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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The 2019-20 academic and sports year will likely be remembered for the cancellations of the spring sport seasons amid the growing concern and spread of the Covid-19 virus. This was a time of great uncertainty and incredible stress for our athletes, coaches and staff. Yet, our students persevered academically and athletically while our administration remastered many operational processes and planning to place the Department in a stronger position.

Throughout the year we focused on refining our Mission and Guiding Principles with a greater focus on the safety, health and welfare of our student athletes. Additionally, we launched new student centered programming to support a direct connection and voice of the student athletes to the Director of Athletics and we introduced a new program to connect student- athletes to Executive Leaders in all walks of life to provide additional leadership learning opportunities. Lastly, we developed a Strategic Learning initiative which will provide a unified language for coaches, staff, and our community around important topics such as Diversity & Inclusion, Harassment & Relationship Violence, Financial Affairs and Athletics Development, just to name a few.

Academically, we continue to produce incredibly positive results. We are proud of these accomplishments as they are central to our Department mission. A record 146 student-athletes earned academic all-conference distinction (3.0+ GPA) and a record 92 student-athletes earned Mountain West Scholar-Athlete accolades (3.5+ GPA) in 2019-20.

Additionally, Wolf Pack Athletics continues to perform well in the NCAA's annual Academic Progress Rate report as the department recorded six perfect scores in the single-year data and its 14 sport programs averaged a score of 979 in the multiyear rate (four year rolling average).

Our community service continues to be a highlight and focus for our department. Wolf Pack athletic teams won the Mountain West Community Service Challenge with a total of 7,109 hours of service. Nevada has won the conference's top community service award in four of the last six years.

Lastly, Wolf Pack athletic teams continue to strive for excellence in athletics competition. While all teams are improving toward our goals, there are a few highlights from the year:

Wolf Pack football won seven games in the 2019 football season and advanced to the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. The team won seven more games in 2020 with a victory in the same bowl game – the seventh bowl victory in school history.

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Women's basketball won 15 games and reached the quarterfinals of the Mountain West Basketball Championships and has played in eight tournament games over the past three seasons.

Then-junior Nicola Ader earned her sixth NCAA All-America honor in track and field and was set to compete at the 2020 National Championships in the high jump when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancelation of the event.

There is no question our success is not earned alone. We rely heavily on support from our university and community. We are grateful for former president Marc Johnson, and now president Brian Sandoval's, incredible support of Wolf Pack athletics along with great support from the university administrative and academic leadership. We like to say we are One Community, One Pack and the commitment from the community continues to show in our success in the classroom and in competition.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our results. We are proud to represent the University of Nevada, Reno. Go Pack!

Doug Knuth
Director of Athletics

MISSION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

MISSION

- Our mission is to guide and support the transformation of our Student-Athletes – academically, athletically and socially.
- We prepare our Student-Athletes for a life of leadership and service.
- We connect with members of our Community to share our Passion for the Pack.
- We strive each day to live The Nevada Way.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Honor** – We treat ourselves and others with dignity, kindness and respect.
- **Positivity** – We have a positive energy and outlook.
- **Focus** – We focus on the most important use of our time. We stay on-task.
- **Excellence** – Our standard is excellence.
- **Dependability** – We are responsible and accountable to ourselves and others.

2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

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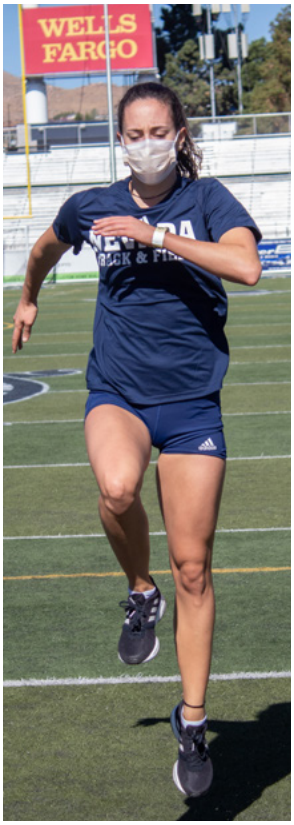

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- The University of Nevada again won the Mountain West Community Service Challenge with a total of 7,109 hours of service. Nevada has won the conference's top community service award in four of the last six years.

