



# Division I-AAA Legislative Headlines



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## REVIEW OF LEGISLATION ENACTED AT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETINGS AFFECTING DIVISION I-AAA

- A. **Significant Legislation** – During recent meetings, the Board of Directors and Management Council enacted numerous legislative proposals. Several of the most significant are summarized below:
1. Proposal No. 2004-102 – Responsibility of Head Coach In Compliance – This defines the responsibilities of a head coach with regard to compliance with NCAA rules to indicate that the head coach should promote an atmosphere for compliance and monitor the activities in regards to compliance of the coach's staff. (Effective immediately)
  2. Proposal No. 2004-53 – Nonqualifier – This permits a nonqualifier to participate in a fourth season of competition, provided he or she completes 80 percent of the designated degree program prior to his or her fifth year of collegiate enrollment. (Effective August 1, 2005)
  3. Proposal No. 2004-17-1 – Eligibility for Postseason Competition Between Terms – This increases from seven to 14 the number of business days after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution's official calendar for the term by which an institution must certify completion of the six credit hour requirement for the previous term. (Effective August 1, 2005)
  4. Proposal No. 2002-82 – Financial Aid Counters in Basketball – This permits a recruited football or basketball student-athlete who receives only nonathletically related institutional financial aid to compete without counting in the institution's financial aid limits. (Effective immediately)
  5. Proposal No. 2004-45 – On-Court Basketball Practice – In basketball, this specifies that an institution may not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 7 p.m. on the Friday nearest October 15. (Effective August 1, 2005)
  6. Proposal No. 2003-83 – Definitions of Prospective Student-Athlete – This revises the definition of a prospective student-athlete to specify that for purposes of Bylaws 13 and 16, an individual enrolled and receiving institutional athletics aid during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment is not a prospect. (Effective immediately)
  7. Proposal No. 2004-3 – Entertainment of High School Coach – This permits an institution to provide a high school, college preparatory school, or two-year college coach with a maximum of two complimentary admissions to attend a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. (Effective August 1, 2005)

8. Proposal No. 2004-35 – Nonscholastic Basketball – This prohibits any institutional staff member with basketball-specific duties (e.g., coaches, graduate assistants, director of basketball operations, managers and administrative personnel) from participating in coaching activities involving nonscholastic-based basketball teams. (Effective August 1, 2005)
9. Proposal No. 2004-146-1 – Evaluations at Nonscholastic Events in Women’s Basketball During Fall and Spring Events – This limits evaluations at nonscholastic women’s basketball events conducted during the academic year to the last full weekend of the fall contact period and the weekend during the spring evaluation period. The weekend is defined as the days of Saturday and Sunday. (Effective August 1, 2005)
10. Proposal No. 2004-112-D – Not Counting of Preseason Exhibition Contests or Informal Practice Scrimmages – In all sports, this specifies that during the student-athlete’s initial year of enrollment, participation in preseason exhibition contests or informal practice scrimmages shall not result in the loss of a season of competition. (Effective: August 1, 2005, but may be applied on a retroactive basis)
11. Proposal No. 2004-132-B – Number of Coaches Recruiting Off Campus – In all sports, this eliminates the requirement that a coach may not leave campus to engage in off-campus contact or evaluations until one of the other coaches who is off campus actually returns to campus (i.e., baton rule). (Effective August 1, 2005)
12. Proposal No. 2004-114 – Number of Coaches Involved in Off-Campus Recruiting in Men’s Basketball – This permits three certified coaching staff members to engage in off-campus recruiting at the same time. (Effective immediately)
13. Proposal No. 2004-119-B – Contacts and Evaluations in Men’s Basketball – This modifies the current recruiting regulations as follows: (A) to permit authorized coaching staff members to engage in off-campus recruiting during the 130 person days as follows: (1) September 9 – October 5 – Contact Period; (2) October 6 – March 31 – Evaluation Period; (3) April 1 – April 30 – Contact Period; (4) December 24 – December 26 – Dead Period. Current dead periods surrounding the National Letter of Intent (NLI) in the Division I Men’s Basketball Championship will be retained; (B) to permit an institution to engage in seven recruiting opportunities, with not more than three of those opportunities being off-campus contacts. Contact with a prospect may not be made prior to September 9 of the prospects senior year in high school; (C) to limit academic-year evaluations to the following activities: (1) scholastic practices and competition; (2) regular scholastic activities involving student-athletes enrolled only at that institution; and (3) nonscholastic events during the April contact period that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored, or conducted by the applicable state or national high-school, preparatory school or two-year college association only on weekends during which national standardized tests are not administered; and (D) to permit an institution to telephone a prospect once per month beginning June 15 at the conclusion of the sophomore year through July 31 of the junior year, and twice per week beginning August 1 prior to the beginning of the senior year. Institutions may telephone a two-year college men’s basketball prospect once per week. (Effective August 1, 2005)
14. Proposal No. 2004-122 – Recruiting Calendars in Women’s Basketball – This modifies the fall contact period to occur September 16 through October 6 (contact period of 21 days), further, permit 85 recruiting person-days between September 16 through April 30, with those days not designated for evaluations to be considered quiet and also retaining other specified recruiting period designations (e.g., dead period surrounding the NCAA Division I Women’s Final Four). (Effective August 1, 2005)

