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Second Publication of Proposed Legislation 104th Annual Convention

This publication presents all proposed amendments to NCAA Division II legislation that were properly submitted in accordance with the July 15 and September 1 deadlines in the NCAA legislative calendar. The proposals herein appear in the order in which they would appear, if adopted, in the NCAA Manual. No attempt has been made to place them in topical groupings or in the order in which they eventually might appear in the Convention agenda. **The order of the three proposals contained in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation has changed in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Likewise, the order of the 14 proposals in the second publication will change in the Official Notice. The Numeral 2 has been placed in front of each proposal number to help identify its position in the second publication. In addition, for each proposal that appeared in the initial publication, a parenthetical follows the proposal number, which identifies the proposal's number as it appeared in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.**

Each proposal is accompanied not only by the traditional statement of intent and proposed effective date, but also by a statement of rationale.

Between the posting of the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation (August 15) and September 15, sponsors of the three membership-sponsored proposals were permitted to refine and change the amendments in any manner that was germane to the proposal. Such changes could either increase or decrease the modification set forth in the original proposal. All of these changes have been incorporated in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation, which also includes all proposals submitted by September 1 by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council.

No new proposals may be submitted for the 2010 Convention inasmuch as the July 15 and September 1 deadlines have passed. Member institutions and conferences, as well as the Presidents Council, now have until November 1 by 5 p.m. Eastern time to submit amendments to these proposals. Such amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification set forth in the printed proposal. Amendments-to-amendments submitted by the membership must have eight sponsors in Division II. In addition, amendments-to-amendments may be sponsored by at least one member conference (on behalf of eight or more of their active member institutions) in Division II. It should be noted that proposals that are withdrawn after the September 15 sponsor-modification deadline appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation; however, information will be included in the Official Notice to indicate the sponsor's intent to withdraw the proposal at the Convention.

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Refer to Appendix B for the Request for Interpretation form.

This publication represents the second in a series of three publications dealing with Convention legislation, as dictated by the provisions of Constitution 5. The third publication will be as follows:

November 15 - Official Notice of the 2010 Convention. This Publication will contain all legislation for the Convention, including all amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline.

2009-10 Legislative Calendar

The legislative calendar, as set forth in Constitution 5, is summarized here for convenience of reference.

July 15: Deadline for submission of amendments by the Division II membership. Each amendment must include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale (200 words or less), as well as identification of the designated primary contact person.

July 16: Legislation Committee Review. The committee reviews proposals by the membership and works with the primary contact person for each amendment to ensure that the proposal meets the intent of the sponsor, to ensure that the placement of the amendment is consistent with the organizational integrity of the manual, and to edit the intent and rationale statements of the sponsors for clarity and brevity.

August 6: Presidents Council Consideration. The NCAA Division II Presidents Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. It also reviews the proposals submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline.

August 15: Posting of Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

August 15-September 15: Sponsor Modification Period. Sponsors are permitted to refine and change their proposals in any manner germane to the original proposal. Member institutions and conferences are invited to offer any suggested revisions of a proposal to the primary contact person listed with the proposal. Also, members that believe an amendment should not be modified should so inform the primary contact person.

September 1: Deadline for submission of amendments sponsored by the Division II Presidents Council.

September 15: Deadline for submission by all sponsors (with submission by the primary contact person) of any modification to their original amendments. These modifications may represent either greater or lesser changes; they need only be germane to the original proposal.

September 23: Posting of Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. This publication includes all Division II membership-sponsored proposals (as modified) and includes all proposals sponsored by the Division II Presidents Council.

September 23-November 1: Amendment-to-amendment period. The Division II Presidents Council as well as the membership (see Constitution 5.3.5.3) may submit amendments to the proposals in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. These amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification of the provisions to be amended; they must fall between the provisions of the circularized amendment and the current provisions.

November 1: Deadline for all amendments-to-amendments to be received in the national office. 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.

November 15: Mailing of the Official Notice of the Convention. This publication includes all Division II proposed legislation and the properly submitted amendments-to-amendments.

January 13-16, 2010: NCAA Convention. All delegates receive the Convention Program when they register at the Convention. The Convention Program contains the most up-to-date meeting schedule and other helpful Convention information.

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**104th Annual Convention LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE NCAA
DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL AND BY THE DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP**

[Note: Pursuant to Constitution 5.3.12, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption by the Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Further, all amendments with an effective date other than the first day of August following the Convention, will contain in the rationale statement reasons for such effective date. Those proposals that receive the required vote to carry an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective upon adjournment of the Convention.]

[Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in *italics* and ~~striketrough~~ 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 II legislation.]

No. 2-1 PERSONNEL — CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL — SPORTS-SAFETY TRAINING

Intent: To specify that each head coach and all other coaches who are employed full time at an institution shall maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use.

Bylaws: Amend 11.1, as follows:

11.1 CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL

[11.1.1 through 11.1.5 unchanged.]

11.1.6 Sports-Safety Training. Each head coach and all other coaches who are employed full time at an institution shall maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Rationale: Legislation requiring first aid, CPR and AED certification promotes student-athlete safety and well-being. A survey of the NCAA death claims since 1992 reports 60 percent of all nonvehicle-related deaths have been due to heart-related conditions and 83 percent of all deaths occurred during practice or conditioning. Although a similar proposal was defeated by the membership at the 2007 NCAA Convention, this proposal differs slightly from the previous in that it does not require the certified individual to be present during athletically related activities, nor does it specify the certifying organization. This proposal promotes and encourages the safety and well-being of student-athletes by requiring all head coaches [regardless of employment status (e.g., full time, part time, voluntary)] and all other coaches who are employed full time to maintain current certification in first aid, CPR and AED use. Additionally, Division II grant and initiative funding may be used to certify all coaches in first aid and CPR or to purchase an AED; however, it is not required for an institution to purchase an AED.

No. 2-2 RECRUITING — OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS — SUMMER FACILITY FEES FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: To permit an institution to pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by a prospective student-athlete to participate in voluntary athletically related activities in his or her sport during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows:

13.2 OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS

[13.2.1 through 13.2.8 unchanged.]

13.2.9 Summer Facility Fees for Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by a

prospective student-athlete to participate in voluntary athletically related activities in his or her sport during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 13.11.2.3), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Currently, it is permissible for an institution to pay fees for the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by a student-athlete for voluntary activities in his or her sport during the summer. It is also permissible for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or financial aid to participate in voluntary weightlifting or conditioning activities on the institution's campus in the presence of the institution's strength and conditioning coach, provided such activities are not prearranged, and the strength and conditioning coach is performing normal duties and responsibilities in the supervision of the weight room or facility in use, and does not work directly with the prospective student-athlete. This proposal permits an institution to pay fees for the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or financial aid for voluntary activities in his or her sport during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, just as it is currently allowed for a regularly enrolled student-athlete. The immediate effective date will allow institutions to pay the fees during summer 2010.

