, state, local, and territorial governments enact legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived gender identity or expression, in employment, housing, and public accommodations.[35]

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FOOTNOTES

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[31] For a comprehensive discussion of state court and administrative decisions applying sex and disability discrimination to transgender plaintiffs, see www.nclrights.org/site/DocServer/state_cases091004.pdf?docID=1203.

[32] D.C. Code 1981 §§ 2-1401.02 & 2-1402.41.

[33] See Cal. Educ. Code §§ 220, 210.7, 212.6, & 51500; Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 2-4-401(13.5), 22-32-109(ll)(I), 12-59-106(1)(s), 22-30.5-104(3), 22-30.5-507(3), & 22-38-104(1)(d); 775 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/1-102(A), 775 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/1-103(O-1), (Q), & 775 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/5-101(A)(11); Iowa Code §§ 216.9, 280.28; me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 5, §§ 4552, 4553(9-C), 4601, & 4602(4); Md. Code Ann Educ. §§ 7-424; Minn. Stat. §§ 363A.03 subd. 44, 363A.13; N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 10:5-5, 10:5-12(f)(1), & 18A:37-14; N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 115C-407.15, 115C-407.16; Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 659.850, 174.100, 339.351(d)(3), & 338.125; Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, §§ 1,11 & 565; Wash Rev. Code §§ 49.60.030 & 49.60.040(2), (26).

[34] Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-15c; mass. Gen. Laws. Ch. 76, § 5; N.Y. Exec. Law §§ 291(2), 292(9) & (27) & 296(2); Wis. Stat. § 118.13.

[35] See A.B.A. Recommendation 122B (adopted August 7-8, 2006) available online at http://www.abanet.org/leadership/2006/annual/dailyjournal/hundredtwentytwob.doc (recognizing that "[t]ransgender people are disproportionately likely to face discrimination" and that "many individuals who are not transgender continue to suffer discrimination . . . because they do not comply with gendered stereotypes.").

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- Committee on Infractions [1 MC]
- Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee [1 MC]

Management Council Subcommittee

- Subcommittee for Legislative Relief [1 MC]

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SUMMARY OF FALL 2011 QUARTERLY MEETINGS
The National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division III Management Council **October 17-18, 2011** **Indianapolis, IN**	**Division III Presidents Council** **October 27, 2011** **Indianapolis, IN**
Kitty Baldridge, Gallaudet University Kurt Beron, University of Texas at Dallas Stan Ching, Connecticut College Karla Conrad, Manchester College Tim Downes, Emory University Tucker Glass, Plattsburgh State University of New York Mary Jo Gunning, Marywood University Charles Harris, Averett University Janine Hathorn, Washington and Lee University Portia Hoeg, Lake Forest College Fredina Ingold, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona Bill Klika, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Chris Martin, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin [*chair*] Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands [*vice chair*] Nancy Meyer, Calvin College Steve Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Superior Charlie Robert, Nichols College Terry Rupert, Wilmington College (Ohio) Lou Stark, Coe College Chris Thomforde, Moravian College	Livingston Alexander, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford Robert Antonucci, Fitchburg State College James Bultman, Hope College [*chair*] Thomas Chema, Hiram College Charley Edmondson, Alfred University Sharon Herzberger, Whittier College Catharine Hill, Vassar College Lisa Marsh Ryerson, Wells College Chris Martin, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin [*chair of Management Council*] Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands *[vice-chair of Management Council]* Jack Ohle, Gustavus Adolphus College Fred Ohles, Nebraska Wesleyan University James Schmotter, Western Connecticut State University [*vice-chair*]
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Mary Wilfert, NCAA	
John Williams, NCAA	

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by the chair, Chris Martin. The chair welcomed Council members and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by the chair, President Jim Bultman. The Presidents Council attended a joint breakfast of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and Division II Presidents Council immediately prior to the meeting. This joint breakfast included an update on Association-wide items of interest, including a report on the NCAA presidential dashboards and litigation update.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meetings – July 25-26, 2011.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its July 25-26, 2011, meetings as presented.

Presidents Council. No action necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – August 11, 2011.

Management Council. No action necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its August 11, 2011, meeting as presented.

c. Executive Committee Meeting – August 11, 2011.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the minutes of the August 11, 2011, Executive Committee meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the minutes of the August 11, 2011, Executive Committee meeting. No action was necessary.

d. Administrative Committee Actions.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the minutes of the August 29, 2011, Administrative Committee action.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the minutes of the August 29, 2011, Administrative Committee actions.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

a. Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.

Staff Liaisons: **Davey, Dutcher, Kareti, Kresge**

Council Reps: Beron, Conrad, Edmundson, Herzberger, Meyer, Stark

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: **Dutcher, Kareti, Myers, Hartung**

Council Reps: Beron, Chema, Glass, Hass, Levin-Stankevich, Marsh Ryerson, Martin, Martinez, Schmotter, Stark

(2) Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the division's budget report as of September 28, 2011. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: **Dutcher, Kareti Myers**

Council Reps: Antonucci, Bultman, Harris, Hass, Martin, Reichard, Stark, Thomforde

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

- **Review Posting of Conflicting Committee Positions.**

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the subcommittee reviewed the current policy that only the official position of the governance structure regarding legislative proposals is posted in the Official Notice. If a committee that reports to the NCAA Division III Management Council took a position on a proposal that Management Council did not ultimately endorse, that position will not appear in the Official Notice. That position will be, however, reflected in the records of the Management Council meeting. Currently, NCAA Divisions I and II reflect all positions taken by committees, regardless if those positions are consistent with the official governance structure position.

The subcommittee determined that changing policy and reflecting all committee positions would cause confusion and undermine the committee structure. Having subcommittees effectively argue against themselves was not desired, nor was it desired to have a committee argue against the Management Council to which it reports. The subcommittee recognized that the membership does have ready access to these contrary positions and NCAA staff should look at additional means of ensuring the process is understood by the membership. However, posting all positions in the Official Notice was not an avenue the subcommittee wanted to pursue.

Presidents Council. The Council accepted the information.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

Staff Liaisons: Davey, Nesbitt

Council Reps: Ching, Downes, Harris

(1) Academic Issues Subcommittee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committees report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Brooks, Oakes

Council Reps: Downes, Gunning, Hathorn, Robert, Rupert

(2) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

(a) Directive for Review of Requests Seeking Relief of NCAA Bylaw 17 to Extend the Playing Season Citing Nontraditional Academic Calendars as Mitigation.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the subcommittee's recommendation to issue the following directive, effective immediately:

Because of the importance the Division III philosophy statement places on establishing reasonable limits to playing and practice seasons, one-time or limited requests for institutions with nontraditional academic calendars to extend the playing season should be denied. Upon appeal, the subcommittee, as opposed to staff, may review the circumstances on a case by case basis, but is inclined to deny.

Bylaw 17.1.6.2 (playing-season waiver) was revised to state that an institution with a nontraditional academic calendar may apply to the NCAA Division III Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, for a waiver of the general or sport-specific playing-season regulations; however, there shall be no waivers to extend an institution's playing season beyond the legislated maximum number of weeks. The NCAA Division III Interpretations and

Legislation Committee confirmed that the scope of such waivers shall extend only to those situations in which the institution's nontraditional academic calendar interferes with its ability to adhere to playing season regulations, as opposed to one-time or limited requests. During its March 2011 teleconference, the subcommittee reviewed a case in which the staff provided relief for an institution to begin its playing-season a week earlier than the legislated start date due to the institution operating on a trimester system. The subcommittee directed the staff to archive the case, noting this was contrary to the divisional philosophy. Developing a directive for such waivers provides guidance to the staff and direction to the membership when considering such cases.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Review Guidelines as it Relates to Tie Votes in Appeal Cases.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a revision to review guidelines in the subcommittee policies and procedures concerning tie votes in appeal cases as follows: In situations where there is a tie vote, the initial decision of the staff shall be considered to be upheld, effective immediately.