- Men's basketball standout Jazz Johnson and decorated swimmer Andressa Cholodovskis were honored as the Wolf Pack's outstanding senior student-athletes, winning the Doc Martie and Ruth Russell Awards, respectively, for 2019-20. Cholodovskis and football player Quinton Conaway earned the department's Scholar Athlete of the Year honors.

- Now in its sixth year, the Jayme King Inspiration Award is presented annually to a Nevada student-athlete or athletes who exhibits courage in overcoming adversity, whether it be in athletics, academics or life. BerDale Robins of the Wolf Pack football team was named as the 2019-20 recipient for, among other accomplishments, his work in providing meals for homeless in his neighborhood in Los Angeles.

- Swimmer Caitlyn McHugh and academic coordinator Drew Graf earned the department's Give Back Like Jack awards for their community service endeavors throughout the year. The department presents the award annually to those who best exemplify the dedication to community service that was the hallmark of longtime Reno/Sparks philanthropist Jack Reviglio's life.

2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Baseball's Jaylon McLaughlin and track and field's Tina Lao won the department's Dr. Chris Exline Award for academic perseverance and achievement.

- Dr. Mark Stovak, a team physician for the Nevada athletics department, and a professor at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, was selected as part of the NCAA's COVID-19 Medical AdvisoryGroup. This group of infectious disease, public health and medical experts includes some members from the original advisory panel, plus representatives from organizations and medical groups that have been working collaboratively with the advisory panel and NCAA schools. The Medical Advisory Group will tap further into the expertise on university campuses across the country and ensure close communication.

- In the fall of 2020, the NCAA awarded two future championships to Nevada and the Reno-Sparks community. Nevada will play host to the 2025 NCAA Men's Golf Regionals at Montreux Country Club and the 2025 NCAA Women's Bowling Championship Finals at the National Bowling Stadium in downtown.

- The Nevada athletics department announced in the fall of 2020 that it has partnered with online counseling service, Talkspace, to provide mental health resources to all of the Wolf Pack student-athletes. Talkspace is a secure and confidential online mental health care service that provides student-athletes same-day access to thousands of licensed clinicians. After signing up for the service and being matched with a dedicated counselor, Nevada student-athletes can send text, audio and video messages at any time and any place that is convenient to them without the hassles of scheduling in-person appointments.

- In the fall semester of 2020, Nevada student-athletesrecorded a cumulative grade-point average of 3.193, the highest GPA in our history. Twelve of our 15 programs raised their team GPAs from the spring semester to the fall, and all but two recorded a team GPA of 3.0 or better. Our women's cross country team led the way with a 3.745 GPA for the semester. On the men's side, our tennis team was the top achieving program at 3.438. A total of 44 student-athletes recorded a perfect 4.0 GPA during the fall semester and 269 – more than 67 percent of our student-athletes – notched a 3.0 or better. Overall, our department has recorded a cumulative 3.0 GPAA or better in 13 of the last 14 semesters.

2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Nevada student-athletes matched its highest Graduation Success Rate in the history of the NCAA's program with a record 85 percent in fall of 2020.

- The 2019-20 season saw Nevada graduate 87 of its student-athletes as members of the Wolf Pack continue to achieve in the classroom. Over the past dozen years, more than 1,100 student-athletes have earned at least one degree from the University.

- A record 146 student-athletes earned academic all-conference distinction from the Mountain West during the 2019-20 season. To qualify, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade-point average, at the member institution, of 3.0 or higher, completed at least one academic semester at the member institution and competed in 50 percent of the team's varsity contests.

- A record 92 student-athletes earned Mountain West Scholar-Athlete accolades in 2019-20. To be eligible for selection, student-athletes must have completed at least two academic terms at the member institution, while maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better, and have participated in varsity competition in a Mountain West sponsored sport.

