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2018 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS
• **2017-15** – To eliminate the legislated sanctions for sports wagering activities. Effective Date: **IMMEDIATE**

• **2017-74** – In basketball, to eliminate the restrictions on the location of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event. Effective Date: August 1, 2018

• **2017-77** – In cross country and track and field, to eliminate the restriction on dividing the playing season into more than two distinct segments; further, to specify that each segment must consist of at least one week. Effective Date: August 1, 2018

• **2017-85** – In women’s soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Thursday before the 12th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship. Effective Date: August 1, 2018
• **INTENT** – To eliminate the requirement to certify in writing and have on file a list of coaches who are permitted to contact or evaluate PSAs off-campus; further, in men's basketball, to eliminate the requirement that an institution's athletics participation schedule must be approved by the institution's FAR or faculty oversight committee prior to the beginning of each regular academic term.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Must have a list of coaches permitted to recruit off-campus. In men’s basketball, legislation requires FAR to approve participation schedule including the anticipated amount of missed class time due to athletics at the beginning of each regular academic year.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Amended to retain general missed class time policies and final transcript submission requirement.
• **INTENT** – To specify that the junior level equivalents of official Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships competition; officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts; and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams shall be exempt from the application of the delayed enrollment legislation.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Didn’t allow for junior level equivalents to be exempted.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted.
INTENT – To specify that an individual who is eligible under the application of the delayed enrollment tennis rule and who maintained full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution during each regular academic term from his or her initial full-time enrollment in the certifying institution to his or her full-time enrollment at the certifying institution is not subject to the application of the matriculation after 20th birthday rule.

CURRENT RULE – Applies to a SA who enrolled full-time in a collegiate institution within the six-month grace period and competes in any organized tennis after 20th birthday and before enrollment at certifying institution. Original intent of rule is specific to a loophole in which a tennis SA enrolls full-time to not be subject to the delayed-enrollment tennis rule, then withdraws and participates in high-level competitive tennis full time. However, the rule also applies to SAs who are continuously enrolled as full-time students and are not participating in high-level tennis on a full-time basis. Provides no exception for continuous full-time enrolled SAs.

COUNCIL ACTION – Adopted.
• **INTENT** – To specify that participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government are exempt from the application of the delayed enrollment and seasons of competition legislation.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Provides no service exceptions for delayed-enrollment legislation.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted.
• **INTENT** – To specify that a waiver of the five-year rule may be approved in a situation in which a SA did not participate in his or her initial season of intercollegiate competition due to an institutional decision to redshirt a SA when he or she was listed on the institution's squad list and eligible for competition, and the SA was deprived of the opportunity to participate in one other season for reasons beyond the control of the SA or institution.

• **CURRENT RULE** – A waiver may be submitted to extend the five-year period of eligibility but only for a SA who was denied an opportunity to participate in two seasons for reasons beyond the control of the SA or institution (e.g., medical hardship).

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted.
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-25

• INTENT – In women’s volleyball, to specify that a coach’s employment activities in an institutional camp or clinic (including another NCAA four-year institution’s camp or clinic) or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic within a 50-mile radius of the institution do not count toward the evaluation days limitation.

• CURRENT RULE – Under current legislation, coaches who are employed at such noninstitutional camps are permitted to evaluate and have in-person interaction with participating PSAs mostly free from the restraints and limitations of the standard recruiting provisions as such activity is exempt from the tryout and contact rules and thus not counted as one of their 80 evaluation days.

• COUNCIL ACTION – Adopted and in 60 day recession period.
• **INTENT** – In softball, for purposes of the tryout rule and the regulations related to camps and clinics, to specify that a PSA is an individual who has started classes for the seventh grade.

• **CURRENT RULE** – This definition is only for men’s basketball.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted and in 60 day recession period.
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-27

Effective Date: **IMMEDIATE**

- **INTENT** – To define “significant other” as a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., PSA, coach, SA) is the practical equivalent of a spouse; further, to replace “spouse” with “significant other,” as specified.

- **CURRENT RULE** – Several bylaws specify the permissible benefits and activities for spouses of coaches, staff members, student-athletes and prospective student-athletes.