Currently the policies and procedures indicate that in situations where there is a tie vote, the chair of the Management Council will be forwarded the materials and cast the tie-breaking vote. By revising the procedures as recommended, the decision remains with those individuals who review legislative relief requests on a routine basis and who have expertise in this particular area. Additionally, there will be consistency among all three divisions as it relates to the tie-breaking procedure for appeal cases.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: **Myers, Nesbitt, Suscha**

Council Reps: Ching, Conrad, Harris, Klika, Martin, Meyer, Nelson

(3) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation – Playing and Practice Seasons – Football and Basketball Scrimmage – Allow Publicity and Official Scoring.

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that would amend Bylaw 17.3.3.3.1(a) and 17.9.3.1(a) that would eliminate the requirement that the allowable practice scrimmage must be conducted without publicity or official scoring, effective August 1, 2012.

Currently, football and basketball are the only sports in which a preseason scrimmage must be conducted without publicity and official scoring. The subcommittee determined that there is not sufficient rationale to treat football and basketball differently from other sports in this regard. This proposal attempts to remove arbitrary differences between sports make the regulations more consistent. This proposal would allow institutions to post their football and basketball scrimmages on their websites without incurring a violation. Further, it would also permit students that will be used as scorekeepers throughout the season to use this scrimmage as a means of training without violating the official scoring prohibition.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Noncontroversial Legislation – Playing and Practice Seasons – Definition of Scrimmage and Exhibition.

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation making the language regarding scrimmages and exhibition contests consistent throughout Bylaw 17, effective August 1, 2012.

Throughout Bylaw 17, the terms "scrimmage" "exhibitions" and "exhibition scrimmages" appear to be used interchangeably with no apparent difference in meaning or application. This terminology has caused some confusion regarding how the activities may be conducted, whether they may be conducted with publicity and official scoring, and if the playing rules have to be applied. It would benefit the membership to use more consistent language and ensure more consistent application of the legislation. This proposal would achieve that consistency.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) GOALS Study.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the subcommittee acted on a recent Management Council referral and received a research staff presentation on the GOALS study results. The purpose was to review any GOALS findings related to time pressures (e.g., missed class time, contest limits and etc.), including issues specific to baseball. Based on the presentation, the subcommittee requested additional information from the research staff. The subcommittee requested a comparison of the findings regarding baseball student-athletes to other spring sport student-athletes. To have a better understanding of the impact of the maximum contest limits for baseball, the subcommittee requested information reported by the membership regarding the number of baseball contests played. This information will be presented at a future meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

Staff Liaisons: **Gentry, Suscha, Williams**

Council Reps: Downes, Martin, Nelson

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaws 17.4.2 and 17.4.3 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Preseason Practice and First Date of Competition -- October 1.

Management Council. The Management Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that an institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to October 1, effective August 1, 2012.

This proposal makes standard across the three NCAA divisions the first permissible dates of preseason practice and competition, and minimizes the pressure to begin the season early in the academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaws 17.4.5.1 and 17.4.5.2 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Number of Dates of Competition.

Management Council. The Management Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to 32 dates of competition, and that an individual student-athlete shall limit her participation each academic year to 32 dates of competition. Further, all dates of competition of a tournament shall be included in the maximum limitation, effective August 1, 2012.

Under current legislation, institutions and student-athletes may participate in 26 dates of competition. However, with the tournament provision, up to 10 three-day tournaments may count as single dates of competition, which permits institutions and student-athletes to participate in as many as 46 dates of competition (i.e., 10 x 3 = 30 plus 16 additional dates of competition = 46 total). By eliminating the tournament provision, this recommendation 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.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Championship Bench Size Limits -- Football.

Management Council. The Management Council approved an adjustment for bench size limits for football from 75 to 78 for the 2011-12 academic year. The additional positions are to be filled at the institution's discretion with student-athletes permitted to be in uniform and participate in practice and warm-ups. The established squad size limit (i.e., 52 - the number of student-athletes permitted to participate in a contest) will remain unchanged, effective for the 2011-12 academic year (single championship season only).

The bench size increase is in response to a resolution adopted at the 2011 NCAA Convention that promised to study the appropriate number of student-athletes allowed in the bench area at various championships. The bench size for football previously was increased from 72 to 75. However, the NCAA Division III Football Committee has confirmed its support for increasing the bench size to the full number permitted under current guidelines (squad size of 52 plus six student-athletes previously approved to be in uniform and participate in practice and warm-ups plus 20 individuals equaling 78 total people) rather than capping the bench size at 75.

Funding for the additional bench positions will be at the institution's expense in 2011-12, since additional personnel above and beyond the squad size and travel party are not reimbursed by the NCAA. In subsequent years, the increases could be fully funded as an expansion of the squad size, pending budget approval.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Sport Sponsorship -- Rowing.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the issue of the minimum number of boats an institution must have (e.g., a I Eight and a II Eight) and the minimum number of regattas in which the boat(s) must compete in order for an institution to sponsor women's rowing be referred to the rowing committee for further consideration. While the initial committee recommendation was to refer this issue to the Membership Committee, the Council determined that the sport committee is in the best position to make this determination.

The women's rowing championship follows the playing rules of the U.S. Rowing Association, the national governing body, and the rules do not clearly define how many boats are necessary for a completed contest. Similarly, NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.8 mandates that an institution's rowing team participates in a minimum of eight contests for sport sponsorship but does not specifically define how many boats must compete on behalf of the institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) GO Ground Transportation Program.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the ground transportation pilot program with GO Ground Options resulted in approximately 33 percent savings overall for ground transportation from 2009-10 to 2010-11. Following a request for proposal (RFP) bid process, GO Ground Options, in conjunction with Game Day Operations, has been awarded a contract to provide ground transportation for NCAA championships for 2011-12. GO Ground Options will provide bus transportation and Game Day Operations will handle transportation logistics in the locale of selected championships. For 2011-12, all Division III team sport championships will be required to utilize GO Ground Options for any ground transportation to be reimbursed by the NCAA. Institutions with an existing bus contract for the regular season and postseason will receive a one-year grace period. Information regarding the ground transportation program will be communicated to directors of athletics, senior woman administrators and conference commissioners.

The travel staff also discussed the concept of increasing by a half day the number of days of per diem provided for teams participating in championships (i.e., on the day prior to the practice day). Further discussion related to the possibility of the NCAA, rather than championship hosts, assuming responsibility for negotiating team hotel rates and the NCAA paying lodging expenses for championship participants directly, similar to the current ground transportation program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Field Hockey Eyewear.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports recommending that NCAA field hockey student-athletes be required to wear protective American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)-approved eyewear during play. The committee noted the recent action of the National Federation of State High School Associations to mandate the use of ASTM-approved eyewear in 2011-12 for high school field hockey players. The committee referred the issue to the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Committee and requested that formal feedback from the sport committee and the field hockey community be provided to the committee prior to its October teleconference. The committee noted that if ASTM-approved eyewear is mandated, the implementation should be no earlier than August 2012 to allow institutions to plan for the equipment purchase in their budget cycle. [See related information item on Page No. 27]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Score Reporting.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that beginning with the 2011-12 academic year, the statistics staff will oversee all input of schedules and results for the following Division III sports: field hockey, football, men's soccer, women's soccer and women's volleyball in the fall; men's and women's basketball in the winter; and baseball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, softball and men's volleyball in the spring. Results will now be reported through the statistics system rather than through the online score-reporting system. This process will avoid duplicate work by sports information directors. Baseball, softball and women's volleyball will be reported through conference offices, and for all other sports, the host team will report results through the single game reporting system. It is anticipated that within two to three years, the statistics staff will assume responsibility for collecting schedules and results for all sports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Attendance of Institutional Administrator at Championships.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the committee reviewed the current championships policy requiring that an administrator for each participating team attend the coaches and administrators meeting and be present throughout competition by the institution at each round of the championship. The current policy mandates that the administrator cannot be a member of the coaching staff for that sport, the sports information director or the athletics trainer, given that those individuals have specific responsibilities at the championship site, and a mandatory fine of $300 is assessed to each institution that is not represented by an institutional administrator at the coaches and administrators meeting. The committee reviewed the budget priorities for the 2012-2015 triennium and determined that funding to increase the official travel party to include an institutional administrator is a lower priority than fully funding the championship experience for participating student-athletes. Therefore, attendance of an administrator (who may be a sports information director or athletics trainer) at the coaches and administrators meeting will be highly recommended, but no fine will be assessed if an administrator does not attend the meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) Sport Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the committee approved recommendations for appointments to the following sports committees. All appointments were effective September 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

i. Division III Men's and Women's Fencing Committee (immediate vacancy). Bruce Gillman, head men's and women's fencing coach and assistant director of athletics, Vassar College.