15. Proposal No. 2004-124 – Communication with Prospects in Women’s Basketball During July Evaluation Period – This prohibits all communication with a prospect, the prospect’s relatives or legal guardians, the prospect’s coach or any individual associated with the prospect as a result of the prospect’s participation in basketball directly or indirectly, during the specified evaluation periods in July. (Effective August 1, 2005)
16. Proposal No. 2004-131 – Number of Off-Campus Recruiters in Women’s Basketball – This increases from two to three the number of certified coaches permitted to recruit off campus. (Effective August 1, 2005)
17. Proposal No. 2004-137 – Contacts Subsequent to Commitment to Attend Institution in Women’s Basketball – This permits unlimited contact with a women’s basketball prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) (or for those institutions not subscribing to the NLI, a written offer of admission or financial aid) during any contact and evaluation period. (Effective August 1, 2005)

B. **Other Legislation** – Other legislation of note:

1. Proposal No. 2004-84 –Apparel for Community Service or Team Travel – This permits an institution to provide one shirt with the institution’s logo per academic year to each student-athlete to be used for team travel or other events at which he or she is representing the institution; further, to specify that the shirt may bear a single manufacturer’s distributor’s normal trademark or logo not to exceed 2 ¼ square inches in area, including any additional material surrounding the normal trademark or logo. (Effective August 1, 2005)
2. Proposal No. 2004-85 – Conference Awards – This permits the conference office to pay the costs of a student-athlete’s spouse, parents or legal guardians to attend a conference academic awards presentation. (Effective immediately)
3. Proposal No. 2003-32-1 – Page Limit on Athletics Recruiting Publications – This increases from 200 to 208 the page limit for athletics publications. (Effective August 1, 2005)
4. Proposal No. 2003-32 – Printed Recruiting Materials – This permits an institution to send a prospect, a prospect’s coach, and any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved general correspondence, questionnaires, camp brochures, institutionally prepared (nonathletics) publications available to all students, a recruiting or media guide (not to exceed a 208 page limit), NCAA educational materials and business cards. Further, it permits all other recruiting materials to be posted on the institution’s website; however, such items may not be printed from the Web and provided to prospects via mail or during visits. (Effective August 1, 2005, for publications prepared for the 2005-06 academic year and after)
5. Proposal No. 2003-125 – Predraft Camp Exception in Men’s Basketball – This permits an institution’s men’s basketball coaches to attend National Basketball Association (NBA) predraft camps that occur outside a contact or evaluation period at which prospective student-athletes are in attendance. (Effective immediately)
6. Proposal No. 2004-27 – Nonathletics Institutional Advertisements – This permits an institution (or a third party acting on behalf of the institution) to publish nonathletics institutional advertisements or promotional material at high school or two-year collegiate athletics events, as specified. (Effective August 1, 2005)
7. Proposal No. 2004-78 – Contacts During Official Visits – This permits all institutional staff members to contact a prospect within 30 miles of campus during the prospect’s official visit. (Effective immediately)

8. Proposal No. 2004-79 – Mailings During Certified Events in Basketball – This permits an institution to send printed recruiting materials through regular mail to a prospect's home while the prospect is participating in a certified event. (Effective immediately)
9. Proposal No. 2004-89 – Transportation During Official Visit – This permits any member of an institution's athletics department to provide ground transportation during an official visit for a prospect and any prospect's parents or legal guardians between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. (Effective immediately)
10. Proposal No. 2004-90 – Use of Institution's Facility – This permits a state high school association to use a member institution's facilities at a reduced rate. (Effective immediately)
11. Proposal No. 2004-118 – Employment of Athletics Staff Members at Camps and Clinics in Men's Basketball – This specifies that a coach and noncoaching staff members with basketball specific responsibilities may be employed only at their own institution's camps or clinics. (Effective immediately, but contracts signed prior to July 20, 2004, may be honored)
12. Proposal No. 2004-133-B – Skill Instruction in Women's Basketball – This permits the permissible eight hours of out-of-season practice to include conditioning, weight training or skill instruction of which not more than four hours per week may be spent on individual skill instruction. (Effective August 1, 2005)
13. Proposal No. 2004-134 – Coaches' and Student-Athlete's Employment in Women's Basketball – This specifies that a coach (or any individual with women's basketball only responsibilities) and student-athletes may be employed only at their own institution's camps or clinics; further, it specifies that an institution may not employ another Division I women's basketball coach [or any other individual with women's basketball only responsibilities (e.g., director of basketball operations)] or student-athlete at their own institutional camp or clinic. (Effective August 1, 2005, contracts signed prior to July 20, 2004, may be honored)
14. Proposal No. 2004-136 – Contacts with Parents Who Serve as Coaches of Nonscholastic and Scholastic Teams in Women's Basketball – This applies the recruiting regulations relating to a parent when the parent also serves as a coach of a nonscholastic team on which his or her daughter participates; further, this specifies that an institution may contact a parent/legal guardian of a prospect who also serves as a head coach of his or her daughter's scholastic team. (Effective August 1, 2005)
15. Proposal No. 2004-141 – Telephone Calls to Prospects in Women's Basketball – This prohibits an institution from making telephone calls to prospective student-athletes in March of the prospect's junior year; further, to permit an institution to make one telephone call in each of the months of April, May, and June of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school with subsequent telephone calls subject to current limitations (e.g., one call June 21 through June 30, three calls in July). (Effective August 1, 2005)
16. Proposal No. 2004-155 – NCAA Promotional Activities – This permits an institution's coach to participate in NCAA promotional activities (e.g., autograph sessions, fan festivals, and opening ceremonies) at NCAA championship events, provided contacts with prospective student-athletes are not prearranged and no recruiting activities occur. (Effective immediately)
17. Proposal No. 2005-9 – Funerals/Memorial Services and Tokens of Support – This permits an institutional staff member to attend the funeral or memorial service of a student-athlete, a prospective student-athlete, or a member of the prospective student-athlete's immediate family, at which prospective student-athlete also may be in attendance,

