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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**

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

- **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.
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
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-31
Effective Date: AUGUST 1, 2018

- **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
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-32
Effective Date: IMMEDIATE

- **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.
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-35
Effective Date: IMMEDIATE

- **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
PROPOSAL NUMBERS: 2017-23, 43, 44, 45, 47
Effective Date: August 1, 2018

• **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).
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-56
Effective Date: August 1, 2018

• **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 help 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
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-61; 61-1

Effective Date: **IMMEDIATE**; August 1, 2018

- **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).
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-63

Effective Date: IMMEDIATE

• **INTENT** – In sports other than football and men’s basketball, 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.
• **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
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2017-87
Effective Date: August 1, 2018

• **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.
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