No. 2-3 RECRUITING AND ELIGIBILITY — ADMISSIONS AND GRADUATION DATA, BANNED DRUG LIST AND INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS — REPORTS AND NOTIFICATION — ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Intent: To specify that the NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide the information contained within the disclosure reports related to admissions, graduation-rate data and academic success rate to a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center and the Eligibility Center has received an institution's request to add the prospective student-athlete to the institution's institutional request list; further, to specify that the Eligibility Center shall provide notification of initial-eligibility standards, the banned-drug list and information about nutritional supplements to a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.3, as follows:

13.3 ADMISSIONS AND GRADUATION DATA, BANNED DRUG LIST AND INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

13.3.1 Disclosure Report.

13.3.1.1 Report Publication. The Association's national office annually shall publish the admissions and graduation-rate data specified in Bylaw 30.1 and the academic success rate data specified in Constitution 3.2.4.10 and shall identify the information on an institution-specific basis.

13.3.1.2 Report Distribution. ~~Member institutions~~ **The NCAA Eligibility Center** shall provide ~~to prospective student-athletes and to prospective student-athletes' parents or legal guardians~~ the information contained within the report **to a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center and the Eligibility Center has received an institution's request to add the prospective student-athlete to the institution's institutional request list.** ~~Member institutions shall also provide the prospective student-athletes and their parent(s) or legal guardians with a copy of the institution's academic success rate report.~~ The NCAA shall provide a compilation of graduation data to the prospective student-athletes' guidance offices and high school and two-year college coaches. ~~All specified information shall be provided at the earliest opportunity after the institution's first arranged in-person encounter with the prospective student-athlete or on request; however, in no event shall an institution provide the information later than the day before a prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the National Letter of Intent or signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.~~

13.3.2 Banned Drug List and Information about Nutritional Supplements.

13.3.2.1 Report Publication. The Association's national office annually shall publish the banned drug list specified in Bylaw 31.2.3.4 and shall update the list on its Web site.

13.3.2.2 Report Distribution. ~~Member institutions~~ **The NCAA Eligibility Center** shall provide ~~to all incoming prospective student-athletes and to prospective student-athletes' parents or legal guardians~~ the NCAA banned drug list ~~(or the NCAA Web site address at which the list is located)~~ (see Bylaw 31.2.3.4) and information about nutritional supplements **to a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center.** ~~The information shall be provided at the earliest practical opportunity (e.g., after the institution's first arranged in-person encounter with the prospective student-athlete) or upon request; however, in no event shall an institution provide the information later than July 1 before the prospective student-athlete's initial enrollment at the institution. For a prospective student-athlete whose recruitment is initiated after July 1, the institution must send the banned drug list and information about nutritional supplements at the earliest opportunity. 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.~~

13.3.3 Notification of Initial-Eligibility Standards. ~~Member institutions~~ **The NCAA Eligibility Center** shall provide ~~to high school prospective student-athletes and their parents or legal guardians~~ information regarding the initial-eligibility standards contained in Bylaw 14.3 **to a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center.** ~~The information shall be provided at the earliest practical opportunity after the institution begins recruiting the prospective student-athlete, but not later than the day prior to the student-athlete's signed acceptance of the National Letter of Intent or institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. An institution may provide the information in hard copy or electronic form (e.g., electronic mail, link to Web site). 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.~~

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.3.6, as follows:

14.3.6 Notification of Initial-Eligibility Standards. ~~Member institutions~~ **The NCAA Eligibility Center** shall provide ~~to high school prospective student-athletes and their parents or legal guardians~~ information regarding the initial-eligibility standards contained in Bylaw 14.3 **to a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center.** ~~The information shall be provided at the earliest practical opportunity after the institution begins recruiting the prospective student-athlete, but not later than the day prior to the student-athlete's signed acceptance of the National Letter of Intent or institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. An institution may provide the information in hard copy or electronic form (e.g., electronic mail, link to Web site). 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.~~

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2010, for all prospective student-athletes who register with the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after August 1, 2010.

Rationale: Current legislation places the burden on institutions to distribute information that could be provided to prospective student-athletes by the Eligibility Center. The information related to admissions, graduation-rate data and the academic success rate is already collected and published by the NCAA. The creation of the Eligibility Center has provided increased efficiency and customer service to prospective student-athletes and their parents. This proposed role in the central coordination and distribution of required reports would enhance the Eligibility Center's service to the membership. The close relationship between the NCAA national office and the Eligibility Center would facilitate the sharing of the necessary data. The required information could be provided to prospective student-athletes by the most efficient method (e.g., e-mail or other technology), as determined by the Eligibility Center. This shift in report distribution would merely be administrative in nature. Institutions would remain responsible for responding to any questions raised by prospective student-athletes and their parents or legal guardians. The Eligibility Center will begin performing these duties for all prospective student-athletes who register with the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after August 1, 2010.

No. 2-4 (1-1) RECRUITING — OFFICIAL VISIT — WRITTEN NOTICE

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that an institution must provide a prospective student-athlete written notice of the five official-visit limitation.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.1.2, as follows:

13.6.1.2 Number of Official Visits — Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation. A prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits, with no more than one permitted to any single institution. This restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved and only for expense-paid visits to Divisions I and II institutions.

~~13.6.1.2.1 Written Notification Required. Each member institution shall be required to notify the prospective student-athlete in writing, at the time of its invitation but before the visit, of the five-visit limitation. 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.~~

[13.6.1.2.2 renumbered as 13.6.1.2.1, unchanged.]

Source: Lone Star Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and South Atlantic Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: This proposal will eliminate unnecessary paperwork and inadvertent violations due to administrative oversight. By reducing some of the administrative burdens placed on Division II compliance personnel who are charged with monitoring official visits, appropriate attention can be shifted to other areas. The immediate effective date will bring instant relief to the compliance workload. In 2004, Division I eliminated this requirement and there have not been any resulting issues with monitoring official visits.

No. 2-5 RECRUITING — TRYOUT EXCEPTIONS — USE OF INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

Intent: To establish a tryout exception that permits a group that includes prospective student-athletes to use an institution's facilities for physical activities without the use being considered a tryout, provided the physical activities are related to a sport that is not sponsored by the institution on the varsity intercollegiate level; further, to establish a tryout exception that permits an institution's athletics department staff members and representatives of its athletics interests to be involved in the conduct and administration of the use of a member institution's facilities for physical activities by a group that includes prospective student-athletes, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 TRYOUTS

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

[13.11.1.1 through 13.11.2.6.2 unchanged.]