ii. Division III Women's Golf Committee (two vacancies). Central region: Joe Worlund, associate director of athletics, Washington University in St. Louis. Great Lakes region: Melanee Atkinson, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, College of Mount St. Joseph.

iii. National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Committee. Division III representative, North Central region: Gary Babjack, head women's gymnastics coach, State University of New York at Cortland.

iv. Division III Men's Ice Hockey – Term Extension Request. The men's ice hockey committee requested that the term of Bruce Delventhal, director of athletics at Plattsburgh State University of New York, be extended for one year. Mr. Delventhal is the chair of the committee, and the committee indicated that allowing him to serve until September 1, 2012, would greatly help to facilitate the process of combining the Division III championship with the Division I championship. The NCAA Division III Nominating Committee supported this request.

v. Division III Softball Committee (two immediate vacancies). Atlantic region: Charlie Dobbins, head softball coach, Peace College. Central region: Bonnie Skrenta, head softball coach, DePauw University.

vi. Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. Midwest region: Erin Sullivan, assistant director of athletics, University of Wisconsin, Stout.

Staff Liaisons: Hartung, Myers, Nesbitt

Council Rep: Rupert

(2) Financial Aid Committee.

Management Council. The Council received an oral report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Committee on Infractions.

Staff Liaisons: Cooper, Elworth

Council Rep: Gunning

(a) Policies and Procedures – 32.3.8 – Enforcement Procedures – Investigative Procedures – Limited Immunity – Athletics Personnel and Student-Athlete.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified a policy and procedure revision made by the Committee on Infractions, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.3.8 (Limited Immunity), to specify that the Committee on Infractions, at the request of the enforcement staff, may grant limited immunity to at-risk individuals, even for information related to those individuals' involvement in violations already known by the staff, effective immediately.

The legislation governing immunity restricts the granting of it to only those situations in which the interviewee provides information not previously known to the enforcement staff. The immunity does not protect student-athletes, prospective student-athletes or athletics department staff members from penalties related to their involvement in violations already known to the enforcement staff. The intent of the limited immunity legislation was to encourage student-athletes and athletics department employees to assist the enforcement staff in obtaining full and complete information. However, the current legislation does not provide relief of possible penalties for information already available to the staff. By allowing immunity to cover any information provided to the enforcement staff, student-athletes, prospects and athletics department employees may be more willing to report additional violations unknown to the staff, recognizing they can benefit from providing the information.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Policies and Procedures - 32.5.1 – Enforcement Procedures – Notice of Inquiry – Notice to Institution.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified a policy and procedure revision made by the Committee on Infractions, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.5, effective immediately.

The purpose of the Notice of Inquiry legislation, as it exists today, no longer is applicable or necessary. When adopted, Bylaw 32.5.1 was intended to be the first and official notice to an institution that the institution was under investigation by the enforcement staff, as the staff often would not notify the institution it was under inquiry until the investigation was complete. Inasmuch as the enforcement staff's now

long-standing policy is to notify an institution's president or chancellor of the inquiry prior to coming on campus to conduct interviews; institutions are notified of the inquiry well in advance of the current Notice of Inquiry standard. The current practice of providing institutions notice of an inquiry earlier in the investigative process should be reflected in the legislation. In addition, by codifying the current practice, institutions will receive notice of the cooperative principle and the confidentiality of the process much earlier than under the current standard.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Policies and Procedures – Bylaw 32.5.1.1 – Enforcement Procedures – Notice of Inquiry – Notice to Institution – Status Notification within Six Months.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified a policy and procedure revision made by the Committee on Infractions, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.5.1.1, effective immediately.

Once a notice of inquiry has been issued and an investigation is ongoing, institutions are entitled to a status notification every six months until the matter is completed. With the elimination of Bylaw 32.5.1 for other reasons (see below), it is necessary that the language regarding notice to the institution of a continuing investigation after the issuance of a notice of inquiry be moved to another bylaw.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Policies and Procedures – 32.5.1 – Enforcement Procedures – Notice of Inquiry – Review After One Year.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified a policy and procedure revision made by the Committee on Infractions, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to eliminate Bylaw 32.5.1.2, effective immediately.

With regard to the elimination of Bylaw 32.5.1.2, investigations are within the purview of the enforcement staff, not the Committee on Infractions. It is an essential element of the infractions process that the enforcement staff has the sole discretion to continue or terminate an investigation. Given the distinct and necessary separation of the staff and the committee, the references to Committee on Infractions review in this bylaw should be eliminated.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Policies and Procedures – Bylaw 32.5.2 – Enforcement Procedures – Notice of Inquiry – Termination of Investigation.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified a policy and procedure revision made by the Committee on Infractions, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to amend Bylaw 32.5.2, effective immediately. With regard to the revision of Bylaw 32.5.2, investigations are within the purview of the enforcement staff, not the Committee on Infractions. It is an essential element of the infractions process that the enforcement staff has the sole discretion to continue or terminate an investigation. Given the distinct and necessary separation of the staff and the committee, the references to Committee on Infractions review in this bylaw should be eliminated.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Policies and Procedures – Bylaw 32.7.1.4 - Enforcement Procedures – Summary Disposition and Expedited Hearing – Committee on Infractions Review – Penalties Not Approved.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified a policy and procedure revision made by the Committee on Infractions, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.7.1.4, effective immediately.

Expedited hearings are limited to discussions of penalties in summary disposition cases. Because the issues are very narrow in scope, the Committee on Infractions believes that such hearings can be effectively conducted via videoconferencing or via a written submission.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Policies and Procedures – Bylaw 32.8.6.1 – Enforcement Procedures – Committee on Infractions Hearings - Appearance of Individual at Hearings – Request for Specific Individuals.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified a policy and procedure revision made by the Committee on Infractions, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 32.8.6 (Appearance of Individuals at Hearings), effective immediately.

In major infractions hearings where the issues are narrow or relatively uncomplicated, the committee believes that the issues can be addressed by a videoconference. Consequently, institutions and other involved parties may make a written request to appear before the committee by videoconference. In these instances, the committee will decide on a case-by-case basis whether conducting the hearing by videoconference is appropriate.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) NCAA Bylaw 19.5.2 – Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified a policy and procedure revision made by the Committee on Infractions, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3 to revise Bylaw 19.5.2 (Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations), effective immediately.

