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Positions on Division II Convention Proposals

When considering a position (support, oppose, no position) on a proposal, the FARA Division II Legislative Subcommittee (subcommittee) considered whether the proposal fell under the following category or categories:

- Academic integrity;
- Institutional control; and/or
- Student-athlete well-being.

If the subcommittee determined the proposal did not fall under the category or categories above, or the subcommittee was split, they took no position.



2023 NCAA Convention Division II Proposals

NCAA DII PROPOSAL NO. 2-1: DII MEMBERSHIP & INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, FINANCIAL AID & PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN – STUNT



- **Intent:** To add stunt as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to membership, financial aid, and playing and practice seasons, as specified.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2023.
- **Sources:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics)].

NCAA DII PROPOSAL NO. 2-1: DII MEMBERSHIP & INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, FINANCIAL AID & PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN – STUNT (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- The continued growth in high school stunt sponsorship and participation, steady increase in the number of member institutions sponsoring stunt and support from the sport's national governing body supports this recommendation.
- Stunt provides participation opportunities for female student-athletes of all body types and diverse sport backgrounds, (e.g., power lifting, gymnastics) as well as opportunities for female sport administrators, coaches and officials.
- Stunt leadership demonstrated that current stunt programs are fully integrated into athletics departments as stand-alone programs, the experience of a stunt student-athlete is comparable to the experience of student-athletes who compete in NCAA sports and the sport's organizational structure and sport rules are consistent with NCAA values and legislation.
- Will be a spring championship season sport.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**

- Support.
- Student-athlete well-being.
 - More opportunities for women in intercollegiate athletics.



DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- **Categories:**
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control; and/or
 - Student-athlete well-being?

- **Support, oppose or no position?**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2-2: DII MEMBERSHIP & INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL –
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – INSTITUTIONS – CONDITIONS &
OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – FINANCIAL DATA
REQUIREMENT – PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT FINANCIAL DATA**



- **Intent:** To establish a penalty for an active member institution that fails to submit its financial data by the applicable deadline, as specified.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2025, for implementation of the penalty for failure to submit the data.
- **Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Membership Committee)].

PROPOSAL NO. 2-2: DII MEMBERSHIP & INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL – ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – INSTITUTIONS – CONDITIONS & OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – FINANCIAL DATA REQUIREMENT – PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT FINANCIAL DATA (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- Article 2-D-1-C of the NCAA constitution requires institutions to submit annually to the division and the NCAA, financial data as determined by the division detailing operating revenues, expenses and capital relating to the intercollegiate athletics program, effective August 1, 2022.
- The Division II Membership Committee agreed that Division II institutions shall submit athletics financial data via the NCAA Member Financial Reporting System (MFRS) to satisfy the annual requirement.
 - Currently 95% of the Division II membership utilizes the MFRS.
- Division II will continue to benefit from this annual data collection method and the information will continue to be made available to Division II schools and conferences via the Institutional Performance Program (IPP).
- An institution that fails to submit the data by the applicable deadline shall forfeit Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds in the following academic year.
- The delayed effective date of the penalty, until August 1, 2025, allows the membership time to adapt to the new legislated requirement without having a penalty.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**

- No position.



DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- **Categories:**
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control; and/or
 - Student-athlete well-being?

- **Support, oppose or no position?**



PROPOSAL NO. 2-3: DII MEMBERSHIP & INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL – ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – INSTITUTIONS – CONDITIONS & OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – ELIMINATION OF SELF-STUDY & EVALUATION

- **Intent:** To eliminate the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG).
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2023.
- **Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Implementation Committee)].

PROPOSAL NO. 2-3: DII MEMBERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL – ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – INSTITUTIONS – CONDITIONS & OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – ELIMINATION OF SELF-STUDY & EVALUATION (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- Current legislation requires institutions to conduct a comprehensive self-study and evaluation of their intercollegiate athletics programs at least once every five years, using the ISSG to facilitate the process.
- The legislation was adopted in 1997 and was intended to enhance the integrity of Division II athletics programs by helping administrators evaluate and identify specific areas in their own athletics programs that may represent potential problems and develop written plans for improvement in those areas.
- The ISSG in and of itself is no longer the right tool by which to conduct such evaluation given the likely restructuring of Division II rules and policies that will occur as a result of the adoption of the new constitution.
- The NCAA Division II Membership Committee will consider the development of a new evaluation tool/process that aligns more closely with the division's revamped bylaws and policies.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**

- No position.



DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?
- Support, oppose or no position?