- Nevada continues to perform well in the NCAA's annual Academic Progress Rate report as the department recorded six perfect scores in the single-year data and its 14 sport programs averaged a score of 979 in the multiyear rate in the annual report announced last year. All Nevada sports cleared the multiyear benchmark set by the NCAA. Seven of Nevada's athletics programs – women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, soccer, softball, swimming and diving and track and field – either matched or improved upon their multiyear scores from last year's report. Eleven Wolf Pack programs – football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, baseball, soccer, swimming and diving and track and field – matched or improved upon their single-year scores from a year ago.

ROLE OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

- **Within the Department of Athletics, all our actions are designed to be in alignment with, and supportive of, the educational mission and goals for the University.**
- **As such, we serve in two important roles –**

OUR ROLE AS TEACHERS

- **We have a complementary (yet unique) role as teachers within the educational setting**
- **We teach an array of lessons and skill sets that are not easily duplicated elsewhere on campus**
- **Areas in which we teach include, but are not limited to**
    - **Accountability**
    - **Community Outreach**
    - **Competitive Excellence**
    - **Diversity & Inclusion**
    - **Goal Setting**
    - **Individual Responsibility**
    - **Integrity**
    - **Leadership**
    - **Problem Solving**
    - **Teamwork**
    - **Winning**

- **In our role as teachers, we're honored to be a part of the process of guiding, inspiring and supporting our Student-Athletes to use their talents and gifts in their personal quest for excellence – academically, athletically and socially. We are teaching in some very special ways.**

OUR ROLE AS AMBASSADORS

- **We invite, gather and engage the University community to participate in our programs, competitions and success in a meaningful way. We share our Passion for the Pack.**
- **We provide positive visibility and instill pride for the University of Nevada, Reno.**
- **Above all else, we celebrate our graduates, leaders and friends of the University of Nevada, Reno.**

SPORT PROGRAMS & HEAD COACHES

TJ BRUCE
BASEBALL

STEVE ALFORD
BASKETBALL (M)

AMANDA LEVENS
BASKETBALL (W)

KIRK ELIAS
CROSS COUNTRY
(M & W)

JAY NORVELL
FOOTBALL

JACOB WILNER
GOLF (M)

KATHLEEN TAKAISHI
GOLF (W)

ERIN OTAGAKI
SOCCER (W)

JOSH TAYLOR
SOFTBALL

BRENDON BRAY
SWIM & DIVE (W)

JIAN LI YOU
DIVING (W)

SYLVAIN MALROUX
TENNIS (M)

GUILLAUME TONELLI
TENNIS (W)

SHANTEL TWIGGS
TRACK & FIELD (W)

LEE NELSON
VOLLEYBALL (W)

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR COACHES

- At Nevada, we recognize a Coach as a leader, teacher and guide.
- We acknowledge that our Student-Athletes will be deeply-impacted by our Coaches.
- We strive to ensure that our Coaches are individuals of high character and deep expertise.
- We recruit, hire, train and partner with our Coaches according to these expectations:

MISSION & CORE VALUES
Our Coaches support the Mission and Guiding Principles of the Department.

RECRUITING
Our Coaches recruit individuals who have exhibited high potential to perform according to Department, Conference and NCAA standards.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
Our Coaches reinforce academic achievement and graduation as top priorities.

COMPLIANCE
Our Coaches use Departmental resources for education, interpretation and advice. Our Coaches are responsible for full compliance with University, Department, Conference, and NCAA rules, regulations and standards which mandate integrity and fair play in all our affairs.

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE
Our Coaches are diligent in their preparation in order to compete aggressively, and place their teams in a position to compete for championships.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
Our Coaches collaborate on the development of a responsible budget for their sport. Our Coaches are responsible for the efficient use of all Department resources.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
Our Coaches understand that the 'logo is always on' as they model professional behavior. Our Coaches represent their Sport, the Department of Athletics, and the University with class.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Our Coaches are committed to ongoing professional development and lifelong learning.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Our Coaches are fully-engaged in supporting community service within the University Community.