- **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted
• **INTENT** – To specify that an institution may produce video or audio materials for recruiting purposes to show to or provide to a PSA, provided it is not personalized to include a PSA’s name, picture, or likeness and it is not created by an entity outside the institution.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Allows media presentation available to all students and computer-generated recruiting presentations that may include general informational video/audio material that relates to an athletics program but not created for recruiting purposes. These materials may not be personalized to include a PSA’s name, picture, or likeness and it is not created by an entity outside the institution.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted
• **INTENT** – To specify that an institution transporting a PSA (and those accompanying a PSA) around campus during an official visit or providing permissible transportation during an unofficial visit may use institutional vehicles normally used to transport PSAs or the institution’s athletics teams.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Prohibits transportation to a PSA in an institutional vehicle during an official and unofficial visit.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted and in 60 day recession period.
INTENT — To allow an institution to provide an additional official visit to a PSA after the departure of a head coach, provided the PSA has signed a NLI or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to the institution’s offer of admission.

CURRENT RULE — Institutions can only provide a PSA with one “expense-paid” official visit to its campus.

COUNCIL ACTION — Adopted
• **INTENT** – To allow an institution to decorate **common areas** in athletics facilities ONLY for an official or unofficial visit, provided the decorations are not personalized and the common areas are not accessible or visible to the general public while they are decorated (e.g., lobby, suite in arena, coach’s office).

• **CURRENT RULE** – Does not allow any decorations to be put up for official or unofficial visits.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted and in 60 day recession period.
INTENT – To specify that an enrolled SA may comment on social media about a PSA, provided such comments are not made at the direction of an institutional staff member.

CURRENT RULE – Prohibits SAs from posting content related to a PSA’s recruitment, even when and/or if a relationship existed prior to the SA’s participation in collegiate athletics.

COUNCIL ACTION – Adopted
• **INTENT** – In women’s basketball, men’s golf, cross country and track and field, women’s gymnastics and volleyball, to establish a recruiting calendar, as specified;
  - Women’s basketball – create Shutdown Periods (NO official or unofficial visits, off-campus contacts, evaluations, correspondence or the receipt of or initiation of telephone calls).
  - Men’s Golf - to specify that each institution shall be limited to 45 evaluation days per calendar year.
  - Gymnastics – create dead periods in June and December.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted (women’s basketball shutdown period effective immediately – May 7 – 13).
• **INTENT** – In sports in which performance from the nonchampionship and championship segments is considered for NCAA championship qualification or selection, to specify that a SA who receives athletically related financial aid is not a counter, provided the SA's five-year period of eligibility will expire before the NCAA championship in the applicable sport and the SA does not compete in the involved sport during that academic year.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Currently, a SA with remaining season(s) of eligibility whose five-year period of eligibility expires prior to the NCAA championship may participate in contests that helps the institution qualify for the championship although the SA will be ineligible to participate in the championship.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted and in 60 day recession period.
• **INTENT** — In head count sports, to specify that an institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfer, official religious mission) from the institution during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another SA, including an incoming SA, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester) without making the second SA a counter for the remainder of that academic year.

• **CURRENT RULE** — Current legislation allows for the replacement of a SA who renders himself or herself ineligible but does not allow for a replacement in situations such as withdrawal from the team while eligible, transfers, or withdrawal from the institution to serve an official religious mission.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** — Adopted
INTENT –

61: In team sports, to specify that a SA's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours spent on skill-related workouts. In individual sports, to specify that a SA's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week.

61-1: To amend Proposal No. 2017-61, to specify that, in individual sports, a SA's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours spent on skill-related workouts.

CURRENT RULE — Restricts to 2 hours the skill-related instruction within the weekly limitation of eight hours for out-of-season athletically related activities.

COUNCIL ACTION — Adopted as amended by Proposal No. 2017-61-1; Section A effective August 1, 2018; Section B effective immediately (basketball summer).
• **INTENT** – In sports other than football, to eliminate the restrictions that preclude skill-related instruction from being publicized and conducted in view of a general public audience.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Institutions are limited to publicizing skill instruction only after it has occurred and such activities cannot be in view of a general public audience.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted
INTENT – In sports other than basketball, to specify that if an institution’s team participates in three contests or dates of competition in a week, an institution is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement, provided the SAs do not engage in any countable athletically related activities for two days during the preceding or the following week.

CURRENT RULE – Sports other than basketball are subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement regardless if the team participates in three competitions in that week. Currently only basketball has this exception.