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

[13.11.3.1 through 13.11.3.8 unchanged.]

13.11.3.9 Use of Facilities for Activities Related to a Nonsponsored Sport. The use of member institution's facilities for physical activities by a group that includes prospective student-athletes shall not be considered a tryout, provided the physical activities are related to a sport that is not sponsored by the institution at the varsity

intercollegiate level.

13.11.3.10 Additional Permissible Facility Usage. The use of institutional facilities for physical activities by a group that includes prospective student-athletes, not otherwise permitted in these bylaws, may still be permissible and not considered a tryout provided:

(a) The institution's athletics department staff or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are not involved in the promotion of the activity;

(b) The institution's athletics department staff or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are not involved in the solicitation of any individual prospective student-athlete's participation in the activity;

(c) The institution's athletics department staff or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are not involved in the solicitation for any particular group's participation in the activity, unless the group is affiliated with an outside organization and the solicitation is consistent with institutional policies of hosting outside organizations;

(d) The activity is not considered a tryout camp, as defined in Bylaw 13.11.1.5;

(e) Involvement by the institution's athletics department staff and representatives of its athletics interests is consistent with institutional policies for hosting outside organizations; and

(f) Athletics department staff members and representatives of its athletics interests remain subject to all applicable NCAA recruiting legislation during the event.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Currently, under the tryout exception that allows the use of a member institution's facilities by prospective student-athletes for activities not involving the institution's staff, athletics department staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests may not be involved in the conduct or administration of the activity. For example, athletics department staff members may not sell concessions, apparel or work at a scorer's table. Institutions depend on such activities to generate critical revenue for their departments, and for these activities to happen, it is often necessary for a member of the athletics department staff to administer aspects related to the activity. The existing legislation hinders access to collegiate facilities and, thus, hinders community relationships, which is contrary to the intent of the Division II Strategic Positioning Platform. Further, establishing an exception to the tryout restrictions in those instances in which the physical activities are related to a sport that is not sponsored by the institution on the intercollegiate level would not diminish either the intent or impact of the tryout restrictions, but rather would allow athletics department staff members an additional level of involvement in the conduct of these events, most of which are hosted for fundraising purposes.

Intent: To specify that an individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in the regular academic term that begins immediately after a one-year time period following his or her high school graduation date shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in organized competition; further, to amend the administration of the organized-competition regulations, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4.2, as follows:

14.2.4.2 Participation in Organized Competition ~~or Training~~ Prior to Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student ~~during the regular academic term that is immediately following the date that the individual's high school class normally graduates from high school (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility)~~ **in the regular academic term that begins immediately after a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after the one calendar-year period has elapsed) following his or her high school graduation date** shall use a **one** season of intercollegiate competition for each ~~calendar year or sports season (following that date)~~ **consecutive 12-month period after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment** in which the individual ~~has participated~~ **participates** in activities that meet the criteria set forth in **organized competition** per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.31.2.

~~14.2.4.2.1 Discontinued High School Enrollment. An individual who discontinues high school enrollment and subsequently participates in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 shall use a season of intercollegiate competition for each calendar year or sports season of participation regardless of the date the individual's high school class normally graduates.~~

~~14.2.4.2.2 Academic Year in Residence. An individual who uses a season(s) of competition in a specific sport per Bylaw 14.2.4.2, shall fulfill an academic year in residence at any member institution prior to being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition.~~

~~14.2.4.2.3 Activities Constituting Use of Season. An individual shall use a season of competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2 if the individual participates in activities that meet any of the following criteria:~~

~~(a) Any competition or training with a team that declares itself to be professional;~~

~~(b) Any competition or training with a team in which compensation is provided to any of the participants (including actual and necessary expenses);~~

~~(c) Any individual competition or training in which any of the participants receive compensation (including actual and necessary expenses);~~

~~(d) Any competition pursuant to the signing of a contract for athletics participation;~~

- ~~(e) Any competition pursuant to involvement in a professional draft;~~
- ~~(f) Any competition funded by a professional sports organization, excluding not for profit organizations affiliated with professional sports organizations;~~
- ~~(g) Any competition funded by a representative of an institution's athletics interest that is not an open event; or~~
- ~~(h) Any practice with a professional athletics team (excluding a 48-hour tryout).~~

~~14.2.4.2.3.1 Actual and Necessary Expenses. For purposes of determining the use of a season of competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2, actual and necessary expenses are limited to the following:~~

- ~~(a) Meals;~~
- ~~(b) Transportation;~~
- ~~(c) Lodging;~~
- ~~(d) Medical insurance;~~
- ~~(e) Stipend (e.g., money for gas or food); or~~
- ~~(f) Medical expenses (excluding on-site treatment of an injury).~~

~~14.2.4.2.3.1.1 Exceptions — Reasonable Expenses and Fees. Reasonable expenses other than those listed above (e.g., the value of coaching, instruction and facility usage) are not considered compensation. If an individual pays a fee to participate on a team, the individual uses a season of competition only if the amount of actual and necessary expenses or other compensation received exceeds the amount of the fee.~~

~~14.2.4.2.3.1.1.1 Definition of Fee. A fee to participate on a team or club must:~~

- ~~(a) Be required of all individuals on the team or club;~~
- ~~(b) Be the same amount for all individuals on the team or club;~~
- ~~(c) Be directly used for the expenses of the team or club; and~~
- ~~(d) Not be earmarked for a specific individual or individuals.~~

14.2.4.2.1 Administration of Participation in Organized Competition.

14.2.4.2.1.1 High School Graduation. An individual's high school graduation date (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility) shall be considered to be the graduation date of the final high school class (e.g., junior, senior) of which he or she was a member.

14.2.4.2.1.1.1 Early High School Graduation. If an individual graduates early from high school, he or she becomes a member of that class and the date of graduation for the individual is the expected date of that class.

14.2.4.2.1.1.2 Late High School Graduation — Required Repeat Year. If an individual is required to repeat an entire year of high school attendance, he or she becomes a

member of that class and the date of graduation for the individual is the expected date of that class.

14.2.4.2.1.1.3 Discontinued High School Enrollment. An individual who discontinues high school enrollment and then participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) following the discontinued enrollment and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

14.2.4.2.1.2 Organized Competition. Athletics competition shall be considered organized if any one of the following conditions exists:

(a) Competition is scheduled in advance;

(b) Official score is kept;

(c) Individual or team standings or statistics are maintained;

(d) Official timer or game officials are used;

(e) Admission is charged;

(f) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;

(g) Team uniforms are used;

(h) An individual or team is privately or commercially sponsored; or

(i) The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

14.2.4.2.1.3 Academic Year in Residence. An individual who uses a season of competition in a specific sport per Bylaw 14.2.4.2 shall fulfill an academic year in residence at any member institution before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition.