FUNDRAISING
Our Coaches invite friends of the Sport Program to connect to the Department in a meaningful way in order to provide resources to support their Sport Program and the Department.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

We have developed and refined a set of fundamental expectations for all Student-athletes:

ACADEMIC ACHEIVEMENT
Our Student-Athletes pledge their best efforts in their Academic Affairs, acquiring knowledge, skills and experiences as they advance towards a meaningful degree.

COMPLIANCE
Our Student-Athletes are in full compliance with Departmental, University, Conference, and NCAA rules, regulations and standards.
Our Student-Athletes know that the 'right thing to do' is the 'only thing to do.'

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE
Our Student-Athletes prepare diligently and compete aggressively in order to position themselves and their teammates to compete for championships.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES
Our Student-Athletes engage in regular and ongoing communications with an array of Leaders, Coaches, Role Models and Mentors within the Department of Athletics and University Community.

LIFE SKILLS
Our Student-Athletes acquire vital life skills training, preparing themselves for life beyond their college athletics experience.

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS
Our Student-Athletes are engaged with their teammates and fellow Student-Athletes, both on and off the field. Our Student-Athletes remain friends and supporters of the Department and University following their graduation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Our Student-Athletes are an integral part of the University community and active members of the Student Body. Our Student-Athletes volunteer their time to enrich the community and the lives of those they touch. This service models and supports a life of honorable citizenship.

CAREER PLACEMENT
Our Student-Athletes use available resources in the pursuit of a productive and a meaningful career.

DIVERSITY & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Intercollegiate athletics searches are conducted in coordination with the University's Human Resources Department. We strive to attract and recruit a diverse pool of candidates for every search we conduct. We keenly recognize the added value that faculty and staff from different backgrounds bring to the overall experience of our student-athletes and the community as a whole.

Search Process:

- **Position announcement is posted to the following sites:**
  - **HigherEdjobs.com**
  - **Latinosinhighered.com**
  - **Blacksinhighered.com**
  - **NACWAA**
  - **NACDA**
  - **NCAA Market**

» A diverse search committee is assembled with all members having completed the University of Nevada's mandatory Implicit Bias Training

» Committee members review resumes and identify their top candidates

» Approval of the candidate and interview pools is required for positions with an Affirmative Action placement goal

» Once approval is granted initial phone interviews are conducted

» Committee identifies the candidates who will become finalists

» Finalists are interviewed and the search committee meets to make their final decision

» Selected finalist is submitted to Human Resources for approval

» Once approved an offer is made

2020 OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

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UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL OF PLANNING & PROCESSES	▪ Mission and Guiding Principles ▪ Planning and Process Array ▪ Review of Key Documents ▪ Annual Report and Mid-Year Report
EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS REPORT	▪ Monthly Report submitted in Support of Presidential Leadership and Control of Athletics ▪ Contains University Community Summary ▪ Contains Athletic Department Unit Summary ▪ Report is Reviewed by Director of Athletics prior to submission
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR NEW PRESIDENT	▪ Welcome Letter from AD; Signed by All Staff and Coaches ▪ Executive Brief to provide overview of Departmental Operations ▪ Includes AD's Presentation Folio & Needs Report ▪ President's visit to Department for presentation at All-Staff Meeting
NCAA MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	▪ Coordination with Troy Arthur at NCAA Membership Services ▪ Establish list of priorities and issues for NCAA review during visit ▪ NCAA Membership Services to Visit Campus for 'Onboarding Meeting' with President ▪ NCAA Presentation at All-Staff Meeting

PRIORITY 2

DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	▪ Implement new Departmental Planning & Processes model; Mission and Guiding Principles ▪ Review and revise Organizational Structure ▪ Redefine and implement new Sport Administration model ▪ Develop specific engagement strategies for assigned Major and Principal Gift Prospects
LEADERSHIP TEAM	▪ Develop roles and responsibilities for Leadership Team ▪ Implement assigned goals from Operations Plan through 2020 ▪ Develop meeting agenda and structure ▪ Ensure all team members participate in professional development activities
STAFF COMMUNICATION & SYSTEMS	▪ Monthly e-mail update from AD to all staff; more frequently as needed ▪ Create annual schedule for Coaches Meetings ▪ Create annual schedule for All-Staff meetings ▪ Ensure staff is using University IT approved solutions for all communication and data mgt
CRISIS MANAGEMENT	▪ Review, update and distribute Plan to all staff ▪ Create Emergency Communication Protocols ▪ Conduct annual test of the Emergency Communication Protocols ▪ Participate in UNR COOP plan in cooperation with Manager of Organizational Resilience

