

## NCAA Division I Transformation Committee

### May 17, 24 & June 7 Meetings

Over the past few weeks, the Transformation Committee has continued to make progress across its initial focus areas. In every meeting we have, the student-athlete remains at the center of our conversations, and our definition of success is determined by whether we fundamentally enhance the experience for our student-athletes.

Specific updates from the past few weeks include:

- **Discussed the impact of student-athletes benefits.** As it relates to potential financial support, we understand that any recommendations could have implications to student-athletes, conferences, and member schools. The Committee is looking at a variety of different options to assess potential impact, and everything is on the table.
- **Modernizing the rulebook.** The Committee has made great progress in this area and is preparing to share infractions recommendations with NCAA membership in the weeks ahead. Additionally, we reviewed membership feedback from student-athletes, commissioners, athletic directors, presidents, and more, in order to refine our recommendations and enhance the experience for student-athletes.
- **Issues related to transfers.** We requested feedback related to the creation of sport-specific transfer windows and receiving-school expectations for student-athletes. Our objective is to better understand how established transfer windows will help improve the experience for student-athletes, especially in regards to their continued academic success.

The Transformation Committee also recently reaffirmed the importance of ongoing communication with membership. Our intent is to regularly provide consistent updates and provide opportunities for feedback. As we get even further along in our process of assessing and proposing recommendations, we're reminded that we must communicate progress and updates when possible. We appreciate everyone's patience, partnership and inputs to date.

*Greg Sankey and Julie Cromer, co-chairs of the NCAA Transformation Committee*



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE  
MAY 17, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**1. Review results of the April 2022 membership engagement survey.**

- The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee received an overview of the results from the membership survey that was distributed following the April 21 Transformation Committee webinar.
- A total of 666 campus and conference administrators, coaches and affiliate organization representatives completed the survey. The survey included requests for feedback on big-picture issues and on more specific concepts in the areas of transfers, infractions, and rules modernization.
- There was general support for almost all of the concepts that the Transformation Committee included in the survey. As the Transformation Committee finalizes concepts in the relevant areas, it will continue to review and consider the detailed survey feedback in each specific area, especially in those areas with less consensus.
- The Transformation Committee noted the limited engagement of student-athletes in this survey and committed to engaging student-athletes more broadly as concepts are being finalized, particularly in areas that directly impact student-athletes.

**2. Enhancing student-athlete benefits and financial support.**

- The Transformation Committee continued its exploration of options for student-athlete benefits in the post-Alston environment.
- The committee will continue its discussion of student-athlete benefits during its June 15-16 meeting.

**3. Next steps for rules modernization work.**

- During the April 18-19 meeting, the Transformation Committee reviewed recommendations from the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee.
- The Transformation Committee supported several concepts related to personnel and recruiting, referred two concepts back to the subcommittee for further review or clarification and retained two concepts for review in concert with its current areas of focus.
- During its upcoming meetings, the modernization subcommittee will refine the initial concepts supported by the Transformation Committee and consider an approach (Phase I) that could be used to recommend them for introduction into the modernization legislative track by the June 14-15 NCAA Division I Council meeting. The Council could vote on the proposals in July or August.

- In its report to the Transformation Committee, the modernization subcommittee noted several areas of recruiting regulation ripe for modernization that were not included in the initial recommendations due to time constraints. During its upcoming meetings, the subcommittee will develop concepts related to the areas of recruiting previously identified.
- The subcommittee will provide available recommendations to the Transformation Committee for review in June. Based on the Transformation Committee's input, the subcommittee may be positioned to recommend some Phase II concepts for introduction into the modernization legislative track during the July 20 Council meeting. The Council could vote on the proposals during the August meeting. Other proposals could be introduced in August for a vote in September and introduced in September for a vote in October.
- Depending on the progress made in the areas identified within Phase II, the subcommittee will review the remaining areas of legislation identified by the Transformation Committee in its initial referral. The subcommittee will continually communicate and provide updates to the Transformation Committee, with a similar expectation that proposals will be recommended to the Council during its regular meeting schedule.

**4. Next steps for infractions work.**

- A membership survey regarding the 14 detailed infractions concepts developed by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee will be released on May 23. The survey will be open until Sunday, June 5.
- The Transformation Committee will review the survey results during its June 15-16 in-person meeting and will then determine next steps with the concepts.