COUNCIL ACTION – Adopted
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-65

Effective Date: IMMEDIATE

• **INTENT** – In individual sports, to specify that a coach may participate in an individual-workout session with a SA from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the SA.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Current legislation permits a coach in an individual sport to participate in individual-workout sessions with a SA from the coach's team only during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the SA.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted and in 60 day recession period.
**INTENT** – In soccer, softball and volleyball, to specify that if there are fewer Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution than the maximum number of permissible nonchampionship segment contests or dates of competition, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of institutions and the maximum number of contests or dates of competition.

**CURRENT RULE** – Does not have an isolated institutions exception.

**COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted and in 60 day recession period.
• **INTENT** – In baseball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and two contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Nonchampionship competitions are counted against the 56 total contests.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted and in 60 day recession period.
**PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-70**

**Effective Date:** IMMEDIATE

- **INTENT** – In baseball, to specify that a SA who has been replaced as a varsity squad member due to a season-ending injury may participate in the following countable athletically related activities with the varsity team: (a) Participation in limited on-field activities (e.g., hitting fungoes, shagging balls); (b) Dress in uniform and be in the dugout during home and away contests; and (c) Participation in rehabilitation activities (including the use of baseball-specific equipment) under the supervision of a coaching staff member conducted at the same time as team practice.

- **CURRENT RULE** – Currently a SA who has been replaced as a varsity squad member due to a season-ending injury or illness cannot be in uniform during competition, participate in pre-game activities or participate in rehabilitation activities at the same time and place as the team participates in practice.

- **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-71

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

• **INTENT** – In baseball, to specify that (a) An institution may replace a varsity squad member who voluntarily withdraws from the team for personal reasons before the institution's first scheduled contest in the championship segment; (b) The SA's request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal; (c) The SA's financial aid may not be awarded to another SA in the same academic year; and (d) The SA selected as the replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall academic term.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Currently, the squad size is fixed even if a counter voluntarily withdraws from the team.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted
• **INTENT** – In women’s lacrosse, to specify that an institution may play up to three scrimmages or exhibition games prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest, provided such scrimmages or exhibitions games are counted against the maximum number of contests; further, to specify that contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests shall count against the maximum if they are played prior to the date specified for the first regular-season contest.

• **CURRENT RULE** – No Preseason Scrimmages/Exhibition Games Exception.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted
• **INTENT** – In swimming and diving, to specify that a SA may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in one contest against the USA Swimming National Team or the USA Diving National Team, provided the SA is academically eligible for competition at the time of the competition.

• **CURRENT RULE** – The conference must submit a waiver in order for the SA to compete on a conference all-star team.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted and in 60 day recession period.
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-109

Effective Date: IMMEDIATE

- **INTENT** – To replace all instances of “relatives” and “parents or legal guardians” with “family members”.

- **CURRENT RULE** – Most of the legislation uses the terminology “parents and legal guardians”.

- **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted
INTENT – Permits an institution to pay a PSA’s actual transportation costs for an official visit to its campus from any location provided the PSA returns to the original point of departure, or to the PSA’s home, educational institution or site of competition. Will reduce the need to submit a waiver.

CURRENT RULE – Allows institution to provide return trip to original point of departure or to the PSA’s home, educational or site of competition as long as cost does not exceed the round trip expenses from the original point of departure.

COUNCIL ACTION – Adopted
• **INTENT** – In sports other than basketball and football, to specify that an institution may provide an official visit to a PSA beginning September 1 of the PSA’s junior year in high school.

• **CURRENT RULE** – In sports other than basketball, institutions are currently allowed to provide official visits beginning the opening day of classes of the PSA’s senior year in high school.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted
• **INTENT** – In sports other than basketball, to specify that an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g. contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

• **CURRENT RULE** – In sports other than women’s gymnastics and lacrosse unofficial visits can occur at any time. In women’s gymnastics and lacrosse unofficial visits cannot occur until September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted but in 60 day recession period.
• **INTENT** – In sports other than basketball, to specify that recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic are not permitted between an institution’s coach and a participating PSA before September 1 at the beginning of the PSA’s junior year in high school.

• **CURRENT RULE** – In sports other than basketball, recruiting conversations at an institution’s camp or clinic between the institution’s coach and a PSA are permitted. In lacrosse recruiting conversations at an institution’s camp or clinic between the institution’s coach and a PSA may not occur before September 1 at the beginning of the PSA’s junior year in high school.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Adopted but in 60 day recession period.
INTENT – Specific to cross country and indoor/outdoor track and related to minimum number of contest requirements and Division I opponents.