This is a new Division III penalty structure for major violations cases. Penalties for major violations are presently divided into two subsections: presumptive penalties and disciplinary measures. The presumptive penalties must be imposed by the Committee on Infractions in every case unless there is a reason to deviate. The disciplinary measures may be imposed by the committee in addition to the presumptive penalties and the penalties available for secondary infractions. The recommended change combines the penalties for simplification and will allow the committee to impose any available penalty without a mandate to impose certain penalties, regardless of the circumstances of a particular case. This will allow the committee to determine an order of probation that is tailored to the issues of each institution in the major violations process.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) Educating the membership regarding new penalty structure.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that there be consideration of implementing an education program to inform the membership of the significant changes that have taken place in Bylaw 19.5, the penalty provision in infractions cases. Not only has the bylaw been entirely revamped, the updated bylaw includes penalties that have not existed previously, such as the provision that an offending institution post on its website the fact that it is on probation due to having committed major infractions. The committee anticipates that this topic could be made a part of Regional Rules Seminars and/or newsletter columns and that the information be disseminated in any manner designed to reach the membership. "Getting the word out" will help ensure that member institutions are aware of all possible penalties as they go through an infractions investigation and hearing.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Dantzler, Smith, Walters

Council Reps: Antonucci, Baldridge

(4) Infractions Appeals Committee.

- **Enforcement Policies and Procedures – Appeal Procedure – Notice of Intent to Appeal – Appeal by Involved Individuals.**

Management Council. The Management Council ratified the enforcement policy and procedure pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3, to amend Bylaw 32.10.1.2 to require individual appellants to disclose current or future employment at a member institution, effective immediately.

[Note: This recommendation was tabled at the July 2010 Management Council meeting based on the assumption that the committee could authorize the amendment and submit a corresponding informational item to the Management Council in a future report. However, the legislative process detailed in Constitution 5.2.3.3 requires the Management Council to act on amendments to enforcement policies and procedures.]

Because committee members recuse themselves from cases which involve, among other things, persons employed by institutions in the same conference as the member's institution, this modification will help the committee discover whether there are any conflicts of interest in a given case. Individuals would be required to disclose on their notice of intent to appeal form whether they currently are employed at an NCAA membership institution. Additionally, the proposed change would obligate appealing individuals to notify the committee's liaisons if they become employed at an NCAA member institution during the course of the appeal process.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Davey, Orr

Council Rep: Robert

(5) Membership Committee

Management Council. The Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary. On request of the eight conferences hosting the New England Compliance Seminar pilot, staff asked the Council if the conferences could limit the attendees to the members of the hosting conferences and still have the event count towards satisfying the membership requirement to attend a Regional Rules Seminar. The Council indicated that the conference could limit the attendance based on the logistical considerations involved in hosting such an event. The Management Council did indicate that the independent institutions in New England should be invited to attend.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Tufano

Council Rep: Hoeg

(6) Nominating Committee.

(a) Committee reappointments.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following committee reappointments effective at the close of the January 2012 NCAA Convention:

i. Division III Management Council. Terry Rupert, director of athletics, Wilmington College (Ohio); Steven Nelson, director of athletics, University of Wisconsin, Superior.

ii. Division III Infractions Appeals Committee. Michele Krantz, senior counsel, Case Western Reserve University (term 2).

iii. Division III Membership Committee. Dale Knobel, president, Denison University (two-year term).

iv. Division III Nominating Committee. Alan Cureton, president, Northwestern College (two-year term).

[Note: Terry Rupert, Wilmington College and Steve Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Superior, recused themselves from voting on this item.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Committee appointments.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following committee appointments effective at the close of the January 2012 NCAA Convention unless otherwise noted.

i. Division III Management Council. Lori Runksmeier, director of athletics, New England College.

ii. Division III Championships Committee. Monica Severson, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Wartburg College; and Joseph Onderko, executive director, Presidents' Athletic Conference.

iii. Division III Financial Aid Committee. Donald Cragen, faculty athletics representative, Thomas College; Bob Ward, director of athletics, St. John Fisher College; Laurie Coulter, executive director of financial aid, Austin College. [Note: The Council referred an additional appointment back to the Nominating Committee for reconsideration as it appeared that the nominee did not meet the requirement of being on the staff of a member institution.]

iv. Division III Membership Committee. Kris Diaz, director of athletics, Baldwin Wallace College.

v. Division III Nominating Committee. Kiki Jacobs, associate director of athletics, Springfield College.

vi. Division III Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Donald Brooks – Charlie Wilson, faculty athletics representative, Olivet College. January 2012 vacancy – Jennifer Dubow, interim commissioner, Colonial States Athletic Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Committee Service Exit Survey Results.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the Nominating Committee reviewed an executive summary of the Division III Committee Service Exit Survey. The survey was sent to all committee members whose terms ended between September 1, 2010, and September 1, 2011. The NCAA research staff sent out 148 surveys and 102 responses were received (70 percent response rate). Overall, outgoing committee members are very satisfied with committee service. Some areas of concern noted are: a) the need for orientation of new committee members; b) a more accessible list of the duties for committee members; c) the mandate of having all committee meetings in Indianapolis and how that impacts committee members traveling from the West coast; and d) frequent changes in committee liaisons.

Staff will revise the exit survey to clarify some areas and also to complement the governance scorecard that will be sent to all committee members in the next year. The committee will review the exit survey results on an annual basis.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Referral from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to Review the Legislated Diversity Requirements for SAAC.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the committee discussed a referral from the Management Council to review the current 25 percent ethnic diversity legislative minimum requirement for SAAC. The Nominating Committee recognizes the difficulties associated with meeting that requirement but recommended not taking action to make a legislative change to the composition until the Nominating Committee has had the opportunity to go through at least one cycle of SAAC selections. [NOTE: At the July

2011 Management Council, a legislative change was approved to move the selection process for SAAC members wholly to the Nominating Committee. The first round of selections using this process will be the May 2012 selections.]

The Nominating Committee will review the legislative requirements after it makes a round of selections.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Removal of NCAA Bylaw 21 from the Division III Manual.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the committee reviewed a staff recommendation to remove Bylaw 21 – Committees – from the Division III Manual. The staff recommendation is to place the contents of Bylaw 21 into a policies and procedures format instead of legislation. The committee does not support the recommendation to remove the bylaw as it would seem to reduce the transparency of the nominations and selections process, which runs counter to the purpose of a membership organization. Further, the committee noted that removing the bylaw would require the division to establish a new and separate process to record and amend committee regulations, an action which seems unnecessary and cumbersome. The committee favors keeping the committee requirements as legislation with the possibility of streamlining the bylaw. [See related action item on page 20.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Davey, Krtnick, Montgomery, Thornburn

Council Reps: Conrad, Glass

(7) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Ghiloni, Groddy

Council Rep: Gunning

(8) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

Management Council. The Council received the report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Huchthausen, Myers

Council Rep: Beron

(9) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) 2013 NCAA Convention Legislation – Amateur Status – Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment – Prize Money Based on Team Performance.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2013 NCAA Convention to specify that before initial 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, effective August 1, 2013.

Prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment a prospective student-athlete may individually compete in an open event and receive prize money based on his or her place finish or performance. Such prize money is not limited to actual and necessary expenses. Prospective student-athletes that compete on a team are not afforded the same opportunity to receive prize money based on performance. NCAA Divisions I and II permit prospective student-athletes to receive prize money based on a team's performance without jeopardizing their amateur status. Consequently, prospective student-athletes in team sports are being put in a difficult situation. The prospective student-athlete on a winning team may accept prize money while his teammate who is considering a Division III institution could not accept the money. It is not equitable to treat the team sport prospective student-athletes differently, nor is it reasonable for a prospective student-athlete to discern these amateurism nuances between divisions. Consistency as well as fairness for prospective student-athletes justifies allowing receipt of prize money based on a team's performance, so long as the prize money does not exceed actual and necessary expenses.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) 2013 NCAA Convention Legislation – Committees – Removal of NCAA Division III Bylaw 21.