14.2.4.2.1.3.1 Exception. A student who has attended a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution for at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters and who has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or 12 quarter hours of transferable degree credit for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year or four-year collegiate institution is not required to fulfill an academic year in residence prior to being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition. (See Bylaws 14.4 and 14.5 for progress-toward-degree and transfer requirements.)

14.2.4.2.2 Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition. An individual shall not be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition, provided the individual satisfies any of the following exceptions for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 following the one-year time period after the individual's high school graduation and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

~~14.2.4.2.3.2.1~~ U.S. Armed Services Exception. Participation in ~~activities that meet the criteria set forth in~~ **organized competition per** Bylaw 14.2.4.2.~~31.2~~ during time spent in the U.S. Armed Services shall be excepted as long as the competition is organized and administered by the military.

~~14.2.4.2.3.32.2~~ National/International Competition Exception. For a maximum of one year, participation in ~~activities that meet the criteria set forth in~~ **organized competition per** Bylaw 14.2.4.2.~~31.2~~ shall be excepted if the competition is national or international competition that includes participation in:

(a) Official Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University and Olympic training, tryouts and competition;

(b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic tryouts; or

(c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

~~14.2.4.2.3.4 Postgraduate College Preparatory School Exception. Participation in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 while enrolled in a postgraduate college preparatory school shall be excepted. This exception may only be used during the initial year of enrollment in the preparatory school.~~

~~14.2.4.2.3.52.3~~ Skiing Exception. For a maximum of two years, participation in ~~activities that meet the criteria set forth in~~ **organized competition per** Bylaw 14.2.4.2.~~31.2~~ shall be excepted in ~~the sport of~~ skiing when such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the U.S. Skiing Association and its international counterparts.

14.2.4.2.3 Notification of Organized-Competition Legislation. Institutions shall provide to high school, preparatory school, two-year and four-year college prospective student-athletes and their parents or legal guardians information regarding the organized-competition legislation contained in Bylaw 14.2.4.2. The information shall be provided at the earliest practical opportunity after the institution begins recruiting the prospective student-athlete, but not later than the day prior to the prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the National Letter of Intent or institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. An institution may provide the information in hard-copy or electronic form (e.g., electronic mail, link to Web site). 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.

14.2.4.2.4 Waiver. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall have the authority to review and grant waivers of the organized competition legislation.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2010, for individuals initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2010.

Rationale: Since January 2008, the governance structure has been examining issues related to the organized-competition legislation. There has been significant analysis of whether the frequency and level of competition, rather than compensation, should determine organized competition. Per the proposal, it will no longer be of importance if the individual, his or her teammate(s) or other individuals participating in an event received compensation, including prize money, actual and necessary expenses, etc. An expanded "grace period" would allow individuals ample time to participate in organized competition and make a decision regarding enrollment in college without compromising their opportunity to participate in Division II athletics. Further, a transfer student will not be required to serve an academic year in residence at the certifying institution if he or she transfers after meeting certain academic requirements. By presenting the certifying institution with this academic information, the transfer student would demonstrate the requisite commitment to academics. Requiring institutions to provide individuals with information regarding the organized-competition legislation ensures that individuals are provided with this information early in the recruiting process. A waiver provision specifies the committee authorized to waive the application of the organized-competition legislation. Finally, the Legislation Committee will continue to review cases processed under the organized-competition rule and report any issues to the Presidents Council.

No. 2-7 ELIGIBILITY — FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS — TEST-SCORE REQUIREMENT — EXCEPTION — INSTITUTIONS LOCATED IN PUERTO RICO — PRUEBA DE APTITUD ACADEMICA

Intent: To create an exception to the test-score requirement for initial eligibility to specify that a prospective student-athlete entering an institution located in Puerto Rico may use a minimum combined score on the Prueba de Aptitud Academica verbal and math reasoning sections of 730 to satisfy such test score requirement.

Bylaws: Amend 14.3, as follows:

14.3 FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A student-athlete who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the following academic requirements, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, and approved by the Executive Committee, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be considered a qualifier and thus be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year in residence.

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following minimum academic qualifications:

[14.3.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) A minimum combined score on the SAT verbal/critical reasoning and math sections of 820 or a minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [i.e., no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates (see Bylaw 14.3.1.3)].

14.3.1.1.1 Exception — Institutions Located in Puerto Rico. A prospective student-athlete entering an institution located in Puerto Rico may use a minimum combined score on the Prueba de Aptitud Academica verbal and math reasoning sections of 730 to satisfy the test-score requirement in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(b).

[14.3.1.1.1 through 14.3.1.1.1.1 renumbered as 14.3.1.1.2 through 14.3.1.1.2.1, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2010, for those students first entering a collegiate institution in Puerto Rico full time on or after August 1, 2010.

Rationale: The Prueba de Aptitud Academica (PAA) is an aptitude test created by The College Board and administered to secondary school students in Puerto Rico. It is used as an entrance exam to universities and colleges in Puerto Rico. The PAA is administered in Spanish, but it is not a translation of the SAT. Since the majority of instruction at Puerto Rican institutions is conducted in Spanish, the PAA should be accepted for the purpose of meeting the test-score requirements for initial eligibility for student-athletes attending an institution located in Puerto Rico. Data available demonstrates that the PAA is similar to the SAT in its ability to predict college academic outcomes for students attending an institution in Puerto Rico. Data further indicates that a combined score on the PAA verbal and math reasoning sections of 730 is at approximately the same point on the overall distribution of test scores (one standard deviation below the average of all test-takers) as 820 on the SAT and 68 on the ACT. This score on the PAA, in addition to meeting all other academic qualifications for initial eligibility would be sufficient for initial-eligibility certification of student-athletes entering an institution located in Puerto Rico.

No. 2-8 FINANCIAL AID, PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP — SAND VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In sand volleyball, to establish the maximum institutional grant-in-aid equivalency limit, the playing and practice season regulations and the minimum contests and participants requirement for sports sponsorship, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 15.5, as follows:

15.5 MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT.

[15.5.1 through 15.5.1.8 unchanged.]

15.5.2 Equivalency Sports.

[15.5.2.1 through 15.5.2.1.1.1 unchanged.]

15.5.2.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each women's sport, as follows:

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[15.5.2.1.3 through 15.5.2.2.1 unchanged.]

15.5.3 Multisport Participants. A counter who participates in two or more sports shall be counted in one or more sports as specified on the individual's financial aid agreement.