CURRENT RULE – Institutions can count up to three institution-versus-institution meetings as contests in any multiteam competition (e.g., quadrangular track and field meet). In women's indoor and outdoor track and field, an institution is required to schedule and compete against Division I opponents in 100 percent of its contests to meet the minimum number of contests requirement.

COUNCIL ACTION – Adopted
• **INTENT** – In softball, to specify that: (a) Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school; and (b) An institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Rule applies to lacrosse.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Approved as noncontroversial legislation.
• **INTENT** – To specify that a minor or undergraduate certificate program must be designated prior to the conclusion of the first five days of class for associated credit hours to be used to satisfy progress-toward-degree credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment.

• **CURRENT RULE** – Currently, SAs must designate an optional or voluntary minor or an undergraduate certificate program by the start of the applicable term for credits earned during the term to be used to meet progress-toward-degree credit-hour requirements.

• **COUNCIL ACTION** – Approved as noncontroversial legislation.
Q & A
Editor's Note: This document has been updated to clarify language in multiple questions and answers. Question No. 5 for Proposal No. 2017-22 has been corrected and questions and answers for Proposal No. 2017-33 have been updated to reflect changes to the proposal.

This document contains questions and answers to assist the NCAA membership in its understanding of selected proposals.

NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-15 Ethical Conduct -- Sports Wagering Activities -- Sanctions -- Elimination of Legislated Sanctions

**Question No. 1:** Does this proposal eliminate the prohibition on sports wagering?

**Answer:** No. This proposal eliminates the current, legislated minimum sanctions for sports wagering. Sports wagering will remain impermissible under NCAA legislation, but the adoption of this proposal will allow the NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement authority to develop appropriate guidelines for review of cases on an individual basis and consider the totality of the circumstances. Further, the existing legislated sanctions will be incorporated into the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement guidelines.

**Question No. 2:** Does an institution currently have an opportunity to appeal a sports wagering sanction on behalf of a student-athlete who has triggered a legislated penalty?

**Answer:** No appellate opportunity exists for the minimum legislated penalty. An institution can appeal a withholding condition greater than the legislated minimum penalty, but the appellate body (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement) may not issue a withholding condition less than the minimum legislated penalty.

**Question No. 3:** If this proposal is adopted, will an institution be able to appeal a sports wagering sanction on behalf of a student-athlete?

**Answer:** Yes. If the proposal is adopted, an institution could appeal a sports wagering sanction to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

**Question No. 4:** Will this proposal be applied retroactively to violations of the sports wagering legislation?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 5:** Is the same proposal being considered in Divisions II and III?

**Answer:** Yes. NCAA Bylaw 10.3.2 is a common provision across all three divisions and requires a majority vote of each of the three divisions, voting separately, for adoption or amendment.


**Question No. 1:** Is the proposal retroactive?

**Answer:** No. The proposal is applicable only to a student-athlete who initially enrolls full-time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2018.

**Question No. 2:** What if a student-athlete initially enrolls full-time in a collegiate institution prior to August 1, 2018, but does not receive final amateurism certification until after August 1, 2018?

**Answer:** The proposal does not apply to a student-athlete who enrolled full time in a collegiate institution prior to August 1, 2018, regardless of when the student-athlete received final amateurism certification.

**Question No. 3:** Does the proposal apply to any junior level competition?

**Answer:** No. The proposal only applies to the junior level equivalents of official Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University
Championships, and officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the junior level equivalents of the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships.

Proposal No. 2017-21 - Athletics Eligibility -- Five-Year Rule Waiver Criteria -- Redshirt Year Provision

**Question No. 1:** Must the "redshirt year" occur during the student-athlete's initial year of full-time, collegiate enrollment?
**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 2:** May the redshirt year occur during the student-athlete’s initial year of full-time enrollment at another institution?
**Answer:** Yes. The redshirt year may occur at another institution (e.g., NAIA, two-year institution, international institution or another NCAA institution) during his or her initial year of full-time, collegiate enrollment. However, the student-athlete must have been a member of the previous institution's athletics team and otherwise eligible for competition.