Management Council. The Management Council referred to the staff and Nominating Committee the task of drafting a streamlined version of Bylaw 21 for potential inclusion in Constitution 4. The Council also noted that it did not want to take action on the recommendation to remove NCAA Division III Bylaw 21 from the NCAA Division III Manual until Division I votes on a similar recommendation.

The ILC proposal would have eliminated Bylaw 21 in its entirety from the Division III Manual and moved the provisions to a committee handbook, which would be maintained on the NCAA website and would be readily available for the membership and governance structure to review as necessary. Under the proposal, the Management Council would continue to maintain oversight authority regarding the administrative functions related to the management of the Division III governance substructure and Division III representation on Association-wide and common committees. This proposal would not substantively change any current committee policies and procedures, such as those that set forth the selection, composition, duties, terms of office and operations of the various committees. However, the Management Council would have the flexibility to change elements related to committees as deemed necessary without the need to propose legislation, which would, in turn, reduce the number of proposals in the legislative cycle and the related bureaucracy. A review of legislative history indicates the membership has readily adopted proposals related to committees. Since 1997, 90 proposals have been sponsored with 88 being adopted (86 as noncontroversial), zero defeated, one rendered moot and one withdrawn. Finally, this proposal supports efforts to simplify the Manual and focus on the most strategically important matters. [See related action item on Page No. 19]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Noncontroversial Legislation – Amateurism-Promotional Activities – Prospective Student-Athlete's Participation in Institutional Fundraisers or Promotions – De Minimis.

Management Council. The Management Council approved noncontroversial legislation to identify that a violation of Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 (prospective student-athlete's participation in institutional fundraisers or promotions) is a de minimis violation, effective immediately.

All Bylaw 12 violations affect eligibility unless there is specific language to the contrary. Because there is no specific language to the contrary, Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 affects a prospective student-athlete's eligibility. A student-athlete, however, who unknowingly participates in an impermissible institutional fundraiser, does not have his or her eligibility affected. The violation is de minimis (meaning it is an institutional violation but does not affect the student-athlete's eligibility). It is not equitable in this type of situation to hold that a prospective student-athlete who participates in an institutional fundraiser suffers a stiffer penalty than a student-athlete. For that reason, the committee determined that violations of Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 should be de minimis.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Noncontroversial Legislation – Recruiting – Transportation – Transportation to Enroll From Any Bus or Train Station or Airport.

Management Council. The Management Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to permit institutional staff members to provide transportation from any bus or train station or airport to campus on the occasion of the student-athlete's initial arrival at the institution to attend class, effective immediately.

Current legislation allows transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport, which can become a challenge when there are different stations and airports in close proximity to the institution. By amending the legislation, the burden of monitoring which location a prospective student-athlete is arriving at on the occasion of his or her initial enrollment will be eliminated.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Noncontroversial Legislation – Amateurism – Awards and Benefits – Expenses for Practice and Competition – Expenses for Practice on Extended Road Trip – Practice en Route from Campus to Competition Site.

Management Council. The Management Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to permit an institution to provide expenses for practice on an extended road trip en route to the first competition site, effective immediately.

Current legislation permits an institution to provide practice expenses on an extended road trip only on a direct route between two competition sites. Consequently, a team that leaves its campus for a spring trip may not incur expenses associated with practice until the team reaches the locale of the competition site. Therefore, if a golf team stops at a golf course on a direct route between campus and the first competition site, the institution may not pay for the team to play a practice round of golf. The student-athletes may pay the expense, but the institution may not. The committee agreed that the rationale for the current legislation was to prohibit strictly training trips and ensure that extended road trips are tied to competition. The committee determined that an institution could pay practice expenses and still uphold this rationale so long as the practice occurred at a location on a direct route between campus and the competition site.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Incorporation of Official Interpretation – Uniformity of Participation Awards.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the incorporation of the following official interpretation [Reference: 7/13/11, Item No. 2-c] into the legislation, effective immediately:

Uniformity of Participation Awards (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that a member institution, conference or other approved agency may provide different participation awards based on the year or class (e.g., freshman, sophomore, first year participant, second year participant) of a student-athlete, provided the awards are uniform for all recipients within a given year or class. [Reference: NCAA Division III Bylaw 16.1.2 (uniformity of awards) and a staff interpretation (12/13/91, Item No. e, which has been archived)].

The committee believes the official interpretation should be incorporated into the legislation to clarify the flexibility institutions have regarding participation awards.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Approval of Official Interpretation – Definition of a Recruiting or Scouting Service.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following official interpretation, effective immediately:

Definition of a Recruiting or Scouting Service (III). The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a recruiting or scouting service includes any individual, organization, entity or segment of an entity that is primarily involved in providing information about prospective student-athletes. This definition includes, but is not limited to any service that provides information only to paid subscribers, any service that is only available to a select group of individuals (e.g., coaches), regardless of whether there is a charge associated with the service, and any service that provides information to the public free of charge; however, this definition does not include any individual, organization or entity or segment of an entity that provides information about prospective student-athletes incidental to its primary purpose and is generally available to the public (e.g., news media). [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.12.2.4.1 (camp/clinic providing recruiting or scouting service) and 13.14.3 (recruiting or scouting services)].

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Refer to NCAA Division III Championships Committee – Informational Updates from Playing Rules Oversight Panel on Issues Relating to Division III.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a recommendation to refer to Championships Committee whether there should be legislation requiring the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel to provide informational updates regarding Division III specific issues to the Championships Committee.

During the restructuring of the Division I governance structure, it was specified that the Playing Rules Oversight Panel would report to the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet regarding issues relating to Division I (see Bylaw 21.7.5.5.4) for sharing of information only. The change did not amend the legislation for the Playing Rules Oversight Panel in Bylaw 21.1. Division II recently passed similar legislation, leaving Division III as the only division that does not have similar language requiring the Playing Rules Oversight Panel to report issues related to Division III. The committee reviewed the recent Division II legislation and determined that the Championships Committee is the appropriate body to provide comment and recommend similar legislation if appropriate.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) Referral to the NCAA Division III Membership Committee – Minimum Participants required to Complete a Competition for Purposes of Counting the Competition for Sports Sponsorship.

Management Council. The Management Council referred to the NCAA Division III Membership Committee the policy set forth in the following official interpretation [Reference: 6/16/94, Item No. 5] for additional review:

Minimum Participants Required to Complete Institution's Competition. The minimum number of participants required to count a competition for purposes of satisfying sports-sponsorship requirements actually must complete the competition. [References: Bylaws 20.9.3.3.1, 20.10.3.5.1 and 20.11.3.2.1 (completion of contests)]

The committee reviewed the official interpretation and determined that the Membership Committee should review and determine if this is the appropriate position for the division or the underlying legislation should be amended to reflect a more flexible position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(j) Referral to the Championships Committee – Questions regarding Major Junior A Hockey.

Management Council. The Management Council referred to the Championships Committee its consideration of having the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee review and provide comment regarding the following potential legislative options:

i. Proposing legislation to extend the organized competition legislation for Major Junior to apply to Junior A as the trend of that league is become more competitive; or
ii. Proposing legislation to extend the organized competition legislation for Major Junior to any hockey competition in order to address Junior A and all other foreign leagues.

The committee received a report from the NCAA Agents Gambling and Amateurism staff regarding the structure of junior hockey in Canada, the United States and Europe. The committee also reviewed the legislative history regarding Major Junior Hockey, as well as a comparison of the rule in the other two divisions. Based on that information, the committee considered several options for amending the current Division III legislation. Prior to making a formal recommendation to Management Council, the committee wanted to receive feedback from the Men's Ice Hockey Committee regarding the two potential legislative considerations identified above. The two legislative considerations are derived from two key points: (a) Junior A [a level below Major Junior] is becoming more competitive as hockey players talented enough to participate in Major Junior are choosing Junior A because they do not want to sacrifice potential collegiate eligibility by participating in Major Junior; and (b) the committee was concerned with the fairness of treating Major Junior differently than foreign leagues that may be just as competitive. Seeking feedback from the Men's Ice Hockey Committee is the next step in getting a better understanding regarding the state of junior hockey.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(k) Voting Method for 2012 Convention Proposals.

