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2008-12	PERSONNEL — LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF OFF- CAMPUS RECRUITERS AT ANY ONE TIME — EXCEPTION — BASKETBALL — JULY EVALUATION PERIODS	60-Day Comment Period	Immediate	In basketball, to specify that during the July evaluation periods, a coach replaced for the purpose of off-campus recruiting activities is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day.	During the July evaluation periods, basketball coaches travel the country in order to identify prospective student-athletes. Only three of the four coaches are permitted to recruit at any one time, and this is regulated by requiring a coach who comes "off the road" to return to campus before being permitted to resume recruiting activities. Due to the intense nature of the July evaluation periods, it is preferable that the three-coach limit be regulated by permitting only three coaches to engage in off-campus recruiting each day, and by permitting a coach who is replaced as an off-campus recruiter to resume recruiting without returning to campus first. This proposal would allow three coaches to evaluate while the fourth coach travels from one certified event directly to the location of another. Under the current rule, coaches must take turns flying back to campus, creating needless expenses and using valuable time.



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2008-14	RECRUITING — DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS — PROSPECTIVE STUDENT- ATHLETE — ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE IN SUMMER CLASSES PRIOR TO INITIAL FULL- TIME ENROLLMENT	Adopted, 60- Day Override Period	Immediate	To specify that an individual shall no longer be considered a prospective student-athlete for purposes of the contact limitations in Bylaw 13 and shall be considered a student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 16 at the point in which he or she officially registers and enrolls and attends classes in an institution's summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment.	Current legislation permits any individual who is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to his or her initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution to be provided academic support services and to use the institution's training room facilities without signing a National Letter of Intent (NLI). In addition, in football and basketball, any individual who is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to his or her initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach regardless of whether the individual has signed an NLI or is receiving athletically related financial aid during the summer term. Although these individuals have not signed an NLI and are not receiving summer financial aid, they are no longer being recruited by the institution and they receive the same access to institutional facilities and services as individuals who have signed an NLI or are receiving summer financial aid. Accordingly, these individuals should also be provided the benefits of student-athletes for purposes of Bylaw 16 and the institutions at which they are enrolled should not be subject to the contact restrictions of Bylaw 13.



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2008-15-A	RECRUITING — DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS — PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE — REQUIRED INSTITUTIONAL ORIENTATION SESSION	Defeated - Final	Immediate	To specify that a recruited prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) [or, for an institution that does not use the NLI in a particular sport or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid] and has reported to a required institutional orientation session within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term shall not be subject to the contact restrictions in Bylaw 13 and shall be considered a student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 16 as of the opening day of the required orientation.	Currently, prospective student-athletes who are required to attend an institutional orientation session in late July or early August are considered prospective student-athletes until they begin classes unless they have attended summer school and received athletically related financial aid. In some cases, issues arise related to the well-being of prospective student-athletes who travel long distances for a required orientation. Once the orientation ends the prospective student-athletes must either return home or find lodging, meals and transportation on their own until they begin classes as full-time students. A current student-athlete may not provide local transportation to a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete may not receive an occasional meal from a staff member. Since this proposal limits the effective time period to a 14-day period prior to the start of classes and limits the scope to prospective student-athletes who have signed a National Letter of Intent, the potential for abuse is limited. This proposal would permit the affected prospective student-athletes to interact with future teammates and coaches in a logical and reasonable manner. An individual in this situation may not engage in any countable athletically related activities during the time period and may not receive room or board expenses.



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2008-15-B	RECRUITING — DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS — PROSPECTIVE STUDENT- ATHLETE — INSTITUTIONAL ORIENTATION SESSION	60-Day Comment Period	Immediate	To specify that a recruited prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) [or, for an institution that does not use the NLI in a particular sport or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid] and has reported to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term shall not be subject to the contact restrictions in Bylaw 13 and shall be considered a student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 16 as of the opening day of the orientation session.	Not all institutions require incoming students to attend orientation sessions. This alternative proposal provides greater flexibility to apply the provisions of the legislation to any institutional orientation period available to all incoming students, rather than limiting the application to required orientation sessions.



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2008-25-A	RECRUITING — OFFICIAL VISIT AND LETTER OF INTENT PROGRAMS — REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL VISIT AND OFFERS OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID — COMPLETION OF AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE	Defeated - Final	August 1, 2009	To specify that a high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete must complete the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center before an institution may provide the prospective student-athlete an official visit; further, to specify that an institution shall not provide a high school, preparatory school or transfer prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has completed the amateurism certification questionnaire with the Eligibility Center.	Current legislation requires that a prospective student-athlete present an institution with a high school (or college) academic transcript and register with the Eligibility Center prior to taking an official visit to the institution. Prior to the official visit, the institution must also place the prospective student-athlete on its institutional request list. Requiring prospective student-athletes to take the additional step of completing the amateurism questionnaire prior to taking an official visit and prior to receiving a written offer of athletically related aid will allow the Eligibility Center to begin the process of certifying prospective student-athletes' amateur status at an earlier date and will help ease case volume leading up to and after the start of the academic year when competition is pending. The effective date of August 1, 2009, will provide adequate notice to institutions and prospective student-athletes.
2008-25-B	RECRUITING — LETTER OF INTENT PROGRAMS — REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFERS OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID — COMPLETION OF AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE	Defeated - Final	August 1, 2009	To specify that an institution shall not provide a high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has completed the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.	Requiring the amateurism certification questionnaire to be completed prior to an official visit is cumbersome and could result in a delay of the visit. Despite adequate planning, many official visits are arranged or changed at the last minute due to schedule changes or other complications. The appropriate timing for the completion of the amateurism certification questionnaire is prior to issuing a written offer of athletically related financial aid. This timing may address the concerns related to late registrations by prospective student-athletes currently experienced by the Eligibility Center, while still supplying institutions with important amateurism information before financial aid commitments are made.