**Question No. 3:** Could a student-athlete who was not a member of the athletics team during his or her initial year of full-time, collegiate enrollment meet the "institutional decision" criteria?
**Answer:** No. The student-athlete must have been listed on the institution's squad list during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship.

**Question No. 4:** What if the student-athlete was a member of a different team during his or her initial year? For example, what if the student-athlete redshirted his initial year in football and then joined the outdoor track team his second year and beyond?
**Answer:** The five-year waiver rule is sport specific. Therefore, if a student-athlete redshirted his initial year in football, the redshirt year could only be considered in an extension request for football.

**Question No. 5:** May a student-athlete who was medically unable to participate during his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment consider that year a “redshirt”?
**Answer:** Yes, provided the student-athlete was listed on the institution's squad list and was eligible for competition during the segment of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship.

**Question No. 6:** If Proposal No. 2017-17 is adopted, could a football student-athlete who competes in up to four contests during his initial year of enrollment and ceases further participation due to an institutional decision (e.g., coach’s decision to redshirt the student-athlete) qualify for an extension of his five-year period of eligibility?
**Answer:** Yes. Provided the student-athlete was deprived of the opportunity to participate in one other season for reasons beyond the control of the student-athlete or institution.

**Question No. 7:** What are reasons beyond the control of the student-athlete or institution for which a student-athlete may qualify for a five-year waiver?
**Answer:** This proposal does not change the circumstances that are considered beyond the control of the student-athlete or institution. Five-Year Rule Waiver legislation (see Bylaw 12.8.1.7.1.1) provides a list of circumstances considered to be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution.

**Question No. 8:** Must an institution decide at the outset of a season whether or not a student-athlete is going to redshirt the initial season of intercollegiate eligibility?
**Answer:** No. While an institution may decide at the outset of a season to redshirt a student-athlete, a student-athlete who does not compete for the entirety of his or her initial season of intercollegiate eligibility may be considered a "redshirt" for purposes of this proposal.

**Question No. 9:** Could an academic redshirt or nonqualifier utilize this waiver criteria?
**Answer:** No. A student-athlete must have been eligible to compete during the initial year of collegiate enrollment.
Proposal No. 2017-23 - Recruiting -- Evaluations and Recruiting Calendars -- Women's Basketball

**Question No. 1:** During a recruiting shutdown period, may a coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities receive telephone calls, text messages, etc. from a prospective student-athlete or her family members?

**Answer:** No. If a coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities receives a telephone call or text message, he or she may explain the recruiting rules. After doing so, he or she must immediately end the phone call or cease text messaging.

**Question No. 2:** May a coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities send printed recruiting material (e.g., questionnaires, mail) during the recruiting shutdown?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 3:** During a recruiting shutdown period, may a coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities make or receive telephone calls or send electronic correspondence to a prospective student-athlete (or her family members) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 4:** During a recruiting shutdown period, may a coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities make or receive telephone calls or send electronic correspondence related to a prospective student-athlete’s official or unofficial visit?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 5:** Are institutional camps or clinics permissible during a recruiting shutdown?

**Answer:** No.

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Proposal No. 2017-26 - Recruiting -- Tryouts and Camps and Clinics -- Definition of Prospective Student-Athlete -- Softball

**Question No. 1:** Does the classification of 7th and 8th graders as prospective student-athletes apply to all recruiting legislation?

**Answer:** No. The proposal only affects tryout and camp and clinic legislation.

**Question No. 2:** Is the application of this proposal the same as the application of the current men’s basketball legislation?

**Answer:** Yes.

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Proposal No. 2017-31 - Recruiting -- Recruiting Materials -- Video/Audio Materials -- Recruiting Presentations

**Question No. 1:** Is it still permissible to provide prospective student-athletes with official academic admissions and student-services media produced by the institution and available to all students?

**Answer:** Yes. Official academic admissions and student-services media remains permissible video/audio material.

**Question No. 2:** May an institution produce a computer-generated recruiting presentation (e.g., using presentation software) to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete?

**Answer:** Yes. A computer-generated recruiting presentation is considered permissible video/audio material.

**Question No. 3:** The proposal states that video/audio material cannot be created by an entity outside the institution. Who may produce the video/audio material at the institution?

**Answer:** Any institutional employee may produce the video/audio material, including noncoaching athletics department staff members (e.g., academic advisor, director of operations). In addition, an institution may not arrange for an outside entity to prepare the video/audio material as a gift-in-kind to the institution.