**5. Sport Community Engagement.**

- Transformation co-chair Greg Sankey noted that two webinars will be conducted with representatives from coaches associations and sport committees from 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 19.
- The goal of the webinars is to familiarize the sport communities with the Transformation Committee's work in the areas of financial aid and recruiting and to request sport-specific feedback on concepts related to recruiting calendars and potential roster limitations.

**6. Discussion of current events and constituent feedback.**

- Transformation Committee members shared feedback from recent conference meetings and committee meetings, noting the level of interest in the committee's

work within the membership and the ongoing importance of transparency and communication.

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Division I Transformation Committee May 17, 2022, Videoconference	
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**REPORT OF THE  
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MAY 24, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**1. Transfers.**

- The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee previously requested feedback from sport communities to assist in its consideration of the creation of sport-specific transfer windows and receiving-school expectations.
- The Transformation Committee reviewed the sport community feedback and data from the April 2022 membership survey as it continues to refine and finalize recommendations related to the transfer legislation.
- The Transformation Committee discussed its preliminary concepts and charged staff with repackaging and refining the concepts based on its feedback for further consideration at its June 7 meeting.

**2. Recommendations related to campus visits.**

- During its April 18-19 meeting, the Transformation Committee reviewed recommendations related to campus visits and referred those back to the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee for further review.
- The subcommittee revised its recommendations to provide flexibility and continue to preserve the integrity of the recruiting process.
- The Transformation Committee supported the subcommittee's amended recommendation and will include requests for membership feedback on the concepts in a future membership survey and/or communication.

**3. Recommendations related to use of agents.**

- During the April 18-19 meeting, the Transformation Committee reviewed initial recommendations related to the use of agents. The Transformation Committee requested the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee revisit the concept for additional consideration.
- The subcommittee provided additional feedback on potential legislative changes to the agent legislation during the Transformation Committee's May 24 meeting.
- The Transformation Committee will continue to discuss the agent legislation and consider the intersection with its discussions related to student-athlete support before moving forward with seeking membership feedback or developing specific recommendations.

**4. Discussion of current events and constituent feedback.**

- The Transformation Committee debriefed the sport community webinars that occurred on May 17 and 19 and shared feedback received from conference meetings and other membership engagement.

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<b>Guest in Attendance:</b>	
Lisa Archibald, Northeast Conference, Division I Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee.	
Jackie Blackett, Columbia University-Barnard College, Division I Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee.	
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference, Division I Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee.	
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**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE  
JUNE 7, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**1. Transfers.**

- The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee continued to refine its transfer recommendation as part of a package of proposals being developed for an anticipated vote by the NCAA Division I Council in August 2022.
- The committee is expected to finalize the transfer recommendation at its June 15-16 in-person meeting before disseminating for membership review in advance of the August Council meeting.

**2. Concepts related to the appellate phase of the infractions process.**

- The NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee convened on May 26, 2022, and discussed concepts related to the appellate phase of the infractions process as part of its comprehensive approach to improving the Division I infractions process in material ways. The concepts include: (a) Limiting appealable issues; (b) Limiting appeals to written submissions/or shortened timelines; (c) Adhering to deferential standards of review; and (d) Disincentives for unsuccessful appeals. A small group is being formed to develop specific recommendations.
- The Transformation Committee reviewed the Infractions Process Committee's recommendations and agreed to determine which of the appellate process concepts are ready for membership feedback during its June in-person meeting.

**3. Overview of current Division I membership standards.**

- The NCAA Division I Board of Directors charged the Transformation Committee with reviewing a model for new (or enhanced) membership obligations/requirements, including the appropriateness of a new subdivision, division or even differently defined categories of institutions (e.g., groups, leagues, consortiums).
- The Transformation Committee began its review with a summary of the current legislated membership requirements.
- The committee requested historical information related to the evolution of membership requirements and data related to current sports sponsorship levels and financial aid minimums for review during its next meeting

**4. Discussion of current events and constituent feedback.**

- The Transformation Committee members shared a significant amount of feedback received during recent conference meetings.
- The Transformation Committee also reviewed a memo from the FCS and I-AAA athletics directors providing feedback on key issues under the committee's purview.

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