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2008-25-C	RECRUITING — OFFICIAL VISIT AND LETTER OF INTENT PROGRAMS — REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL VISIT AND OFFERS OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID — COMPLETION OF AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE — DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE	Defeated - Final	August 1, 2010	To specify that a high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete must complete the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center before an institution may provide the prospective student-athlete an official visit; further, to specify that an institution shall not provide a high school, preparatory school or transfer prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has completed the amateurism certification questionnaire with the Eligibility Center.	Although the sponsor of Proposal No. 2008-25-A has indicated that the effective date of August 1, 2009 will provide adequate notice to institutions and prospective student-athletes, delaying the effective date until 2010 will provide additional time for the NCAA to educate prospects and institutions on this additional requirement, which will result in a smoother transition for the membership.
2008-25-D	RECRUITING — LETTER OF INTENT PROGRAMS — REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFERS OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID — COMPLETION OF AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE — DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE	60-Day Comment Period	August 1, 2010	To specify that an institution shall not provide a high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has completed the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.	Although the sponsor of Proposal No. 2008-25-B has indicated that the effective date of August 1, 2009 will provide adequate notice to institutions and prospective student-athletes, delaying the effective date until 2010 will provide additional time for the NCAA to educate prospects and institutions on this additional requirement, which will result in a smoother transition for the membership.



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2008-30-A	RECRUITING — SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS — EMPLOYMENT AT CAMP OR CLINIC — HIGH SCHOOL, PREPARATORY-SCHOOL TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES — EMPLOYMENT AS SPEAKER — BASKETBALL	Rendered Moot - Final	Immediate	In basketball, to specify that an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) a speaker in any basketball camp or clinic (including a coaches clinic or a camp or clinic involving nonprospects) who is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball; further, to specify that such an individual may be employed as a camp counselor, but may not perform speaking duties other than those normally associated with camp counselor duties (e.g., skill instruction).	Current legislation does not preclude institutions from providing honorariums to a prospective student-athlete's coach to speak at an institution's camp or clinic. Such a fee is often independent of any compensation for employment as a camp counselor and is used as a recruiting inducement, either to pay for the costs of the coach's players to attend the camp or to solicit the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete associated with that coach. In some cases, the fee may be exorbitant unless institutional policy restricts the amount. This proposal would address those recruiting concerns without precluding institutions from employing a prospective student-athlete's coach as a legitimate counselor. Current legislation governs such employment and requires compensation paid to all counselors to be commensurate with the going-rate based on like teaching ability and camp experience.



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2008-30-B	RECRUITING — ENTERTAINMENT, REIMBURSEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL/ TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES — EMPLOYMENT AS SPEAKER/PRESENTER IN ATHLETICALLY RELATED INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES — BASKETBALL	Adopted, 60-Day Override Period	Immediate	In basketball, to specify that an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) an individual who is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball as a speaker or presenter at any athletically related events or activities (e.g., camps or clinics, booster club functions, as outside consultant).	This alternative was sponsored at the request of the National Association of Basketball Coaches in order to address additional concerns related to the payment of fees to prospective student-athletes' coaches or other individuals associated with prospective student-athletes. A broader prohibition on employment of coaches and individuals involved with prospective student-athletes as a result of participation in basketball is necessary to address other means by which payments may be directed to such individuals. In many cases, the purpose of such employment is to gain favor with these individuals and greater access to the prospects who these individuals influence and, many times, control. College coaches need to be protected from scholastic and nonscholastic coaches (and others associated with prospects) who seek to leverage access to the prospects by offering themselves to be employed at camps, clinics, booster club functions and similar activities. The proposed prohibition will promote greater integrity in the youth basketball recruiting process.