Management Council. The Management Council designated votes for all proposals at the 2012 Convention to be taken using the roll-call method, regardless of grouping (presidential or general).

The committee discussed voting methods noting that roll-call voting has historically only been designated for the presidential grouping. While a mechanism exists for the membership to consider changing the voting method on the Convention floor, the committee agreed that since the electronic voting units and technology permit the recording of all votes in an expeditious manner, the committee agreed that votes for all proposals (presidential and general grouping) should be taken using the roll-call method as it provides transparency for the membership.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation.

(l) Hardship Waiver – First Half of Season – Medical Documentation.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the committee reviewed an issue raised during the June Division III Commissioners Association meeting that centers on whether a student-athlete must see a physician prior to completion of the first half of the season to satisfy the hardship waiver requirements. The committee agreed as long as the medical documentation shows that the student-athlete saw a physician at or near the time of injury that a visit to a physician need not occur prior to completion of the first half of the season. The committee noted the legislation in Bylaw 14.2.5-(a) requires only that the illness or injury itself must occur in the first half of the season. The committee directed the staff to issue educational material clarifying the issue.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide and Common Committees.

(1) Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).

Staff Liaisons: **Klossner Wilfert**

Council Rep: Martinez

(a) Penalty for Manipulation of Drug Test Sample.

Management Council. The Management Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to add an additional year penalty to any case of clearly observed manipulation of a drug-test sample, effective August 2013. The Management Council will amend this effective date to August 1, 2012, if the Division I Board of Directors adopts the proposal at its January meeting.

The penalty for testing positive for use of a banned substance is a serious penalty, supported by the membership as a strong deterrent to banned drug use to protect the integrity of the game and student-athlete health and safety. The current penalty for breach of protocol (e.g., tampering with a sample) is the same as that for a positive test. A deliberate attempt by a student-athlete to alter his or her urine specimen (documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member), through the use of added substances or by substituting another's urine, demonstrates an egregious violation of ethical conduct. The committee believes this behavior warrants an even more serious automatic penalty as a deterrent to such behavior and as a sanction when it occurs. As with all drug-testing penalties, there is an appeal process available to the institution and student-athlete.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Field Hockey Eyewear.

Management Council. The Management Council accepted the information that the committee has recommended that effective August 2012, NCAA field hockey players be required to wear protective American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)-approved eyewear during play. The committee reviewed injury data for the sport of field hockey, the historical positions of the committee encouraging the use of protective eyewear, and the recent action by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) to mandate ASTM-approved protective eyewear. The committee believes that requiring protective eyewear during play will minimize the risk of catastrophic eye injuries. NCAA injury data noted that 25 percent of all injuries occur to the head and face with 28 percent of those head and face injuries occurring from contact with the ball and another 16 percent due to the stick. [See related informational item on Page No. 9]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Tufano

Council Rep: Klika

(2) Honors Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Ford, Bracken, Rossello

Council Rep: Ching

(3) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Calandro, Smith, Suscha

Council Rep: Ingold

(4) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Chichester

Council Rep: Hathorn

(5) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Bracken

Council Rep: Thomforde

(6) Research Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Miller, Smith

Council Rep: Ingold

(7) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: Chichester

Council Rep: Hass

(8) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Barnhart, Holzman, Morrison

Council Rep: Hoeg

(9) Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA).

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. PRESIDENTS COUNCIL APPOINTEMENTS AND ELECTIONS.

a. Extensions to Presidents Council Terms of Office.

Presidents Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to grant the Presidents Council the ability to waive the Council's four-year term limit (per Constitution 4.4.3.2) when the nominations subcommittee concludes that an extension is necessary and appropriate to enhance the Presidents Council's continuity and effectiveness or otherwise allow the Presidents Council to continue to fulfill its representational requirements, effective immediately.

This recommendation will give the Presidents Council greater flexibility to effectively fulfill its responsibilities when the subcommittee does not receive a sufficient number of eligible nominations to fill specific vacancies.

b. Term Extension for President Alexander.

Presidents Council. The Council extended the term of Livingston Alexander by one year, to expire on conclusion of the 2013 NCAA Convention.

The Nominations Subcommittee recommends this term extension as one component of a multi-part strategy to enhance the composition of the Presidents Council and PAG and ensure that the governance structure is both representative of the membership, and inclusive of diverse perspectives. President Alexander has exhibited strong leadership in the area of diversity and inclusion during his initial four-year term, including serving on the former Executive Committee Subcommittee on Gender and Diversity.

c. Comprehensive Review of President's Council and PAG Representational Requirements.

Presidents Council. The Council established a Presidents Council Working Group to undertake a comprehensive review of the current Presidents Council and PAG membership representational requirements and charge President Alexander with leading this group, effective immediately.

The working group shall include at least three members, including at least one representative from the nominations subcommittee. A report of preliminary recommendations shall be made to the Presidents Council by its August 2012 meeting to ensure that any legislative revisions to the Presidents Council's representation requirements could be voted on by the membership (if necessary) at the 2013 Convention. However, it is anticipated that most, if not all changes, could be adopted earlier through noncontroversial legislation.

The working group will generate strategies to identify and recruit ethnic minority presidents for governance structure participation in addition to its examination of the Presidents Council representational requirements to ensure they remain relevant and appropriate. (The requirements were established in the mid 1990s to mirror the presidential leadership that existed in Division III at that time.) Because the Presidents Council has looked to the PAG as a source for new members, the working group shall also examine ways in which the minority membership of the PAG could be enhanced. For example, minority presidents could be permitted to serve on the PAG even if their conference already is represented by presidents serving on the Presidents Council or Management Council.

d. Presidents Council Appointments.

Presidents Council. The Council approved the following nominations to the Presidents Council for four year terms (January 2012 – January 2016):

(1) Pamela Reid, president, St. Joseph College (Connecticut), Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

(2) Erik Bitterbaum, president, State University of New York at Cortland, State University of New York Athletic Conference.

The Nominations Subcommittee recommends these candidates because of their strong nomination endorsements, extensive experience, fulfillment of Presidents Council representational requirements, and willingness to serve.

e. 2011 Presidents Council Chair and Vice Chair Appointments.

Presidents Council. The Council appointed Jim Schmotter and Jack Ohle to serve as chair and vice chair, respectively, of the Division III Presidents Council, effective January 2012 to January 2013.

Presidents Schmotter and Ohle have provided a strong history of very capable leadership to the governance structure, both for the Presidents Council and with other assigned and past committee service. The subcommittee feels that their leadership will position the Council to effectively address the important issues it will face during 2012 and beyond.

f. Leadership Succession Planning.

Presidents Council. The Council noted the importance of leadership succession planning and encouraged President Herzberger to consider future Council leadership. The subcommittee also expressed its appreciation to all individuals who volunteered for leadership positions.

5. DIVISION III INITIATIVES.

a. Identity Activation for 2011-12.

Management Council. The Council accepted an update regarding Division III Identity Initiative activation. In 2010-11, over 90 percent of institutions and conferences purchased identity activation resources. The most popular purchased items were media backdrops, feather flags and A-frame banners. Approximately 85 percent of championships finals sites displayed initiative signage. The inventory of available signage for use at championships will increase each year, and division-specific messaging will be added to webcasts of championship competition (e.g., during timeouts, at halftime, etc.). In addition, institutions will receive a $500 credit in 2011-12 to purchase Division III Identity Initiative items on the purchasing website as well as receive activation kits in October 2011 and February 2012.