provided no recruiting contact occurs, and the involved prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with the institution; further, it permits an institution to present a prospective student-athlete or the immediate family of a potential student-athlete, a donation (up to \$100) to a charity on behalf of the prospective student-athlete or other reasonable tokens of support (e.g., flowers) in the event of the death of a prospect or the prospect's immediate family member's death or life threatening injury or illness provided the prospect has signed a NLI with the institution. (Effective immediately)

18. Proposal No. 2005-13 – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition in Inclement Weather – This establishes an exception to the departure/return expense restrictions for inclement weather (e.g., hurricane, snowstorm) that permits the institution to adjust original travel plans to depart no more than 72 hours prior to the start of the actual competition or return no more than 60 hours following the conclusion of the actual competition; further, it specifies that if an institution uses this exception, it is required to annually submit a detailed summary to the NCAA national office by July 31. (Effective immediately)
19. Proposal No. 2005-10 – Stopping and Starting Segments of Playing Season Due to Inclement Weather – This permits an institution to temporarily discontinue a segment due to severe inclement weather (e.g., hurricane, snowstorm) and then restart the discontinued segment provided the permissible overall length of that segment is not exceeded; further, it specifies that if an institution uses this exception, it is required to annually submit a detailed summary to the NCAA national office by July 31. (Effective immediately)
20. Proposal No. 2005-11 – One-Time Transfer Exception for Student-Athlete from Division III – This permits a student-athlete who transfers from a Division III institution to a Division I institution, and qualifies for the one-time transfer exception, to receive athletically related financial aid during the first academic year in residence. (Effective August 1, 2005, for those student-athletes who transfer to Division I institution for the 2005-06 academic year and thereafter)
21. Proposal No. 2005-12 – Provision of Transportation and Complimentary Admission on Official Visits – This permits an institution to provide complimentary admissions to home contests that have been relocated outside the 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus due to the home facilities' inoperable conditions (e.g., construction or facility repairs). (Effective immediately)

C. **Other Activities During Board of Directors or Management Council Meetings**

1. The Board of Directors established a Division I-AA/I-AAA Presidential Governance Committee, which would be composed of one president from each of the 20 Division I-AA and I-AAA conferences represented in the Division I governance structure, including the seven Division I-AA/I-AAA members of the Board of Members. This body will be referred to as the Division I-AA/I-AAA Presidential Advisory Group (PAG).
2. The Board of Directors voted to allow itself to initiate legislation into the Division I annual legislation cycle with the proviso that Board initiated proposals shall be considered as part of the normal legislative cycle to ensure they receive a thorough reviewing by the Division I governance structure.
3. The Management Council heard a report about preliminary efforts at the National Office to establish and administer a NCAA Amateurism Clearinghouse to certify the pre-enrollment amateurism status of both international and domestic student-athletes. This clearinghouse, which is being established in response to growing membership concerns regarding the level of resources, time and expertise needed to certify the amateurism status of student-athletes, could be functional, at some level, as early as the fall of 2006 for incoming freshman student-athletes.

4. The Management Council noted that more needs to be done to reform intercollegiate athletics to ensure that it properly aligns with the academic missions of NCAA member institutions. Accordingly, a Presidential Task Force on the Future of Intercollegiate Athletics, was appointed, which will do much of its work in subcommittee, to examine the four independent yet interrelated areas of:
- The implications of academic values and standards
  - Fiscal responsibility
  - Presidential leadership of internal and external constituencies
  - Student-athlete well-being
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