PROPOSAL NO. 2-4: DII ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEE



- **Intent:** To amend the Division II organizational structure, as follows: (1) Rename the Division II Presidents Council as the Division II Executive Board; further, to amend the board's composition, term of office, chair and vice chair duties, and establish duties, as specified; (2) Amend the Division II Management Council composition, and duties and responsibilities, as specified; (3) Amend the Division II Administrative Committee composition, as specified; and (4) Rename the Division II Planning and Finance Committee as the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee; further, to amend the committee's composition and duties, as specified.
- **Effective Date:** Division II Presidents Council and Planning and Finance Committee: February 1, 2024. Division II Management Council and Administrative Committee: August 1, 2023.
- **Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Implementation Committee)].

PROPOSAL NO. 2-4: DII ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd)



- Proposed composition of Division II Executive Board:
 - Eight presidents/chancellors based on Division II championships region;
 - One at-large president/chancellor to enhance diversity on the board;
 - Two independent members who are not salaried by an NCAA member institution, conference or affiliated member and shall be approved, appointed and verified as independent by the Executive Board;
 - Two student-athletes (one representing male sports, one representing female sports), serving on and chosen by the Division II SAAC.
 - > Will serve a one-year term, renewable for one year; and
 - Management Council chair as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-4: DII ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd)



- Proposed composition of Division II Management Council:
 - One member from all voting, multisport Division II conferences;
 - Four at-large members to enhance diversity on the council; and
 - Two SAAC members (one representing male sports, one representing female sports), serving on and chosen by the Division II SAAC.
 - The members of the council shall include:
 - > (1) At least five directors of athletics, five senior woman administrators, five faculty athletics representatives and two conference office staff.
 - > (2) Once these minimums are met, the council may include individuals working in athletics administration and individuals that supervise athletics, including but not limited to: a vice president, athletic trainer, assistant/associate/deputy director of athletics, and/or other individuals involved in the administration of athletics.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-4: DII ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd)



- Proposed composition of Division II Administrative Committee:
 - The chair and vice chair of the Division II Presidents Council (Executive Board);
 - The chair and vice chair of the Division II Management Council; and
 - The chair of the Division II SAAC.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-4: DII ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd)



- Proposed composition of Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee:
 - 11 voting members, with at least one member from a minority serving institution:
 - > One Presidents Council (Executive Board) member, who serves as the council's (board's) vice chair;
 - > Two Management Council members, including the vice chair;
 - > One commissioner;
 - > One SAAC member; and
 - > Six additional members.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-4: DII ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- The Division II Implementation Committee developed this proposal during its review of current legislation and policy to determine alignment with the principles in the new constitution adopted at the 2022 NCAA Convention.
- This proposal addresses key themes regarding:
 - Greater student-athlete representation in the Division II governance structure;
 - Transitioning to a smaller/more nimble Presidents Council (to be renamed Executive Board);
 - Providing each conference more frequent representation on that body by basing it on championships regions and reducing the overall terms of service;
 - Ensuring representation of all Division II conferences via the Management Council; and
 - Assigning the Management Council with more responsibility and decision-making for the day-to-day operations of the division.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-4: DII ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- The delayed effective date of February 1, 2024, for changes to the Division II Presidents Council composition and duties, will permit the current council members to complete their service through the full 2023 legislative cycle that concludes with the 2024 NCAA Convention.
- In addition, the delayed effective date of February 1, 2024, for changes to the Planning and Finance Committee, will permit the current members of the committee to participate through the entire committee meeting cycle of April, August, September and December 2023.
- All other proposed changes are effective August 1, 2023.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**



- Support.
- Institutional control and student-athlete well-being.
 - Adding additional individuals to these bodies will increase opportunities and diversity of opinion.

DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?
- Support, oppose or no position?

PROPOSAL NO. 2-5: LEGISLATIVE PROCESS – AMENDMENT PROCESS – NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERSHIP – ELIMINATION OF INITIAL PUBLICATION & SECOND PUBLICATION – TIMING OF OFFICIAL NOTICE



- **Intent:** To amend the Division II legislative process, as follows: (1) August 15: Eliminate the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation (IPOPL); (2) September 23: Eliminate the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL); and (3) Not later than December 10: Publication of the Official Notice.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2023, for proposals submitted for the 2024 NCAA Convention.
- **Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Implementation Committee)].