PRIORITY 3

PLANNING & PROCESSES

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
SENIOR ASSOCIATE AD FOR PLANNING & PROCESSES	▪ Assess, design and install Planning and Process Array ▪ Manage all Planning and Process documents ▪ Attend departmental meetings as needed to ensure alignment with Operations Plan ▪ Update, maintain and distribute Sport Responsibility Grid
EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS BOOK (EOB)	▪ Create EOB by segmenting the Department into Operating Units and Functions ▪ Monitor each Department and update with Goals, Projects and Tasks ▪ Provide regular progress updates to AD ▪ Document completed Goals, Projects and Tasks in each area
OPERATIONS PLAN	▪ Draft and execute Operations Plan through 2020 with list of Priorities and Goals ▪ Share plan with AAUN Board ▪ Assign all Operations Plan Goals through Executive Briefs ▪ Review with Leadership Team at end of 2020
UNIT MANAGER'S QUICKSHEETS	▪ Relaunch Quicksheets via memo to all Department Heads ▪ Develop Quicksheet Dashboards to assist with consistency of reporting ▪ Utilize Quicksheets to build Executive Operations Report and EOB updates ▪ Ensure Quicksheets are concise, detailed, and are submitted on time

PRIORITY 3 CONTINUED

PLANNING & PROCESSES

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS REPORT	▪ Review and update format ▪ Review new format and refresh on purpose of document with the President ▪ Update format and reporting areas based on feedback from the President ▪ Establish regular monthly date for delivery
AD'S PRESENTATION FOLIO	▪ Create AD's Presentation Folio ▪ Edit quarterly, or as needed, as significant changes occur in the University and Department ▪ Distribute to top donors and key constituents ▪ Utilize as a leave behind for new prospect meetings
DEPARTMENTAL NEEDS REPORT	▪ Create Needs Report based on feedback from Operational Units and Sports ▪ Identify and highlight major projects and funding needs ▪ Distribute to top donors and key constituents; personalize for each presentation ▪ Review and update bi-annually
DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL DELIVERY SYSTEM (PDS)	▪ Design the PDS with input from Development Team ▪ Make PDS available to Development Team and adjustable for specific donors ▪ Review and update bi-annually ▪ Begin to utilize PDS materials when communicating with Donors and Prospects
SPORT PROGRAM PROFILES & SPORT REPORTS	▪ Create profiles for Football, Men's Basketball, and Women's Basketball ▪ Establish standard set of metrics for each profile ▪ Secure comparison data for peer and aspirational institutions ▪ Build Sport Reports for implementation beginning with September 2020

PRIORITY 4

FINANCIAL MODELS

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
RELATIONSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY FINANCE	▪ Deliver AD's Folio and Needs Report to University Finance Leadership ▪ Regular meetings with University Finance Leadership and Foundation AVP Finance ▪ Respond timely to Campus Internal Audit when inquiries are received ▪ Conduct internal prep meetings prior to University Athletics Finance Cmte Mtgs
FINANCIAL MODELS	▪ Create financial comparison document with peer and aspirational institutions ▪ Utilize zero based budget model for Operating Units and Teams ▪ Implement data-driven revenue budgeting and projection process ▪ Develop 5-year forecasting model with variety of funding options
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY	▪ Create Orientation & Training Plan for Department Staff and Coaches ▪ Weekly revenue review meetings ▪ Integrate sport budget management into Sport Administration model ▪ Update spending limit policies and procedures, and approval process