Presidents Council. The Council accepted the information.

b. Drug Education and Testing: NASPA Collaboration.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that representatives from the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) met on September 23, 2011, in Indianapolis to:

- Consider the possibility of collaboration.
- Develop a mission.
- Outline the scope and deliverables of the initiative.

The mission statement for the collaboration was established as "The NCAA Division III and NASPA partnership will promote an integrated model for on-campus collaborations among student affairs and athletics professionals and provide resources to deliver effective alcohol and drug education for the well-being and success of all students."

The project was defined as operating under the umbrella of Environmental Management. There are four distinct and related elements to be included:

(1) Identify best practices in the Alcohol and other Drug education space and develop pathways to share those broadly.

(2) Develop modules with baseline information that coaches, students, and other stakeholders need to know.

(3) Promote effective resources within the context of the environmental model.

(4) Identify the gaps in existing program offerings and develop resources or programming to target those gaps.

It is anticipated that a pilot resource will be made available to a limited number of institutions by August 1, 2012, with an initial focus on alcohol abuse prevention. Over time, the resource will be offered to all Division III members and include substances beyond alcohol.

Presidents Council. The Council accepted the information.

c. Academic Reporting.

Management Council. The Council received a preliminary report on the year-two findings of the Academic Reporting Pilot Program. The next steps for the pilot are to distribute the honorariums, seek feedback from participating schools concerning utility and relevance, share the pilot findings with multiple governance groups before Convention, and conduct a membership wide discussion of findings and the potential future of the program at the Convention Issues Forum.

Presidents Council. The Council received the report and began to discuss the implications of the findings, as well as the future of academic reporting for the division. Future actions will be considered after the 2012 Convention forum discussion.

d. Conference/Independent Meetings Update.

Management Council. The Council received an update on Stan Ching's visit to the New England Small College Athletic Conference, and Dan Dutcher's visit to the Eastern College Athletic Conference meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Virtual Focus Group Communication (VFG).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the VFG responses regarding Communication #23 on favorite technology products and services and ways to better present speaking points about Division III experience to coaches, administrators, and other important audiences.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. 2012 NCAA CONVENTION.

a. Proposal Groupings.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the following proposal grouping and voting order for the 2012 Convention:

Presidents Council Grouping (Three Roll-Call Votes).

1 (2-10) - Division Membership – Division III Philosophy Statement – Affirmation and Clarification of Undergraduate Experience, Broad-Based Athletics Programs, Participation in Non-Athletic Pursuits and Autonomy in Eligibility Standards.

2 (2-1) - NCAA Membership – Member Conference – Conditions, Obligations Privileges and Automatic Qualification – Core Institution.

3 (2-9) - Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations – Required Sickle-Cell Testing.

General Grouping (Seven Non Roll-Call Votes).

4 (2-3) - Amateurism and Executive Regulations – Financial Donations and Advertising and Sponsorship of NCAA Championships – Professional Sports Organizations.

5 (2-2) - Personnel – Conduct of Athletics Personnel – Certified Strength and Conditioning Coaches – Required Sports-Safety Training.

6 (2-7) - Playing and Practice Seasons – Required Day Off – Voluntary Strength and Conditioning Activities Prohibited During Required Day Off.

7 (2-4) - Recruiting – Permissible Electronic Transmissions.

8 (2-5) - Recruiting – Electronic Transmissions – Allowing Text Messaging.

9 (2-6) - Eligibility – Hardship Waiver – Practice After Injury.

10 (2-8) - Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Postseason Activities – Exempting One Postseason Championship From the 18 or 19 Week Declared Playing Season.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

b. Membership-Sponsored Legislation.

2012 Division III Convention Proposal Positions. The Councils reviewed responsibilities associated with Convention proposal speaking assignments and after review of committee statements, took formal positions on the following membership-sponsored proposals as presented below. It should be noted that the Presidents Council was not requested to take a position on any of the proposals as a result of the adoption of 2011 Convention Proposal No. 1.

- **CON 2-4 – Recruiting – Permissible Electronic Transmissions.**

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

  Management Council. The Management Council determined that the complexity of the issues both for and against the use of social media in recruiting warranted taking no position. The Council noted the particularly historical importance of the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's position regarding this topic and therefore will revisit this decision at its January meeting when it has the formal position from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

  Interpretations and Legislative Committee. The committee took no position on this proposal. The committee could not come to a majority position regarding the use of social media. The committee does however support deregulating the use of text messaging as a means to communicate with prospective student-athletes.

  Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The committee informally took no position on this proposal (official position not available until November).

- **CON 2-6 – Eligibility – Hardship Waiver – Practice After Injury.**

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

  Management Council. The Management Council opposed this proposal. The Council determined that this proposal represents a rule for a limited minority of individuals that abuse the hardship rule to work around the "redshirt" prohibition. Generally, the current application of the medical hardship rule is effective for dealing with student-athletes that incur season ending injuries. The impact of this proposal would result in taking away opportunities from the vast majority of student-athletes that comply with the rule.

Interpretations and Legislative Committee. The committee opposed the proposal expressing concern with the detrimental impact on student-athletes. Further, the committee questioned the clarity of the prohibition set forth in the proposal and the potential inconsistent application based on this lack of clarity.

Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. The committee opposed the proposal. The current application of hardship waiver legislation is effective in dealing with student-athletes suffering incapacitating injuries or illnesses following limited participation. In addition, the scope of participation is supported by the conclusions of medical personnel associated with a student-athlete's recovery. Finally, the committee noted the proposal could place institutions and conferences in difficult positions associated with determining permissible and impermissible activities (possibly after the fact), as well as create additional resource challenges at the campus level.

Academic Issues Subcommittee. While the committee submitted a statement of support for this proposal in its report, conversation during the Management Council meeting resulted in subcommittee members taking a position of opposition, consistent with the Management Council position stated above.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The committee informally opposed this proposal (official position not available until November). Rehab activities during practice allow injured student-athletes to stay connected to the team. These individuals are still on the roster and should be allowed to be involved in practices to the extent possible with the injury. This proposal seems to punish the majority of injured student-athletes due to concern of abuse by a few.

- **CON 2-7 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Required Day Off – Voluntary Strength and Conditioning Activities Prohibited During Required Day Off.**

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Management Council opposed this proposal. The Council did not see a need to impose additional monitoring and compliance measures both in and outside the playing season to ensure that on one day a week student-athletes do not engage in voluntary activities with a certified strength and conditioning coach. The Council and committees did not have any indication that these permissible activities were being abused and thus do not support legislation that would effectively impose additional compliance requirements.

Interpretations and Legislative Committee. The committee opposes this proposal. The committee also discussed if the proposal were split into two parts (in-season and out-of-season), that a prohibition on in-season workouts with certified strength and conditioning coaches on the mandatory day off would be supported. The committee agreed that by requiring the day off outside the

season, the institution would be required to monitor participation outside the season which is not currently permitted. Consequently, this would result in more oversight outside the playing season, resulting in the opposite of the intended effect of this proposal. Ensuring, however, that student-athletes are not engaging in a workout with the strength coach during the mandatory day off during the season has merit and should be supported.

Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. The subcommittee opposed this proposal. The subcommittee agreed with the basic premise of this proposal that student-athletes should have a day off and not feel compelled to engage in voluntary strength and conditioning activities conducted by a certified strength coach on that day off. The subcommittee questioned, however, whether there was actually a problem that would compel the additional monitoring associated with the proposal. Specifically, the proposal that allowed the voluntary workouts with a certified strength and conditioning coach was not yet effective when Proposal No. 2-7 was submitted. Consequently, Proposal No. 2-7 is based on an anticipated problem that may not manifest itself, as opposed to an existing problem that mandates action. The subcommittee was not comfortable supporting such legislation. The subcommittee noted that if a problem arises the subcommittee would act accordingly, but at this time the subcommittee does not recognize a problem necessitating action.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The committee informally supported this proposal (official position not available until November). The committee noted that the proposal mandates that a student-athlete not participate in a voluntary strength and conditioning activity conducted by a certified strength and conditioning coach during a required day off, but recognized that a student-athlete could still participate in a voluntary strength and conditioning session monitored for safety purposes by a certified strength and conditioning coach. Since the proposal ultimately still allows a dedicated student-athlete to pursue voluntary strength and conditioning activities on a required day off, the committee recognized the proposal's intent to protect student-athletes' time and student-athlete voluntary participation during the off season.