[15.5.3.1 through 15.5.3.2 unchanged.]

15.5.3.3 Volleyball — Additional Requirements. In volleyball, a counter who participates (e.g., practices, competes) in volleyball and sand volleyball shall be counted toward institutional limits in volleyball.

[15.5.3.3 renumbered as 15.5.3.4, unchanged.]

[Remainder of 15.5 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.16 unchanged.]

17.17 SAND VOLLEYBALL. Regulations for computing the sand volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.17.1 Length of Playing Season — Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in sand volleyball shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section.

17.17.2 First Date of Practice — Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in sand volleyball in the championship segment before January 10 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier.

17.17.3 First Date of Competition — Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before February 1.

17.17.4 End Date of Practice and Competition — Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in sand volleyball in the championship segment by the last day of final examinations for the regular academic year.

17.17.5 First Date of Practice and Competition — Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the first day of class, whichever occurs first.

17.17.6 End Date of Practice and Competition — Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than November 15.

17.17.7 Number of Contests.

17.17.7.1 Maximum Limitations — Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in sand volleyball during the institution's sand volleyball playing season to 16 dates of competition during the segment that

ends with a National Collegiate Championship event, and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.7.3 and 17.17.7.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.17.7.2 Maximum Limitations — Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in 16 dates of competition in sand volleyball during the segment in which a National Collegiate Championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment (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).

17.17.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;

(b) Season-Ending Championship Tournament. Competition in one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in sand volleyball (e.g., National Collegiate Sand Volleyball 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) Alumni Game. One contest with an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in United States. A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;

(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any contest played 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 institution located outside those locales;

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (on in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, in which team members of that sport participate) with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds to benefit the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in sand volleyball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.17.7.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption — Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).

17.17.8 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following:

(a) Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction. Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which a National Collegiate Championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.17.5 and 17.17.6.

17.17.8.1 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. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in his or her sport.

17.17.9 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in sand volleyball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.17.10 Other Restrictions.

17.17.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.17.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate sand volleyball competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate sand volleyball squad or team, she competes or has competed as a member of any outside sand volleyball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate sand volleyball season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions

and waivers).

17.17.10.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits to the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate sand volleyball who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur sand volleyball team.

17.17.10.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time during the academic year, vacation periods and summer with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's sand volleyball team except as provided in Bylaws 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29).

17.17.10.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

17.17.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing sand volleyball 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 17.17.5.

17.17.10.2.1 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 squad pictures.

[Remainder of 17 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.5, as follows:

20.10.3.5 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Team Sports Minimum Contests

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(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.10.3.5.1 through 20.10.3.5.8 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 14 and 17.)

[20.10.3.5.1 through 20.10.3.5.8 unchanged.]

20.10.3.5.9 Sand Volleyball. A member institution shall meet minimum sports sponsorship in sand volleyball by applying the following:

(a) No less than three of the eight contests shall be dual, one-day competitions where all five two-person teams compete (e.g., institution versus institution on a single day on

which no other competition occurs);

(b) The remaining number of contests shall be achieved by satisfying Bylaw 20.10.3.5.9-(a) or multi-opponent competitions. For a tournament to qualify for sports sponsorship purposes, all five two-person teams must be in competition with all other participating institutions and one institution shall be crowned champion of the tournament based on the performance of its five, two-person teams;

(c) All other competition formats will constitute the use of a date of competition but not count towards the minimum sports sponsorship requirement; and

(d) Contests against a collegiate institution's club team may not be counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirements, except for the following:

(1) During each intercollegiate season, one contest against a collegiate institution's club team may be used in meeting the minimum-contest requirements provided the contest is a dual, one-day competition in which all five two-person teams compete.

[20.10.3.5.9 through 20.10.3.5.9.2 renumbered as 20.10.3.5.10 through 20.10.3.5.10.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Rationale: At the 2009 Convention, sand volleyball was added to the list of emerging sports for women. Establishing a maximum equivalency of five for institutions that sponsor sand volleyball provides institutions the opportunity to offer athletics aid to student-athletes consistent with the Division II Strategic Positioning Platform. It is anticipated that during the initial years of sponsorship sand volleyball, student-athletes would also participate in volleyball at institutions that sponsor both sports. Utilizing a "hierarchy model", which causes a multi-sport student-athlete who participates in sand volleyball and volleyball to count against the volleyball equivalency, precludes institutions from gaining a competitive advantage in volleyball by offering sand volleyball financial aid to student-athletes who were recruited to play volleyball. The proposed playing and practice season legislation mirrors that of the other Division II spring sports. Establishing eight as the minimum number of contests and 10 as the minimum number of participants for the contest to count toward sports sponsorship for membership will provide reasonable competitive opportunities. Finally, including additional parameters associated with the different forms of competition (e.g., dual competitions, tournaments) for meeting minimum-contest requirements provides institutions an opportunity to legitimately sponsor the sport and student-athletes being provided a true intercollegiate sport experience.

No. 2-9

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS — WINTER BREAK

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete shall not participate in any voluntary athletically related activities on campus from December 20 through December 26, unless the facility is open to the general student-body; further, in basketball, swimming and diving, indoor track and field and wrestling, to specify that a student-athlete shall not participate in any countable athletically related activities from December 20 through December 26.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6, as follows:

17.1.6 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply:

[17.1.6.1 through 17.1.6.5 unchanged.]

17.1.6.6 Additional Restrictions.

[17.1.6.6.1 through 17.1.6.6.2.1 unchanged.]

17.1.6.6.3 Limitations on Voluntary Athletically Related Activities — Winter Break. A student-athlete shall not participate in any voluntary athletically related activities on campus from December 20 through December 26, unless the facility is open to the general student-body. (See Bylaw 17.02.1.2.)

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.3, as follows:

17.3 BASKETBALL. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 through 17.3.3.1 unchanged.]

17.3.4 Limitations on Countable Athletically Related Activities — Winter Break. A student-athlete shall not participate in any countable athletically related activities from December 20 through December 26 (see Bylaw 17.02.1).

[17.3.4 through 17.3.8.5 renumbered as 17.3.5 through 17.3.9.5, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.22, as follows:

17.22 SWIMMING AND DIVING. Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.22.1 through 17.22.3 unchanged.]

17.22.4 Limitations on Countable Athletically Related Activities — Winter Break. A student-athlete shall not participate in any countable athletically related activities from December 20 through December 26 (see Bylaw 17.02.1).

[17.22.4 through 17.22.9.2 renumbered as 17.22.5 through 17.22.10.2, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.24, as follows:

17.24 TRACK AND FIELD, INDOOR/OUTDOOR. Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.24.1 through 17.24.3 unchanged.]