PROPOSAL NO. 2-5: LEGISLATIVE PROCESS – AMENDMENT PROCESS – NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERSHIP – ELIMINATION OF INITIAL PUBLICATION & SECOND PUBLICATION – TIMING OF OFFICIAL NOTICE (Cont'd)



- Proposed Timeline of Division II Legislative Process:
 - July 15: Deadline for submission of proposals by the Division II membership.
 - September 1: Deadline for the Division II Presidents Council (Executive Board) to sponsor legislation.
 - September 15: Modification period for membership-sponsored proposals.
 - October 7: Deadline for committee review of membership-sponsored proposals.
 - Not later than December 10: Publication of the Official Notice.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-5: LEGISLATIVE PROCESS – AMENDMENT PROCESS – NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERSHIP – ELIMINATION OF INITIAL PUBLICATION & SECOND PUBLICATION – TIMING OF OFFICIAL NOTICE (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- This proposal streamlines and simplifies the legislative process.
- The proposal eliminates the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation (IPOPL) and the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL) based on technological advances to provide notification to the membership of proposed legislative changes before the publication of the Official Notice.
- The Official Notice will have a change of publication date from November 15 to not later than December 10.
 - The change in publication date of the Official Notice will result in a unified communication of educational materials for the NCAA Convention.
- Educational materials will be made available in the early fall, including PDF of all the membership-sponsored and governance proposals for the Convention and a voice-over educational video.
- The Question and Answer Guide will also be made available to the membership when the Official Notice is posted.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**

- No position.



DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?

- Support, oppose or no position?

PROPOSAL NO. 2-6: AMATEURISM – VARIOUS BYLAWS – DEFINITION OF AGENT & USE OF AGENTS



- **Intent:** To specify that an agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly, recruits or solicits a student-athlete to enter into an agency contract for current or future representation where a student-athlete authorizes the individual to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the student-athlete a professional-sports-services contract or endorsement contract; further, to restructure the use of agents legislation, as specified.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2023.
- **Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Implementation Committee)].

PROPOSAL NO. 2-6: AMATEURISM – VARIOUS BYLAWS – DEFINITION OF AGENT & USE OF AGENTS (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- This change redefines the term "agent" to align with that term used in the Uniform Athlete Agent Act and will expand a student-athlete's ability to seek and receive advice from individuals for the purposes of making well-informed decisions prior to entering into contractual agreements.
- Allowing student-athletes to receive advice from an individual about a decision related to an agreement is in the best interests of student-athletes; specifically, when considering the name, image and likeness landscape.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-6: AMATEURISM – VARIOUS BYLAWS – DEFINITION OF AGENT & USE OF AGENTS (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- Establishing that it is permissible for a student-athlete to work with professional service providers, such as, but not limited to, tax consultants, attorneys, and marketing agents, allows for student-athletes to obtain the appropriate and necessary advice related to the student-athlete's name, image and likeness and the accompanying activities.
- Finally, it will still be impermissible for a student-athlete (or their relatives) to receive tangible or intangible benefits from an agent or individual for professional sports opportunities or, to enter into an agreement with an agent for or receive compensation or incentives related to enrollment-based decisions.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**



- Support.
- Student-athlete well-being.
 - Allowing student-athletes to access the experts in this area, will allow student-athletes to make more well-informed decisions.

DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?
- Support, oppose or no position?

PROPOSAL NO. 2-7 (1-1): RECRUITING & PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS – TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES – WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS – OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON – SUMMER ACCESS – VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS FOR TEAM SPORTS



- **Intent:** To specify that a signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may participate in up to two hours per week of individual workout-sessions with a member of the coaching staff beginning July 5 through the start of the institution's fall term, for a period up to three weeks, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete.
- **Effective Date:** Immediate.
- **Source:** Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-7 (1-1): RECRUITING & PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS – TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES – WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS – OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON – SUMMER ACCESS – VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS FOR TEAM SPORTS



Rationale:

- The relationship between coach and student-athlete is vital in preparation for the academic and athletics demands that come with a new school year.
- COVID-19 was very traumatic for student-athletes and coaches, and the NCAA waiver allowing coaches to interact with their student-athletes over the summer period during COVID-19 was well received by coaches and the student-athletes in all sports.
- This permissive legislative change will continue that practice in Division II, for a limited period of time each July through the start of the institution's fall term and will specify that the participation in the activities must come at the request of a signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete.
- Finally, the immediate effective date will permit a signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete to have access to individual workout-sessions during summer 2023.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**



- Oppose.
- Student-athlete well-being.
 - Concerned with student-athletes being “volun-told” to participate in these activities.
 - Moving away from Life in the Balance philosophy because it further establishes year-round training in athletic activities.
 - Will spread athletics trainers thin.

DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?
- Support, oppose or no position?