**Question No. 4:** Must video/audio material be posted on the institution’s website to provide the material to a prospective student-athlete?
Question No. 5: While on an unofficial or official visit or during a contact with an institution's coach, are there any restrictions on how a prospective student-athlete may listen to or view video/audio material?
Answer: While on an unofficial or official visit or during a contact with an institution's coach, a prospective student-athlete may listen to or view video/audio materials using any mode (e.g., big screen televisions, virtual reality goggles) provided the prospective student-athlete is not allowed to keep the electronic device. Further, all publicity and visit legislation is still applicable. The video/audio material may not be played or shown to prospective student-athletes in view of the general public nor in a way that constitutes a gameday simulation.

Question No. 6: May video/audio material, other than pre-enrollment information, be provided to a prospective student-athlete via a digital media storage device (e.g., DVD, flash drive)?
Answer: No. Video/audio material may only be provided to a prospective student-athlete via electronic correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, text message).

Question No. 7: May video/audio material be posted publicly to a prospective student-athlete's social media page?
Answer: No. While this proposal would permit audio/video materials to be sent to a prospective student athlete via electronic correspondence, such correspondence must be private between sender and recipient.

Proposal No. 2017-32 - Recruiting -- Transportation During an Official or Unofficial Visit -- Team Vehicles

Question No. 1: During a visit, would it be permissible for an institution to transport prospective student-athletes on a bus from the hotel to the competition site as part of the team motorcade?
Answer: No. This activity would constitute a game day simulation, which remains impermissible.

Question No. 2: If an institution uses nonvehicular forms of transportation to transport its athletics teams (e.g., airplane, helicopter, boat), may the institution use such forms of transportation to transport a prospect student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) during an official or unofficial visit?
Answer: No. This proposal is intended to permit an institution to use regular forms of transportation (e.g., bus, golf cart, sprinter van) that the institution normally uses to transport its athletics teams.

Question No. 3: May the institution use the transportation company that is regularly used for team transportation to provide transportation to coaches, student-athletes, prospective student-athletes and their guests during an official or unofficial visit?
Answer: Yes, if the transportation provided by the company (e.g., bus, van) is consistent with what is normally used to transport an institution's athletics team.

NCAA Proposal No. 2017-33 Recruiting -- Official (Paid) Visit -- One Visit Limitation -- Additional Visit After Head Coaching Change

Question No. 1: Does this exception allow any prospective student-athlete to receive an additional official visit?
Answer: No. Only a prospective student-athlete who received an official visit from the institution prior to the head coaching change may receive an additional official visit.

Question No. 2: May a prospective student-athlete who is being recruited in two or more sports receive an additional official visit after a head coaching change?
Answer: Yes, provided the prospective student-athlete previously received an official visit from the institution and is being recruited in the sport in which the head coaching change occurred.

Question No. 3: Would a current student-athlete attending another institution be permitted to receive an additional official visit pursuant to this exception?
Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: If an institution has multiple head coaching changes, could a prospective student-athlete receive multiple
additional official visits?

**Answer:** Yes, the exception applies each time a new head coach is hired by the institution.

**Question No. 5:** Will the proposed exception impact the number of additional official visits an institution may provide after a head coaching change pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.2.6.7 (Exception -- Head Coaching Change)?

**Answer:** No. Additional visits provided pursuant to the proposed exception would not count against any numerical limitation on official visits and would not impact the number of additional official visits permitted by Bylaw 13.6.2.6.7.

**Question No. 6:** How would this exception apply if the institution names an interim head coach?

**Answer:** The institution may use its discretion when providing an additional official visit. However, the departure of a current head coach, appointment of an interim head coach, and hiring of a new, permanent head coach is considered one head coaching change. If an institution appoints an interim head coach, and the institution provides the additional official visit (i.e., second official visit) to a prospective student-athlete during the interim head coach’s tenure, it may not provide a third official visit after a permanent head coach is named.

**Proposal No. 2017-34 Recruiting -- Activities During Official or Unofficial Visit -- Decorations in Common Areas**

**Question No. 1:** Would it be permissible for an institution to decorate a hotel room or dorm room?

**Answer:** No. The proposal is intended to permit an institution to decorate common areas in athletics facilities that are not accessible or visible to the general public (e.g., coach’s office, suite in arena or stadium).