17.24.4 Limitations on Countable Athletically Related Activities — Winter Break. An indoor track and field student-athlete shall not participate in any countable athletically related activities from December 20 through December 26 (see Bylaw 17.02.1).

[17.24.4 through 17.24.9.2 renumbered as 17.24.5 through 17.24.10.2, unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.27, as follows:

17.27 WRESTLING. Regulations for computing the wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.27.1 through 17.27.3 unchanged.]

17.27.4 Limitations on Countable Athletically Related Activities — Winter Break. A student-athlete shall not participate in any countable athletically related activities from December 20 through December 26 (see Bylaw 17.02.1).

[17.27.4 through 17.27.9.2 renumbered as 17.27.5 through 17.27.10.2, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee and Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2010; however, contracts signed before August 6, 2009, for contests or dates of competition occurring between December 20, 2010, and December 26, 2010, may be honored.

Rationale: Following the 2009 Convention, the presidents and chancellors directed the governance structure to review the playing and practice seasons legislation to ensure its alignment with the division's Strategic Positioning Platform and the principle of "life in the balance." This proposal establishes a "dead" period during the championship segment for winter sports, during which it would not be permissible for an institution to have practice, competition or other countable athletically related activities. It also establishes a "dead period" during the same dates for all sports during the winter break, during which it would not be permissible for a student-athlete to participate in voluntary athletically related activities on campus, unless the facility is open to the general student-body. This seven-day period (December 20 through 26) will allow student-athletes to travel home during the winter break, work or simply relax. In addition, institutional athletics personnel (e.g., coaches, facilities managers, athletic trainers) will be able to achieve work-life balance because they will not be required to be on campus to attend to the management of student-athletes and facilities.

No. 2-10 (1-2) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS — GOLF — OUT-OF-SEASON AND NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES — NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT ACTIVITIES — 60-CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAY PERIOD

Intent: In golf, to specify that during the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, a student-athlete may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation, provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 60 consecutive calendar days; further, to specify that an institution that declares fall as its championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3 and discontinues championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of 60 consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.2, as follows:

17.1.6.2 Weekly Hour Limitations — Outside of Playing Season. Outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight-training, conditioning, individual skill instruction and, in football, review of game film shall be permitted. A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on individual skill workouts set forth in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1 and, in football, review of game film. All countable athletically related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period through the conclusion of the institution's final examinations. Participation in voluntary individual workouts monitored by strength and conditioning personnel for safety purposes per Bylaw 17.02.1.1 shall not count against the weekly hour limitation.

[17.1.6.2.1 through 17.1.6.2.3 unchanged.]

17.1.6.2.4 Exception — Alternate Playing Season — Golf and Tennis. In golf and tennis, an institution that conducts its championship segment during the fall term must discontinue practice at the conclusion of its nonchampionship segment (**golf — designated ~~45 60-~~ or ~~60 75-~~ consecutive calendar day period; tennis — designated 45- or 60-day consecutive calendar day period**). Such a team may resume practice the day following the conclusion of the institution's final examination period for the applicable academic term or 10-consecutive calendar days before the start of the championship, whichever is earlier, provided the institution has reasonable belief that it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA championship event. (See Bylaws 17.10.5.1 and 17.23.5.1.)

B. 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 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.10.1 through 17.10.4 unchanged.]

17.10.5 First Date of Practice and Competition — Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the first day of class, whichever occurs first.

17.10.5.1 Exception — Alternate Playing Season. An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall; or an institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3, may use the playing season dates for sports that conduct a fall championship. Multi-day tournaments (up to a maximum of five tournaments) may count as one date of the 24 practice or competition dates, regardless of the number of days of the tournament. Further, an institution that uses this exception and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of **45 60** consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment. The institution is eligible for the NCAA championship.

[Remainder of 17.10.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.10.6 through 17.10.7.5 unchanged.]

17.10.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following:

[17.10.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of ~~45~~ **60** consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. Multi-day tournaments (up to a maximum of five tournaments) may count as one date of the 24 practice or competition dates, regardless of the number of days of the tournament. The ~~45~~ **60** consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.10.5 and 17.10.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition is prohibited may be exempted from the period of ~~45~~ **60** consecutive calendar days.

(1) Exception. A member institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3 and discontinues championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of ~~45~~ **60** consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment (See Bylaw 17.10.5.1).

[Remainder of 17.10 unchanged.]

Source: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Rationale: This proposal would benefit student-athletes by spreading out the nonchampionship segment and allowing them to avoid missing class time for several weeks in a row. The change would not increase missed class time because the 24 days of practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment would not increase and most institutions already compete in four to five tournaments during the segment. The proposal will allow institutions additional flexibility in scheduling, which is vital as many institutions do not own their golf facilities and are subject to the availability of the venues in which they compete. Competition in the nonchampionship segment has equal weight to competition in the championship segment for determination of postseason participation. Under the current nonchampionship segment model, student-athletes typically have less than a week of practice time before their first competition of the season, which leads to the majority of the first week of practice consisting of qualifying rounds because a coach has not had the opportunity to assess his or her roster. Finally, since most coaches coach both the men's and women's programs, this change will allow them to spend adequate practice time with both programs.

Intent: In cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, tennis and women's volleyball, to amend the playing and practice seasons legislation, as follows: (1) Amend the first date of practice in the championship segment (in golf and tennis, for an institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall, or an institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment); (2) Specify limitations on preseason practice activities prior to the first day of classes; (3) Amend the first contest or date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment (in golf and tennis, for an institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall, or an institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment); (4) In field hockey and soccer, to reduce the maximum number of contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted from 20 to 18; and (5) In women's volleyball, to reduce the maximum number of dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted from 28 to 26.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.3, as follows:

17.1.6.3 Computation and Recording of Hour Limitations.

[17.1.6.3.1 through 17.1.6.3.4 unchanged.]

17.1.6.3.5 Preseason Practice. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during preseason practice before the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. **See Bylaws 17.5.2.2, 17.8.2.2, 17.9.2.2, 17.9.2.3, 17.10.5.1.1, 17.19.2.2, 17.23.5.1.1 and 17.25.2.2.2.**

[Remainder of 17.1.6.3 unchanged.]

B. 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 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.5.1 through 17.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.5.2 **Preseason Practice.**

17.5.2.1 First Date of Practice — Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in cross country in the championship segment before 17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition **or five days prior to the first day of classes, whichever is earlier.**

17.5.2.2 Preseason Activities Prior to the First Day of Classes. **During the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, student-athletes shall not engage in more than six hours of countable athletically related activities per day, only five of which may be devoted to physical activities (e.g., practice, weight training, conditioning). In addition, any session with physical activities shall not exceed three hours in length. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight-lifting) however, time spent receiving medical treatment and**

eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

17.5.3 First Date of Competition— Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding ~~August 30~~ **September 6**.

