2016-17 Legislative Proposal Review

Department of Athletics and Recreation
Athletics Compliance Office
Monday’s with your Manual
Monday, January 9, 2017
Overview

- Council Proposals designated for January vote
- Autonomy Proposals
- Bylaw 12 (Athletics Eligibility)
- Bylaw 13 (Recruiting)
- Bylaw 14 (Academic Recruiting)
- Bylaw 15 (Financial Aid)
Council Governance Proposals

The source of all four (4) proposals is the Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee); Effective Date is August 1, 2017.
2016-114: Study Abroad Programs and
2016-115: Internships/Cooperative
Educational Work Experience Program

- Addition of an exception to the five-year rule for time spent participating in a full-time academic study-abroad program, internship or cooperative educational work experience program during a regular academic year, as specified.

- Replacements in head count sports in the term(s) that a student-athlete participates in an applicable full-time study abroad program, internship or cooperative educational work experience program would be permitted;
  - Replaced by an enrolled student that is a member of the team

- The financial aid received by a student-athlete in an equivalency sport can be exempted from the team limit.
  - Equal amount of aid exempted may be provided to an enrolled student that is a member of the team.
2016-120: Written Notice of Student-Athlete Time Demand Expectations

- During an official visit, institutions must provide prospects with written notice of time demands expectations.
  - Related to being a student-athlete generally, and specific to the sport or sports for which the prospect is being recruited.

- Division I SAAC will develop a resource detailing time demands expectations, which can be used to satisfy this requirement.

- The Division I SAAC will also develop a resource with questions a prospect should ask during official or unofficial visits.

- General rules education will be developed and provided through the NCAA Eligibility Center.
2016-124: Definition of Required Athletically Related Activities

- Establishes a definition of required athletically related activities to include activities that count within the daily and weekly limits, that are required of a student-athlete.

- Activities include, but are not limited to:
  - Compliance meetings, team promotional activities, recruiting activities/duties, media activities, fundraising events, community service, team building, team travel.

- Acknowledges the imperfect and imprecise nature of current CARA model.

- Definition aligns with best practice recommendation.
Autonomy Governance

Proposals

Approximately 18 total but only reviewing 6
2016-130: Retroactive Aid

- Permit institutional awards after the first day of classes in any term to be made retroactive to the beginning of that academic year.

- Currently, if awarded after the period of the award begins, athletic aid must be prorated, even if the aid fits within team limits.

- Recent deregulation allows increases in athletics aid at any time, including for athletics reasons.

- Institutions are permitted to retroactively award students (other than student-athletes) with scholarships, loans and grants to the beginning of the academic year.

Source: Pac-12, Effective Date: August 1, 2017
2016-133: Entertainment

- Would permit an institution, conference or the NCAA to provide reasonable entertainment to student-athletes at any time.

- Currently, reasonable entertainment can be provided in conjunction with practice or competition.

- Proposed change provides the flexibility to provide entertainment outside of the playing season.

Source: Pac-12, Effective Date: August 1, 2017
2016-135: Eight-Hour Ban on Required Athletically Related Activities

- Will establish prohibitions on required athletically related activities during a continuous 8-hour period...
  - Between 9pm and 6am, except for competition (associated activities).
    - Additional exceptions also apply
  - After release following home contests that conclude after 9pm (with an exception for travel).
  - Upon return from away-from-home competition after 9pm.
- Expands current prohibition from midnight to 5am.

Source: ACC, Big-12, Big Ten, Pac-12, SEC; Effective Date: August 1, 2017
2016-136: Days Off – Academic Year

- Will establish prohibitions on required athletically related activities:
  - During the seven-day period beginning the day after a SA’s or a team’s last contest of the championship segment.
  - For a total of 14 days during or outside the playing season during the regular academic year when classes are in session.

- Academic, health and medical activities, as well as voluntary activities permitted on the day off.

- Voluntary activities will be permitted.

- Travel day not permitted as a day off, with exceptions.

Source: ACC, Big-12, Big Ten, Pac-12, SEC; Effective Date: August 1, 2017
2016-136-1: Days Off – Academic Year

- Amendment to 2016-136, specific to the day off

2016-131: Travel day may not be considered as a day off, except:
- On a day when limited return to campus travel occurs, institutions have discretion whether to use the day as a day off; per AD/designee approval
- Travel to/from Hawaii or Alaska

2016-131-1: Travel day may be considered as a day off:
- For travel to return to campus following away-from-home competition between midnight and 5am, provided ...
- The institution provides a continuous 24-hour period free following the release from the return travel

Source: SEC; Effective Date: August 1, 2017
2016-138: Preseason Practice and Vacation Periods

▪ During preseason practice and during vacation period when classes are not in session, require institutions to provide one day off per week

▪ Intended to promote consistency in the application of the day off requirement throughout the playing season

▪ Regardless of whether classes are in session, student-athletes would receive a day off

Source: Pac-12, Effective Date: August 1, 2017
Bylaw 12 (Athletics Eligibility)
2016-15: Nonchampionship Competition

- Will provide spring sport SAs with same exception available to fall sport SAs.
- Opportunity to compete in nonchampionship segment without using a season of competition.
- Baseball, lacrosse, softball and women’s water polo could compete in the nonchampionship segment without using a season of competition, provided the SA remains academically eligible during the championship segment.