**Question No. 2:** If a member of the general public walks into a common area while decorated, would it be a violation?

**Answer:** No. Provided the institution takes the appropriate steps to notify the member of the general public the area is restricted and not open. It is not permissible for institutions to publicize the decorated area as part of the visit.

**Question No. 3:** What types of decorations (e.g., balloons, general welcome signs, trophies) are intended to become permissible with this proposal?

**Answer:** The proposal provides flexibility to institutions to decorate athletics areas that are not generally open to the public. For example, championship rings may be displayed in the locker room regardless of where they are traditionally found throughout the year. However, the decorations may not be personalized for a prospective student-athlete.

**Question No. 4:** Would the proposal permit an institution to relocate a trophy from a trophy case to the location of a meal with a prospective student-athlete during a visit?

**Answer:** Yes. Provided the meal occurs in an athletics facility that is not accessible or visible to the general public. It would not be permissible to move the trophy to a meal that occurs outside an athletics facility.

**Question No. 5:** Would the proposal permit an institution to have a “Welcome Juniors” sign printed and hung inside the locker-room?

**Answer:** Yes. Provided the welcome sign is not personalized and is not in view of the general public.

**Question No. 6:** Would the proposal permit an institution to have a welcome sign scrolling on the marquee outside an athletics arena?

**Answer:** No. A welcome sign outside an athletics facility would be in view of the public and would not be permissible.

**Proposal No. 2017-63 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season -- Skill Instruction -- Sports Other Than Football -- Publicity**

**Question No. 1:** Is it permissible for an institution to conduct skill instruction in front of an audience and/or live-stream skill instruction?

**Answer:** Yes.
**Question No. 2:** In basketball, if a prospective student-athlete is participating in an on-campus evaluation as part of skill instruction with the team, may the session be publicized?

**Answer:** No. Bylaw 13.10.2.4 specifies that an institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus. Therefore, the institution could not publicize the skill instruction or arrange to have a prospective student-athlete's on-campus evaluation as part of skill instruction with the team in a facility or at a time in which the institution has reason to believe that the skill instruction session would be conducted in view of a general public audience.

**Question No. 3:** If a former student-athlete is participating in skill instruction with the team, may the session be publicized?

**Answer:** No. Given that the institution may not publicize the participation of the former student, the institution could not publicize the skill instruction or arrange to hold skill instruction in a facility or at a time in which the institution has reason to believe that the skill instruction session would be conducted in view of a general public audience.

**Question No. 4:** May prospective student-athletes and individuals accompanying prospective student-athletes on official or unofficial visits (e.g., parent, sibling, coach) view skill-related instruction while on official or unofficial visits?

**Answer:** Yes. However, all recruiting and publicity legislation remains applicable.

**Question No. 5:** May an institution invite individuals (e.g., boosters, high school coaches) to watch a team's skill-related instruction?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 6:** Are institutions allowed to create special activities or events in conjunction with or surrounding skill-instruction sessions?

**Answer:** Yes. However, if prospective student-athletes are on unofficial or official visits, all recruiting and publicity legislation remains applicable.

**Question No. 7:** May an institution publicize skill instruction that occurs during summer athletic activities?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 8:** May an institution publicize voluntary workouts?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2017-65 Playing and Practice Season -- Individual Sports -- Vacation-Period Workout Sessions Initiated By Student-Athlete**

**Question No. 1:** What constitutes “initiated by the student-athlete”?

**Answer:** The activity must be requested solely by the student-athlete and neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may require the student-athlete to participate in the activity at any time.

**Question No. 2:** May a coach inform a student-athlete of times which he or she will be available for individual workout sessions?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 3:** May an institution pay facility usage fees associated with the use of institutional or regularly used practice facilities for vacation-period workout sessions?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the activity is initiated and requested by each student-athlete.

**Question No. 4:** May the coach and student-athlete use noninstitutional practice and competition facilities for vacation-period workout sessions?

**Answer:** Yes. It is permissible for a coach to participate in vacation-period workout sessions with student-athletes from
the coach's team in any location provided the activity is initiated and requested by the student-athlete. However, it is not permissible for the institution to pay fees associated with a noninstitutional facility during a vacation-period.

Question No. 5: If a student-athlete’s final exams are completed prior to the start of the official vacation period posted in the institutional catalog, may a student-athlete engage in a vacation-period workout session with the coach?
Answer: No.

