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Proposal Number	Title	Effective Date	Source	Intent	Rationale
2009-22	AMATEURISM AND ELIGIBILITY — INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS — EXCEPTION — PRIOR TO INITIAL FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT — DELAYED ENROLLMENT — SEASONS OF COMPETITION — SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S ICE HOCKEY	August 1, 2010; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2010	NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet	In sports other than men's ice hockey, to specify that prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may enter into an agreement to compete on a professional team and compete on a professional team, provided the agreement does not guarantee or promise payment (at any time) in excess of actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team; further, in sports other than men's ice hockey tennis, swimming and diving and women's volleyball, to specify that a student-athlete who does not initially enroll full-time in a collegiate institution within one year (six months for tennis) or the next opportunity to enroll following the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class and participates in organized events after the specified time period shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition for each year of participation and shall fulfill an academic year in residence (one year for each year of competition in tennis) on matriculation at the certifying institution before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.	<p>Prior to initial collegiate enrollment, it is more equitable to determine eligibility based on the circumstances as they relate to the individual prospective student-athlete, as opposed to his or her teammates. This revision would alleviate the situation in which a prospective student-athlete's eligibility is jeopardized due to a teammate receiving remuneration above actual and necessary expenses, even though the prospective student-athlete may be unaware of this arrangement and does not receive more than actual and necessary expenses for participation on the team. Under this approach, an institution would no longer be required to determine whether a team is considered professional. Instead, the focus would be on the individual's specific circumstances and eligibility would be assessed using the threshold of receipt of more than actual and necessary expenses. The competitive equity issues related to participation in organized competition would be addressed by applying the delayed enrollment seasons of competition legislation, which currently apply only to tennis, swimming and diving, and women's volleyball, to all sports other than men's ice hockey. For tennis, the decrease in the length of time during which prospective student-athletes may compete in organized tennis will place emphasis on the importance of academics and level the playing field by ensuring relatively similar competitive opportunities prior to college.</p> <p>After reviewing feedback from the men's ice hockey community, the Amateurism Cabinet agreed that the legislative changes included in the proposal would be detrimental to men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes, to Division I institutions that sponsor men's ice hockey and to the performance of United States national teams. If the proposal were adopted with men's ice hockey included, many more prospective student-athletes would likely elect to participate in Major Junior A hockey prior to initial collegiate enrollment. They would likely jeopardize their eligibility status by being influenced to accept more than actual and necessary expenses, to sign with an agent, or to sign a professional contract. Further, participation in Major Junior A hockey would likely be detrimental to prospective student-athletes' academic success given the demands of participation in that league. In addition, it is very common for men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes to compete in junior hockey for more than one year after high school graduation and before initial</p>

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