PROPOSAL NO. 2-8 (1-2): ELIGIBILITY & PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE & FOOTBALL – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY & OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES – EXCEPTION – COMPETITION IN THE NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT & SPRING PRACTICE – SCRIMMAGE AGAINST A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION



- **Intent:** In football, to permit a scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution during spring practice as one of the three permissible 11-on-11 scrimmages to occur on or after the 10th day of spring practice; further, to specify that participation in a scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution does not trigger use of a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment in the same academic year that concludes with the NCAA championship.
 - Football only vote.
- **Effective Date:** Immediate.
- **Source:** Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Great American Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Gulf South Conference, and South Atlantic Conference.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-8 (1-2): ELIGIBILITY & PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE & FOOTBALL – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY & OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES – EXCEPTION – COMPETITION IN THE NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT & SPRING PRACTICE – SCRIMMAGE AGAINST A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- Currently, in the sport of football, an institution may participate in no more than three sessions that may be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
- It is impermissible for an institution to participate in a scrimmage against an outside team (four-year collegiate institution) while outside of the playing season.
- Permitting a student-athlete to participate in a scrimmage will improve the development and retention of football student-athletes by providing them with a competitive opportunity against another team.



PROPOSAL NO. 2-8 (1-2): ELIGIBILITY & PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE & FOOTBALL – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY & OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES – EXCEPTION – COMPETITION IN THE NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT & SPRING PRACTICE – SCRIMMAGE AGAINST A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION (Cont'd)

Rationale:

- Delaying the scrimmage until after the ninth day of spring practice allows for acclimatization to contact.
- This change also aligns with other fall sports that allow for participation during the nonchampionship segment without using a season of competition.
- The immediate effective date will permit Division II institutions to take advantage of the legislative change for 2023 spring term.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**



- Oppose.
- Student-athlete well-being.
 - Health and safety concerns with adding contact against another four-year collegiate institution.
 - Moving away from Life in the Balance philosophy.

DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?
- Support, oppose or no position?

**PROPOSAL NO. 2-9 (1-3): ELIGIBILITY – SEASONS OF COMPETITION:
10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING
SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY – MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION –
UP TO THREE CONTESTS – FOOTBALL**



- **Intent:** In football, to specify that a student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to three contests in a season without using a season of competition.
 - Football only vote.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2023.
- **Source:** Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Gulf South Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, and South Atlantic Conference.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2-9 (1-3): ELIGIBILITY – SEASONS OF COMPETITION:
10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING
SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY – MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION –
UP TO THREE CONTESTS – FOOTBALL (Cont'd)**



Rationale:

- Under current legislation, a student-athlete who participates in any contest uses a season of competition in that sport.
- Additionally, in some sports, Division II student-athletes are permitted to participate in competition during the nonchampionship segment without using a season of competition, provided they were academically eligible during the segment that concluded with the NCAA championship.
- Academically, a student-athlete who participates in limited contests during their initial year of collegiate enrollment will likely have a more favorable experience and it is more likely the student-athlete will be retained at the institution. In addition, academic success rates may increase with this change.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2-9 (1-3): ELIGIBILITY – SEASONS OF COMPETITION:
10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING
SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY – MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION –
UP TO THREE CONTESTS – FOOTBALL (Cont'd)**



Rationale:

- Moreover, Division II institutions sponsoring football are permitted to award athletically related financial aid to student-athletes equaling 36 equivalencies, compared to their Division I football bowl subdivision (FBS) and football championship subdivision (FCS) counterparts at 85 and 63 scholarships, respectively.
- There are fewer football student-athletes allowed on Division II game day rosters.
- Finally, this rule would not change the Division II 10-semester/15-quarter rule, or the eligibility of a partial qualifier to participate in NCAA athletics.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**



- Oppose.
- Student-athlete well-being.
 - Concerns with the contests being able to occur at anytime throughout the season rather than the contests having to be played consecutively.

DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?
- Support, oppose or no position?

PROPOSAL NO. 2-10: ELIGIBILITY – FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS – ELIMINATION OF STANDARDIZED TEST-SCORE REQUIREMENTS (SAT OR ACT)



- **Intent**: To eliminate the standardized test-score requirements (SAT or ACT) from Division II initial-eligibility requirements; further, to establish the initial-eligibility requirements, as specified.
- **Effective Date**: August 1, 2023, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time at a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2023.
- **Source**: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

PROPOSAL NO. 2-10: ELIGIBILITY – FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS – ELIMINATION OF STANDARDIZED TEST-SCORE REQUIREMENTS (SAT OR ACT) (Cont'd)



Proposed Academic Initial-Eligibility Requirements:

- For a prospective student-athlete to be considered a qualifier, the requirements that must be met are as follows:
 - Graduation from high school;
 - Completion of 16 core courses; and
 - 2.2 grade-point average.
- For a prospective student-athlete to be considered an early academic qualifier, the requirements that must be met before the prospective student-athlete's seventh semester of high school are as follows:
 - Completion of 14 core courses; and
 - 2.5 grade-point average.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-10: ELIGIBILITY – FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS – ELIMINATION OF STANDARDIZED TEST-SCORE REQUIREMENTS (SAT OR ACT) (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- NCAA Standardized Test Score Task Force recommended the removal of the standardized test score from Division II initial-eligibility requirements.
- The recommendation aligns with the trend among NCAA member institutions to move away from requiring standardized test scores for admissions.
- The Division II Academic Requirements Committee recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor the proposed change noting the existing core course and grade-point average requirements for incoming student-athletes is an appropriate metric to measure academic readiness.

FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION: ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING



- Support.
- Student-athlete well-being.
 - The elimination of the SAT or ACT requirement is starting to become common practice among institutions.
 - Since there are still other legislative academic requirements (core courses, grade-point average, high school graduation) that can speak to the academic readiness of students, student-athletes who do not have access to take the SAT or ACT or those student-athletes that don't test well, will not be negatively impacted by the elimination of the requirement.

DIVISION II FARA POSITION



- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?
- Support, oppose or no position?

PROPOSAL NO. 2-11 (1-4): PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS & BASKETBALL – BASKETBALL FIRST PERMISSIBLE PRACTICE DATE



- **Intent:** In basketball, to specify that an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before the date that is 35 days before the institution's first regular season contest; further, to specify that an institution shall not engage in more than 25 days of countable athletically related activities during the on-court preseason practice period.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2023.
- **Source:** Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Great American Conference, and Gulf South Conference.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-11 (1-4): PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS & BASKETBALL – BASKETBALL FIRST PERMISSIBLE PRACTICE DATE (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- Current legislation specifies that on-court preseason basketball practice may not begin before October 15.
 - Given the first permissible contest date of the second Friday in November, this results in basketball programs completing approximately 24 practices within 27 days (on average). This reflects 85.7% of the preseason period days involving basketball activities.
- The proposed change would provide a greater amount of rest and recovery time in the preseason period for student-athletes, while maintaining approximately the total number of days featuring countable athletically related activities during this period.
- 25 days of countable athletically related activities in a 35-day period results in a 14.3% reduction in days with countable athletically related activities in the preseason period.

PROPOSAL NO. 2-11 (1-4): PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS & BASKETBALL – BASKETBALL FIRST PERMISSIBLE PRACTICE DATE (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- The proposed change does not adjust the first permissible contest date, or any other Bylaw 17 countable athletically related activities legislation (e.g., hours per week, hours per day).
- Further, the proposed change would provide institutions the flexibility to build the preseason schedule appropriately to accommodate academic schedules, facility constraints and other factors that are unavoidable under the current preseason model.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
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STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**



- No position.
- Student-athlete well-being.
 - The subcommittee thought this proposal would be beneficial since it will provide basketball student-athletes with additional days off; however, they were concerned with the impact this proposal would have on facility usage, if adopted.

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- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?
- Support, oppose or no position?

PROPOSAL NO. 2-12: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS – ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS – AVAILABILITY OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT DII CHAMPIONSHIPS



- **Intent:** To eliminate the legislated restrictions on the availability of alcohol at NCAA Division II championships.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2023.
- **Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Implementation Committee)].

PROPOSAL NO. 2-12: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS – ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS – AVAILABILITY OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT DII CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cont'd)



Rationale:

- Feedback from a recent membership survey indicates support for allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages at Division II championships and that a number of Division II conferences already do so at their postseason tournament events.
- Survey feedback cites the practice having already been “normalized” at sporting events and will allow fans accustomed to being able to purchase beer and wine the opportunity to do so at Division II championships.
- This recommendation would mitigate any disruption at joint championships since the sale of alcoholic beverages is already allowed at Division I championships.
- Only venues that meet specified NCAA requirements would be permitted to sell alcohol, including having a written policy in place for, and be actively engaged in, the sale of alcohol and be properly licensed by the local and state authorities to carry on such operations and signing indemnity and insurance agreements prior to the event.
- Hard liquor would continue to be permitted only in designated suites and hospitality areas.

**FARA DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE POSITION:
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL, AND/OR
STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING**

- No position.



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- Categories:
 - Academic integrity;
 - Institutional control;
 - Student-athlete well-being?
- Support, oppose or no position?

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