Source: Council (SAEC), Effective Date: August 1, 2017
Bylaw 13
(Recruiting)
Proposals
2016-16: Preseason Exhibitions Contests and Practice Scrimmages

- SAs could participate in preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages without it counting as a season of competition.

- Currently, only individuals in their initial year of enrollment can participate in these preseason events without it counting as a season of competition.

- Proposal would have an immediate effective date and could be applied retroactively to a SA with eligibility remaining within the 5-year period of eligibility.

- Enhance student-athlete well-being.

- Sports of basketball and soccer.

Source: ACC, Effective Date: Immediate; retroactive to SA w/in 5-year window
2016-28 and 29: On-Campus Contact with Former Student-Athletes

2016-28:

- Allows former SAs to have recruiting contact on campus with PSAs (relatives or legal guardians).
- Current prohibition creates frequent, uncomfortable situations, particularly during home contests.

2016-29:

- Allows on campus contact between former SAs and PSAs (relatives or guardians) provided:
  - The contact is not made for recruiting purposes, and
  - Is not initiated by an institutional staff member.
- Does not limit unavoidable contact to the exchange of a greeting.

Source: Pac-12, Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Source: Big-12, Effective Date: August 1, 2017
2016-30: Phone Calls & Unofficial Visits

- Recruiting reregulation that would prohibit
  - The receipt of phone calls from a PSA, until the date when calls can be made to a PSA.
  - In-person, on-campus contact prior to September 1 at the beginning of the junior year.

- Intent is to close loopholes that have resulted in recruitment prior to the first permissible date to initiate recruitment.

- Preserve of the integrity of the recruiting process/landscape.

Source: Ivy League, Effective Date: August 1, 2017
2016-32: Telephone Calls and Electronic Correspondence in Conjunction with an Unofficial Visit

- Beginning the day immediately preceding an unofficial visit until the visit concludes, permit institutional staff members.
  - To make unlimited calls to the PSA and individuals accompanying the PSA.
  - To send electronic correspondence to the PSA and individuals accompanying the PSA.

- Intended to address confusion and concern while PSAs are in transit for visits that could be caused by unfamiliarity with the locale of the institution.

Source: AAC, Effective Date: August 1, 2017
2016-33: Counting Evaluations – September 1 – May 31

- Evaluations that occur September 1 through May 31 would count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities.
  - Except for evaluations that occur on the same day as a permissible contact.
- Evaluations that occur June 1 through August 31 would no longer count.
- Meant to address the challenge of monitoring the academic year of each prospect required by current rules.

Source: Big-12, Effective Date: Immediate
2016-48: On-Campus Evaluations – Sports Other Than Football

- Institutions would be permitted to conduct on-campus evaluations with PSAs.
  - Beginning June 1 immediately preceding the PSA’s junior year.
  - Outside a high school or prep school PSA’s traditional season in the applicable sport (first official practice through the team’s final competition).
  - For two-year PSAs, after eligibility has been exhausted in the applicable sport.

- Intended to allow both the PSA and institutions to make better informed recruiting decisions.

- Similar to current basketball rule.

Source: Big-12, Effective Date: Immediate
Bylaw 14 (Academic Eligibility)
2016-67: 6 Hours of Degree Applicable Credit (Council/CoA, 8/1/17); Enrollment options for SAs who obtain degree in less than 5-years and continue their participation

### Undergraduate Institution

*Undergraduate or Graduate Study Options*

- **Postbaccalaureate Studies**
  - **CURRENT:** second degree, major or minor; or coursework toward any degree.
  - **PROPOSED:** must earn 6 degree applicable hours if enrolled in second degree, major, minor or certificate program; or coursework toward any degree.

- **Graduate Studies**
  - **CURRENT:** full-time graduate work, or graduate/professional degree.
  - **PROPOSED:** graduate or professional degree, must earn six degree applicable hours.

### Transfer Institution

*Graduate Studies Only*

- **Current:**
  - General graduate work;
  - Or graduate or professional degree.

- **Proposed:**
  - Graduate or professional degree;
  - Must earn six degree applicable hours.
Bylaw 15 (Financial Aid)
2016-76: Summer Aid Prior to Full-Time Enrollment

- Reduction in the number of credits that a PSA is required to enroll in order to receive athletics aid from six (6) to three (3).
  - Summer prior to the PSA’s initial, full-time enrollment.

- Would align the financial aid legislation with summer conditioning legislation, which permits individuals enrolled in at least 3 degree applicable hours in 1 summer term that is few than 8 weeks to engage in summer access.

- Permissive proposal, institutions could still require 6 credits.

Source: SEC, Effective Date: Immediate
2016-77: Aid After Head Coach Departs

- To allow a SA to receive athletics aid in the academic years following the departure of a head coach and not be a counter provided:
  - The SA participated in the applicable sport and received athletics aid during the coach’s tenure
  - The SA does not participate in the applicable sport during subsequent academic years at the institution
  - If the SA subsequently participates, the SA will be a counter for all years that the individual received athletics aid

- Extension of current legislation that only applies to men’s basketball (since 2010)

Source: Council (SAEC), Effective Date: August 1, 2017
Questions – GW Votes

- Did not review sport specific legislation.
  - Coaches can set-up meetings and/or email/call with questions.
  - Number of these so programs are encouraged to review them and all others in detail.

- GW Votes.
  - Hope to receive ballot in early to mid-February.
  - Programs can provide votes and comments via email at anytime.