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2008-45	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS — GENERAL REGULATIONS — SKILL INSTRUCTION — SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL — CONCURRENT SESSIONS	60-Day Comment Period	Immediate	In sports other than football, to specify that prior to September 15 and after April 15, no more than four student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any one facility.	The current legislation governing skill-related instruction was implemented to prevent teams from essentially conducting regular practice at certain times during the off-season. However, as applied, it places unnecessary time demands on student-athletes and institutional staff members because it does not allow more than four student-athletes to participate in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any facility prior to September 15 and after April 15. Allowing separate, autonomous groups of student-athletes to participate in skill-related instruction at the same time does not compromise the intent of the original legislation. Clearly, it is not possible to conduct regular practice by allowing more than one group to participate in skill-related instruction in separate locations at the same time. The most significant benefit of this proposal would be the reduction in the total amount of time that would be required to conduct skill-related instruction for the entire team. For sports with larger rosters, such as baseball, which may have up to 40 student-athletes, allowing multiple groups to participate in skill-related instruction at one time would permit three baseball coaches to conduct skill instruction for their 40 student-athletes in five hours, rather than ten.



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2008-49	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS — BASKETBALL — FIRST CONTEST — EXCEPTIONS — INFORMAL PRACTICE SCRIMMAGES — NO MISSED CLASS TIME	Adopted, 60-Day Override Period	August 1, 2009	In basketball, to specify that no class time shall be missed in conjunction with an informal practice scrimmage, including activities associated with such scrimmages (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities).	Current legislation permits an institution to participate in an informal basketball scrimmage after the start date for on-court practice. Such a scrimmage may be conducted against another Division I institution. The current rules have established conditions to ensure that the scrimmage is conducted in privacy and does not, in essence, become an additional contest. However, there is no requirement that student-athletes do not miss class time to participate in such a scrimmage. In recent years, there have been some instances involving institutions that have traveled significant distances to participate in scrimmages against other Division I institutions. These scrimmages originally were designed to permit institutions in close proximity to each other to engage in an informal type of practice session. As such, student-athletes should not be missing class time to participate. This proposal will help further the original intent of the legislation.
2008-50	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS — WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — FIRST CONTEST EXCEPTIONS AND ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS — FOREIGN TEAM IN U.S. AND USA BASKETBALL CLUB	Adopted, 60-Day Override Period	August 1, 2009; contracts signed before August 15, 2008 may be honored.	In women's basketball, to eliminate the exception to the first contest date and the annual exemptions for exhibition contests against club members of USA Basketball and foreign teams in the U.S.	Currently, in women's basketball, institutions are permitted to schedule preseason exhibition contests against noncollegiate club teams. Many of these club teams are directly associated with junior club teams populated by recruitable prospective student-athletes. These contests have become intertwined with access to recruits who play on noncollegiate teams. There is concern that these games create a relationship between institutions and club teams that result in an unfair recruiting advantages. Limiting exhibition games to contests against four-year collegiate institutions fosters a healthier competitive environment for collegiate teams and eliminates potential recruiting advantages. Finally, this same legislative change was adopted from men's basketball in 2004.



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2008-65	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS — FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION — TIMING OF TOUR — PROHIBITION DURING ACADEMIC YEAR LABOR DAY VACATION PERIOD	Adopted, 60-Day Override Period	August 1, 2009; however, institutions may honor a contract beyond this date if a contract for participation was signed before April 14, 2008.	To specify that an institution shall not participate in a foreign tour that occurs in conjunction with a Labor Day academic year vacation period.	Currently, an institution may participate in a foreign tour during Labor Day weekend provided it recognizes Labor Day as a vacation period. Institutions that do not recognize Labor Day or only recognize it for institutional staff and administration (e.g., not extended to students and professors) have sought NCAA Division I Management Council Administrative Review Subcommittee (now NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief) waivers in order to participate in tours. Eleven requests from men's basketball programs have been submitted since July 2005. Relief has been provided to those institutions that recognize Labor Day in some manner (e.g., administrative day for staff and administration). The intent of a foreign tour is to provide student-athletes with additional cultural and educational opportunities. However, competitive equity concerns have been raised. Those concerns relate to the fact that institutions are allowed ten days of practice before the start of the tour and that freshmen student-athletes may participate on such tours if the institution's academic year has begun. This legislation would not apply to institutions for which Labor Day occurs during the summer vacation period before the start of the regular academic year (e.g., quarter institutions). The current legislation does not permit incoming freshman to participate in summer foreign tours. Therefore, this proposal promotes competitive equity as it relates to freshman participation.



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2008-69	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS — SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUES AND CERTIFIED BASKETBALL EVENTS — ADDITIONAL CRITERIA — APPROVAL OF EVENT AND LEAGUE OPERATORS — BASKETBALL	Adopted - Final	Immediate	In basketball, to specify that in order for a summer basketball league or a basketball event to be certified, the event or league operator or manager must be approved in accordance with guidelines established by the NCAA basketball certification staff.	Current legislation requires that an individual involved in coaching activities at an NCAA certified event must have been approved in accordance with guidelines established by the basketball certification staff. No such requirement exists for operators of these events. There have been recent situations involving operators of events who have engaged in questionable activities, yet still were able to operate a certified event. In one case, the participants and the event site involved with the operator were victims of fraud. These types of activities potentially could be avoided if the requirement of a background check is extended to event operators. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing legislation or proposed legislation.