- **CON 2-8 – Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Postseason Activities – Exempting One Postseason Championship From the 18 or 19 Week Declared Playing Season.**

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Management Council opposed this proposal. The Council is opposed to allowing additional avenues to extend the playing season. While this proposal would effectively only impact one existing postseason championship, there is concern that this proposal would result in the creation of additional postseason opportunities. These opportunities would likely come with more missed class time for student-athletes and a financial impact to institutions.

Interpretations and Legislation Committee. The committee opposed this proposal, expressing concern with extending the playing season by allowing additional exemptions to the playing season. The committee also cited cost considerations associated with additional postseason opportunities and increased pressure for institutions to participate in postseason championship events as further basis to oppose this proposal.

Championships Committee. The committee opposed this proposal, noting that while certain season-ending tournaments (e.g., Eastern College Athletic Conference championships) are exempted from contest limitations and not from the playing season limitations, there is not a significant undue burden on institutions that choose to participate in these championships to warrant extension of the playing seasons as proposed. The committee expressed concern about the timing of such postseason championships under this proposal, which could result in a significant lengthening of the playing season. Further, the committee observed that this proposal is likely targeted to a specific area of the country where existing and traditional postseason championships occur, but could increase pressure on other institutions to establish new events in order to gain a competitive edge, thereby adding contests and increasing costs.

Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. The subcommittee opposed this proposal because it unnecessarily extends the playing season. There was also concern expressed that the proposal would result in the establishment of new postseason tournaments resulting in institutions feeling compelled to participate and incurring greater expense. The subcommittee determined that the current limited post season exemptions were appropriate and do not warrant expanding.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The committee informally supported this proposal (official position not available until November). This proposal equalizes postseason opportunities. The postseason is a reward for student-athletes and teams should be allowed to maximize contest opportunities during the regular season without having to save weeks for a potential (but uncertain) post-season opportunity.

c. Review of Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the Management Council per Constitution 5.3.1.1.1.

- **NC-2012-19 – Amateurism, Eligibility and Awards, Benefits and Expenses – World University Championships.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to include the World University Championships in all bylaws that apply to the World University Games.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- **NC-2012-20 – Committees – Association-Wide and Common Committees – Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and Committee on Women's Athletics – Composition.**

  Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to increase, from 15 to the 18, the number of members of the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and the Committee on Women's Athletics and to specify that the composition of the committees shall be equally distributed among the three divisions; further, to specify that one member of each committee shall be a current chancellor or president. The budget impact total is approximately $6,960 for six new committee members.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- **NC-2012-21 – NCAA Membership – Provisional Membership – Fee.**

  Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to specify that the amount of the fee for provisional members shall be determined annually by the Membership Committee based on an analysis of the expenses and benefits associated with the membership process. The budget impact will be periodic increase to institutions in the membership process.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- **NC-2012-22 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition – Two National Team Tryouts.**

  Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to permit an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to participate in not more than two national team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Cup, World Youth Championships, or World University Games. The budget impact is institutions with eligible student-athletes may bear the expense of additional national team tryouts.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- **NC- 2012-23 – Committees – Association-Wide Committees – Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities – Swimming and Diving, Track and Field and Wrestling.**

  Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to establish a Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, a Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee and a Wrestling Rules Committee, as specified; further, to establish a Division III

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, a Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee and a Division III Wrestling Committee, as specified.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- **NC-2012-24 – Committees – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee - Vacancies.**

  Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to eliminate the requirement that the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee select representatives when a vacancy occurs and requires the NCAA Division III Nominating Committee perform this duty; further, to specify that a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Nominating Committee for purposes of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee selections.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Review of Administrative Regulations approved by the Management Council per Constitution 5.2.3.1.

- **ADM-2012-1 – Executive Regulations – Administration of NCAA Championships – Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures – Financial Penalties.**

  Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative format a proposal to increase the maximum penalty from $300 to $600 for an institution's failure to adhere to published procedures for the submission of regular-season results, availability questionnaires and/or entry forms.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- **ADM-2012-2 – Executive Regulations – Selection of Balance of Championship Field – Secondary Criteria – Ranking and Selection – Performance in Previous Championship Season – Football.**

  Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative format a proposal in football, to specify that if all primary criteria are equal among teams with undefeated records, performance in the previous championship season may be considered in the secondary criteria.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Litigation Update.

Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils accepted the Litigation Report. No action was necessary.

b. Governmental Relations Report.

Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils accepted the Governmental Relations Report. No action was necessary.

c. NCAA Communications Task Force.

Management Council. NCAA staff members Wendy Walters and Ronnie Ramos visited the Council to provide an update on the NCAA Communication Task force, the charge of which was to examine and analyze all communication efforts and platforms that the national office staff has with the NCAA membership, including an examination of how the national office staff communicates both internally and externally. It is expected that the task force will offer recommendations to establish a more coordinated approach to membership communications and to achieve a more collaborative approach to internal staff communications. Task force recommendations include changing from an information "push" environment to a "pull" environment and making effective membership communication a leadership goal.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Transgender Participation Resource.

Management Council. The Management Council received the guidebook "NCAA Inclusion of Transgender Student-Athletes." The purpose of this resource is to provide guidance to NCAA athletic programs about how to ensure transgender student-athletes fair, respectful, and legal access to collegiate sports teams based on current medical and legal knowledge. It provides best practice and policy recommendations for intercollegiate athletic programs to provide transgender student-athletes with fair and equal opportunities to participate. In addition to specific policy recommendations for college athletics, the resource provides guidance for implementing these policies to ensure the safety, privacy, and dignity of transgender student-athletes as well as their teammates. Specific best practice recommendations are provided for athletic administrators, coaches, student-athletes and the media.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. NCAA President's Report.

Management Council. The Council received a visit from NCAA President, Mark Emmert, who provided an update on the Division I Presidential retreat and subsequent reform initiatives. President Emmert also commented on his future vision for Division

III, where he desires to see continued strengthening of presidential leadership, greater attention to the specific attributes of the Division III platform, and more published data on the academic performance of student-athletes.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the President's Report as part of its joint breakfast with the Division I Board of Directors and Division II Presidents Council.

f. Office of Inclusion Update.

Presidents Council. The Council received a visit from NCAA Executive Vice President, Bernard Franklin, and Director of Membership and Student-Athlete Affairs, Delise O'Meally. The staff provided an update on the Association's philosophical shift to view diversity as a metric, ensure that inclusion is valued in leadership and decision-making, moving the primary focus from development and delivery of programmatic elements to advocacy for best practices and policy development and to reorganize the governance structure.

Dr. Franklin also provided an update on the recently hosted Inclusion Summit (Challenges, Champions and Collaborative Strategies: Moving Toward a More Inclusive Culture). The Presidents Council asked about tools to spur dialog. The staff indicated that the Inclusion Summit video is posted on ncaa.org and the NCAA is making available representatives from the Office of Inclusion to present information at conference presidential meetings.

g. The Enforcement Experience.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council engaged in an interaction session with the enforcement staff entitled 'The Enforcement Experience'. In this session, participants received a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on in an enforcement case, from investigation and hearing through penalty assessment. The Council advised the staff to highlight key points from the enforcement experience for presidents at the Convention and to look for opportunities to pursue broader presidential audiences following the Convention.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Management Council. The Management Council meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.