[Remainder of 17.5 unchanged.]

C. 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 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.8.1 unchanged.]

17.8.2 **Preseason Practice.**

17.8.2.1 First Date of Practice — Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in field hockey in the championship segment before 17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition **or five days prior to the first day of classes, whichever is earlier.**

17.8.2.2 Preseason Activities Prior to the First day of Classes. During the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, student-athletes shall not engage in more than six hours of countable athletically related activities per day, only five of which may be devoted to physical activities (e.g., practice, weight training, conditioning). In addition, any session with physical activities shall not exceed three hours in length. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight-lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

17.8.3 First Contest — Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding ~~August 30~~ **September 6**.

[17.8.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.8.4 through 17.8.6 unchanged.]

17.8.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.8.7.1 Maximum Limitations — Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to ~~20~~ **18** contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.8.7.3, 17.8.7.4 and 17.8.7.5.

[17.8.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.8.7.2 Maximum Limitations — Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~20~~ **18** field hockey contests during the

segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in field hockey during the another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[Remainder of 17.8 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.9, as follows:

17.9 FOOTBALL. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.9.1 unchanged.]

17.9.2 Preseason Practice.

17.9.2.1 First Practice Date — Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions in the championship segment, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team before 21 days prior to the first permissible ~~date of competition~~ **contest or seven days prior to the first day of classes, whichever is earlier.**

[17.9.2.2 through 17.9.2.2.1 unchanged.]

17.9.2.3 Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period. The remaining preseason practice period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.9.2.3-(a) through 17.9.2.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than five hours of on-field practice activities on those days during which more than one practice is permitted. **Any on-field practice activities shall not exceed three hours in length;** and

[17.9.2.3-(d) through 17.9.2.3.2 unchanged.]

17.9.3 First Contest — Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding ~~August 30~~ **September 6.**

[Remainder of 17.9 unchanged.]

E. 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 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.10.1 through 17.10.5 unchanged.]

17.10.5.1 Exception — Alternate Playing Season. An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference champions or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall; or an institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3, may use the playing season dates for sports that conduct a fall championship. Multi-day tournaments (up to a maximum of five tournaments) may count as one date of the 24 practice or competition dates, regardless of the number of

days of the tournament. Further, an institution that uses this exception and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of 45 consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment. The institution is eligible for the NCAA championship.

	Fall (Championship)	S p r i n g (Championship)
Practice	17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition <u>or five days prior to the first day of classes, whichever is earlier</u>	February 15
Competition	Thursday preceding <i>August 30</i> <u>September 6</u>	February 15
End date for practice and competition	for November 15	Seven days prior to final examination period.

17.10.5.1.1 Alternative Playing Season — Preseason Activities Prior to the First Day of Classes. During the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, student-athletes shall not engage in more than six hours of countable athletically related activities per day, only five of which may be devoted to physical activities (e.g., practice, weight training, conditioning). In addition, any session with physical activities shall not exceed three hours in length. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight-lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

[Remainder of 17.10 unchanged.]

F. 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 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.19.1 unchanged.]

17.19.2 **Preseason Practice.**

17.19.2.1 First Date of Practice — Championship Segment. a member institution shall not commence practice sessions in soccer in the championship segment before 17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition **or five days prior to the first day of classes, whichever is earlier.**

17.19.2.2 Preseason Activities Prior to the First Day of Classes. **During the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, student-athletes shall not engage in more than six hours of countable athletically related activities per day, only five of which may be devoted to physical activities (e.g., practice, weight training, conditioning). In addition, any session with physical activities shall not exceed three hours in length. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session occurring that day. During this time,**

student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight-lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

17.19.3 First ~~Date of Competition~~ **Contest** — Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding ~~August 30~~ **September 6**.

[17.19.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.19.4 through 17.19.6 unchanged.]

17.19.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.19.7.1 Maximum Limitations — Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to ~~20~~ **18** contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.19.7.3, 17.19.7.4 and 17.19.7.5.

[17.19.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.19.7.2 Maximum Limitations — Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~20~~ **18** soccer contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in soccer during another segment. 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.

[Remainder of 17.19 unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.23, as follows:

17.23 TENNIS. Regulations for computing the tennis playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.23.1 through 17.23.5 unchanged.]

17.23.5.1 Exception — Alternate Playing Season. An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall; or an institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3, may use the playing season dates for sports that conduct a fall championship. Further, an institution that uses this exception and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment. The institution is eligible for the NCAA championship.

	Fall (Championship)	Spring (Nonchampionship)
Practice	17 days prior to the first permissible date of February 15 competition <u>or five days prior to the first day of classes, whichever is earlier</u>	
Competition	Thursday preceding August 30 <u>September 6</u>	February 15
End date for practice and competition	November 15	Seven days prior to final examination period.

17.23.5.1.1 Alternative Playing Season — Preseason Activities Prior to the First Day of Classes. During the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, student-athletes shall not engage in more than six hours of countable athletically related activities per day, only five of which may be devoted to physical activities (e.g., practice, weight training, conditioning). In addition, any session with physical activities shall not exceed three hours in length. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight-lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

[Remainder of 17.23 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

17.25 VOLLEYBALL, MEN'S AND WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.25.1 through 17.25.1.9.1 unchanged.]

17.25.2 Volleyball — Women's.

[17.25.2.1 unchanged.]

17.25.2.2 Preseason Practice.

17.25.2.2.1 First Date of Practice — Championship Segment — Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's volleyball in the championship segment before 17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition **or five days prior to the first day of classes, whichever is earlier.**

17.25.2.2.2 Preseason Activities Prior to the First Day of Classes. During the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, student-athletes shall not engage in more than six hours of countable athletically related activities per day, only five of which may be devoted to physical activities (e.g., practice, weight training, conditioning). In addition, any session with physical activities shall not exceed three hours in length. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session occurring that day. During this time,

student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight-lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

17.25.2.3 First Date of Competition — Championship Segment — Women. a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding ~~August 30~~ **September 6**.

[17.25.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.25.2.4 through 17.25.2.6 unchanged.]

17.25.2.7 Number of Dates of Competition — Women.

17.25.2.7.1 Maximum Limitations — Institutional — Women. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's women's volleyball playing season to ~~28~~ **26** dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.2.7.3, 17.25.2.7.4 and 17.25.2.7.5.