Proposal No. 2016-71 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Baseball -- Varsity Squad Size Limitation -- Replacements -- Voluntary Withdrawal

Question No. 1: Does the phrase “voluntarily (on his own initiative) withdraws” exist elsewhere in the legislation?
Answer: Yes, the phrase intentionally reflects the language in Bylaw 15.3.4.2-(d) to create a common application. The language permits institutions to use existing monitoring procedures for financial aid reductions, cancellations, and counter replacements and apply them to squad member replacement in baseball.

Proposal No. 2017-87 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Swimming and Diving -- Outside Competition Exception -- Conference All-Star Contest Against U.S. National Team

Question No. 1: In swimming and diving, what is the definition of a conference all-star team?
Answer: A team approved by an institution’s conference office and comprised of student-athletes from multiple institutions within the conference.
Application of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-112 Recruiting – Unofficial (Unpaid) Visits – First Opportunity to Visit – September 1 of Junior Year – Sports Other Than Basketball and Football

NCAA staff has received questions regarding the effective date of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-112 related to unofficial visits in sports other than football and basketball. Specifically, this proposal is intended to prohibit unofficial visits with athletics department involvement prior to September 1 of the prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school. The proposal was adopted by the NCAA Division I Council on April 17, 2018, with an immediate effective date, pending the NCAA Board of Directors review on April 25, 2018.

Additionally, staff has received multiple questions related to the application of this proposal to the provision of complimentary admissions during a visit unrelated to recruitment legislation. The membership should note that complimentary admissions unrelated to recruitment for athletics remain permissible, provided the institution’s athletics department or boosters are not involved in any way with the arrangements of the visit, other than providing complimentary admissions to an athletics event on a group basis. The following questions should serve as a guide for the membership while an educational column is developed for publication later this spring.

**Question No. 1:** May complimentary admissions to a home athletics event be provided to a group (e.g., scholastic team, boys or girls club, YMCA) unrelated to recruitment for athletics, if that group includes individuals who are not yet juniors in high school?

**Answer:** Yes, provided no recruiting activities or conversations occur with any individuals prior to September 1 of the prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school.

**Question No. 2:** May a junior or senior prospective student-athlete, bring an individual on an unofficial visit who is a sibling, teammate or friend before September 1 of the individual’s junior year in high school?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the individual’s attendance on the unofficial visit is not at the direction or request of an institutional staff member. While it would be permissible for the individual to receive one of the prospective student-athlete’s three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event, the institution may not have recruiting conversations with the individual before September 1 of his or her junior year in high school. Finally, the institution must be able to demonstrate that it is not providing complimentary admissions to the individual to circumvent recruiting legislation.

If an institution would like to submit a legislative relief waiver for an unofficial visit that has already been scheduled to occur following the Board of Directors meeting on April 25, 2018, the institution must include the following information as part of its waiver submission:

- When is the unofficial visit scheduled to occur?
- Provide contemporaneous documentation to demonstrate when the unofficial visit was scheduled (e.g., plane ticket, hotel room).
Provide documentation to demonstrate actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete that are not refundable or recoverable if the visit is cancelled.

Legislative relief waiver requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis with consideration provided to when the visit was scheduled.

- For visits where contemporaneous documentation demonstrates the visit was scheduled prior to January 17, 2018, the staff will consider relief to permit the visit to occur.

- For visits where contemporaneous documentation demonstrates the visit was scheduled between January 17 and April 18, 2018, the staff will consider relief to permit reimbursement to the prospective student-athlete for actual and necessary expenses incurred that are not refundable or recoverable.

Further, staff is providing limited interpretative flexibility to permit institutions to initiate communication with a prospective student-athlete who has previously scheduled an unofficial visit to occur after April 25, 2018; however, communication is limited to educating the prospective student-athlete regarding the new legislation, cancelling the unofficial visit and gathering information related to a potential waiver request. No other recruiting conversations (e.g., offer of aid, rescheduling visit for future date) may occur.

Institutions that have questions about the application of this legislation are encouraged to submit questions through RSRO or contact the legislative relief voicemail at 317-917-6144.

[References: NCAA Division I Proposal 2017-112 (recruiting – unofficial (unpaid) visits – first opportunity to visit – September 1 of junior year – sports other than basketball and football) and NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.7 (unofficial visit) and 13.7.2.6 (visit unrelated to recruitment).]