



Proposed Legislation

Proposal #15- ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- CORE-COURSE UNITS (8/1/2013)

To increase the total number of required core-course units for initial eligibility from 14 to 16; further, to specify that the two additional core-course units shall include one unit of additional courses in English, mathematics or natural or physical science and one unit in any core area.

Proposal #17- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- SKILL INSTRUCTION -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL -- VENUE AND SIZE OF GROUPS

In sports other than football, to permit more than one group of student-athletes from the same team to participate in skill instruction with a coach outside the institution's declared playing season in the same facility or in different facilities at the same time, provided there is no co-mingling between the groups, and each group of student-athletes participates in skill instruction with a separate coach; further, to specify that no more than four student-athletes from the same individual sport shall be a part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time, no more than four student-athletes from the same team in team sports with a starting squad size of six or fewer shall be a part of a group working with a coach at one time, and no more than six student-athletes from the same team in team sports with a starting squad size of seven or more shall be a part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time.

Proposal #16- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON - LIMITS ON COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO AND DURING THE FINAL EXAMINATION PERIOD

To specify that all countable athletically related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period through the conclusion of the institution's final examinations.

Proposal #5- RECRUITING -- PRINTED RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS FOLLOWING NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING OR OTHER WRITTEN COMMITMENT

To specify that electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles; further, to specify that after the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI), the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has signed shall be permitted to send other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., instant messaging, text messaging) in addition to electronic mail and facsimiles, and that for an institution not using the NLI in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign the NLI, the institution shall be permitted to send other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence in addition to electronic mail and facsimiles after the calendar day on which the prospective student-athlete signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

Proposal #1- : NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP -- CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM

To establish a pilot program to allow Canadian I institutions to join the Division II membership

Official Visits

1. Must be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse
2. Must complete the Official Visit Pre-approval from.
3. If test scores are not at the NCAA Clearinghouse, must submit prior to visit.
4. Prospect and host must sign the Official Visit Record.
5. Official Visit Record and copies of all receipts are due 3 days after the visit.

Hot Topics

- Sportsmanship
- Skill Instruction
- Text Messaging



Reminders

1. Recruiting Logs
2. Countable Activity
3. Official Visits
4. Unofficial Visits
5. Transfer Releases

Important Dates

October 27, 2007

High School Day

November 12 (7:00 am) - November 14 (7:00 am)

Dead Period for all except football, cross country, track, and soccer.

November 14-21, 2007

Early Signing Period, except football, cross country, track, and soccer.

February 4 (7:00 am)-February 6 (7:00 am)-

Dead Period football, track, cross country, and soccer.

February 6, 2008

Signing Period football, cross country, track, and soccer.

Division II finalizes regionalization plan September 13, 2007

The Division II Championships Committee at its September 10-11 meeting agreed to implement the regionalization model that was placed under moratorium at the 2007 NCAA Convention. The action aligns with a recommendation from the Division II Presidents and Management Councils after more than two years of study and discussion about the best way to align Division II regions for championship-selection purposes.

The following principles guide the plan:

- Regions will be determined by state boundaries.
- A state may reside in more than one region.
- Conferences will be assigned to specific regions for automatic qualification and postseason competition.
- Conference opponents will count as in-region contest regardless of geographic location.
- All opponents within an institution's geographic region are in-region contests.
- Opponents residing within an institution's state, regardless of conference affiliation, are in-region contests.
- All opponents, regardless of conference affiliation, in states contiguous to an institution's state are in-region contests.

The Championships Committee made some adjustments that include allowing schools in Texas and Colorado to count games between them as in-region contests. Only the Oklahoma Panhandle separates the two states, so the committee felt the additional flexibility was warranted, particularly since institutions in that region would face excessive travel demands for in-region contests otherwise.

Also, institutions in Montana may consider Nebraska and Colorado as contiguous states (and vice versa), since there are no Division II institutions currently in states contiguous to Montana's southern border. In addition, the west region may consider North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico as contiguous states (and vice versa).

The Championships Committee agreed to keep the plan in place for three years before considering any further modifications. The plan must be implemented in all sports by 2008-09.

Due to the length of deliberation regarding alternative regionalization models, some sports had been scheduled to implement the plan in 2007-08 but were delayed. Those sports – basketball, field hockey, men's lacrosse, women's soccer and women's volleyball – will use an interim scheduling plan for 2007-08.