[17.25.2.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.25.2.7.2 Maximum Limitations — Student-Athlete — Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in ~~28~~ **26** dates of competition in women's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[Remainder of 17.25 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee and Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2010; however, contracts signed before August 6, 2009, for contests or dates of competition occurring between August 26, 2010, and September 1, 2010, may be honored.

Rationale: Following the 2009 Convention, the presidents and chancellors directed the governance structure to review the playing and practice seasons legislation to ensure its alignment with the division's Strategic Positioning Platform and the principle of "life in the balance." The proposal amends the start date of the preseason practice period, the first date of competition and the maximum number of contests or dates of competition in specific sports. The proposal also adds limitations on physical activities during the preseason practice period before the first day of classes to reduce the risk of student-athlete injury and heat-related illnesses. The proposal strengthens the principle of balance because it will reduce the number of days that student-athletes are on campus prior to classes beginning at the institution. In addition, the proposed changes will likely result in less missed class time, missed study time and time away from campus. The proposed reductions in specified sports are necessary due to the fall sports season occurring with one less week overall. Finally, the change will have the incidental benefit of reducing costs for

institutions for expenses associated with housing and feeding student-athletes prior to the general student-body arriving on campus, travel and/or game related expenses.

No. 2-12 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS — SPRING SPORTS

Intent: In baseball, to reduce the maximum number of contests from 56 to 50 and in golf, to reduce the maximum number of dates of competition from 24 to 21; further, in softball, to eliminate the tournament dates legislation.

A. 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 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.2.1 through 17.2.6 unchanged.]

17.2.7 Number of Contests.

17.2.7.1 Maximum Limitations — Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball playing season to ~~56~~ **50** contests (games and scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.2.7.3, 17.2.7.4, 14.7.5.

[17.2.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.2.7.2 Maximum Limitations — Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~56~~ **50** baseball contests. 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 or freshman team of the institution.

[Remainder of 17.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.7, 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 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.10.1 through 17.10.6 unchanged.]

17.10.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.10.7.1 Maximum Limitations — Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible golf playing season to ~~24~~ **21** dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.10.7.3, 17.10.7.4 and 17.10.7.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.10.7.1.1 through 17.10.7.1.3, unchanged.]

17.10.7.2 Maximum Limitations — Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~24~~ **21** dates of competition in golf. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with

Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[Remainder of 17.10 unchanged.]

C. 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 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.20.1 through 17.20.6 unchanged.]

17.20.7 Number of Contests.

17.20.7.1 Maximum Limitations — Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution's softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.20.7.3, 17.20.7.4 and 17.20.7.5.

~~17.20.7.1.1 Tournament Dates. Each date of a softball tournament shall be counted as one contest, and not more than 10 tournaments shall be scheduled in an academic year. For purposes of this legislation, a tournament shall be defined as an intercollegiate athletics event in which all the following conditions are satisfied:~~

~~(a) The event is a series of consecutive athletics contests that culminate in the designation of one team champion. Teams may advance through a single-elimination, double-elimination or pool-play bracket structure;~~

~~(b) The event is not longer than five days in duration with a maximum of four contests per team scheduled on any one day. Competition may be held at more than one site; and~~

~~(c) Competing teams are selected (and may be seeded according to athletics ability) in advance of the competition.~~

[17.20.7.1.2 renumbered as 17.20.7.1.1, unchanged.]

17.20.7.2 Maximum Limitations — Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 56 softball contests (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).

~~17.20.7.2.1 Tournament Dates. Each date of a softball tournament shall be counted as one contest, and not more than 10 tournaments may be scheduled in an academic year.~~

[Remainder of 17.20 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee and Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Rationale: Following the 2009 Convention, the presidents and chancellors directed the governance structure to review the playing and practice seasons legislation to ensure its alignment with the

division's Strategic Positioning Platform and the principle of "life in the balance." This proposal reduces the maximum number of contests in baseball and golf by approximately 10 percent. In addition, the proposal amends how an institution shall count contests in softball. Specifically, the change would require institutions to count each softball contest in a tournament as one contest against the maximum limitations. The proposed changes would likely result in less missed class time, missed study time and time away from campus for baseball, golf and softball student-athletes, which should contribute to improved academic performance overall. Finally, the change will have the incidental benefit of reducing costs for institutions for expenses associated with travel and/or game related expenses.

No. 2-13 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS — WINTER SPORTS — BASKETBALL

Intent: In basketball, to reduce the maximum number of contests from 27 to 26.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3, as follows:

17.3 BASKETBALL. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 through 17.3.4.1 unchanged.]

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations — Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in basketball in any one year to ~~27~~ **26** contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.3.5.3, 17.3.5.4, 17.3.5.5 and 17.3.5.6.

17.3.5.2 Maximum Limitations — Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than ~~27~~ **26** basketball contests. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

[Remainder of 17.3 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council.

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Rationale: Following the 2009 Convention, the presidents and chancellors directed the governance structure to review the playing and practice seasons legislation to ensure its alignment with the division's Strategic Positioning Platform and the principle of "life in the balance." This proposal reduces the maximum number of contests in basketball from 27 to 26. This reduction is necessary due to the recommended proposal for the winter break, which would establish a "dead" period in basketball during which it would not be permissible for an institution to have practice, competition, other countable athletically related activities or voluntary athletically related activities on campus from December 20 through December 26, thus shortening the overall length of the basketball

playing season by one week. Finally, the proposal would likely result in less missed class time, missed study time and time away from campus for basketball student-athletes, which should contribute to improved academic performance overall.

No. 2-14 (1-3) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS — BASKETBALL — FIRST CONTEST

Intent: In basketball, to specify that a member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the second Friday of November.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.3, as follows:

17.3.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball ~~before~~ **prior to the second Friday of** November ~~15~~, except as provided under Bylaw 17.3.3.1.

Source: Peach Belt Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Rationale: Currently, an institution shall not play its first contest against outside competition prior to November 15, aside from exceptions outlined in Bylaw 17.3.3.1. This proposal does not change that date substantially, it simply allows institutions to schedule that first contest on a weekend night. This proposal will not allow an institution to compete earlier than what is allowed under current legislation as most Division II basketball teams compete in exempted contests on or soon after November 1. The proposal will only change the date for the first permissible "countable" contest. This change will also provide a benefit to student-athletes as no season-opening games or events will take place during the week and teams can also schedule "countable" games earlier in the season to provide flexibility for conference playing dates that occur during final examination periods. Further, this change is easy to administer as all schools can easily determine when the second Friday is and coaches can better schedule knowing the season starts on a weekend every year. Adoption of this proposal will likely result in all Division II basketball teams officially starting their season on the same day.

Appendix A

Legislative Proposal Number Changes

This appendix lists proposals that are included in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation and gives their corresponding numbers in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation. Please note that not all proposals that appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation were included in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

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