PRIORITY 5

STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
MISSION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES	▪ Release of Mission and Guiding Principles to Staff and Student-Athletes ▪ Broad distribution and display of Mission and Guiding Principles ▪ Integrate Mission and Guiding Principles into staff and SA orientation programs ▪ Engage Coaches in use of Mission and Guiding Principles with their teams
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	▪ Goal of 3.1 cumulative GPA average for all SAs and Single-year APR of 985 for all teams ▪ Evaluate and enhance Athletic Academic support system ▪ Develop statement on Academic Achievement as the top Student-Athlete initiative ▪ Create improvement plans for GPA, APR and GSR
MENTAL HEALTH	▪ Engage Sports Medicine Team in development of Mental Health initiatives ▪ Create list of best practices from leading Mental Health programs across the NCAA ▪ Ensure SAs know all Mental Health resources available within the University ▪ Explore collaboration opportunities with Mental Health Professionals in the Reno area
NUTRITION	▪ Establish a Nutrition plan that supports all Student-Athletes ▪ Identify funding source to support the plan ▪ Ensure that each Head Coach and Strength Coach collaborate on Nutritional needs ▪ Survey Coaches to further assess their team specific needs

PRIORITY 5 CONTINUED

STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING

SPORTS MEDICINE ASSESSMENT	▪ Research best practices nationally to consider enhancements to our model ▪ Survey Coaches on areas of opportunity surrounding Sports Medicine ▪ Identify areas of risk with Sports Medicine team; consider external assistance ▪ Develop specific plans to mitigate identified areas of risk
SAAC	▪ Engage with SAAC leadership to establish annual goals and regular meeting schedule ▪ Develop list of best practices nationally to share with SAAC leadership ▪ Develop plan for SAAC communication with Leadership Team ▪ Partner with Coaches to elevate importance of SAAC across all Teams
STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	▪ Survey SAs & Coaches to get feedback for SA Development program ▪ Design and implement comprehensive 4-year model SA Development Program ▪ Establish funding and staffing model ▪ Launch Elevate Program to create direct dialogue between AD and Student-Athletes
COMMUNITY SERVICE	▪ Set Team specific hour goals ▪ Continue to emphasize our tradition of success in MW SAAC Community Service Challenge ▪ Develop staff program to support SAAC priority community service initiatives ▪ Explore opportunities to partner with ASUN on join community service projects

PRIORITY 6

COMPLIANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
PRIMER	▪ Create and distribute Primer for Compliance ▪ Create and distribute Primer for Risk Management ▪ Establish relevant metrics for Compliance and Risk Management ▪ Primers to include Relevant Terms, and links to NCAA, NSHE and University related Policies
RULES EDUCATION	▪ Orientation programs for new Staff and Student Athletes ▪ Set schedule for Sport Specific Meetings ▪ Review and Revise annual Testing Plan for all Staff and Coaches ▪ Education classes for family members of Coaches and Staff
CULTURE OF COMPLIANCE	▪ Review and assess staffing levels, job responsibilities, and monitoring plan ▪ Review list of violations annually and set goals for improvement ▪ Integrate Compliance into annual employee evaluations ▪ Develop plan of Rules Education initiatives with Athletics stakeholders
RISK ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT PLAN	▪ Create committee to identify major risks in the Department of Athletics ▪ Develop plan and procedures to mitigate risks ▪ Partner with University Risk Management Services Office to review plan ▪ Develop annual report on mitigation of risk

PRIORITY 7

SPECIAL ISSUES

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	▪ Primer on Diversity & Inclusion consistent with NCAA, NSHE and University language ▪ Distribute Primer to all Staff and create plan to regularly reinforce as a Department priority ▪ Establish a point of contact for Diversity and Inclusion issues in Athletics and on Campus ▪ Partner with University HR to ensure searches meet NSHE and University requirements
TITLE IX	▪ Primer on Title IX consistent with NCAA, NSHE and University language ▪ Distribute Primer to all Staff and create plan to regularly reinforce as a Department priority ▪ Create annual education plan for all Staff and Student-Athletes ▪ Ensure that all Student-Athletes and staff have contact numbers for Title IX issues
INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE	▪ Primer on Interpersonal Violence consistent with NCAA, NSHE and University language ▪ Distribute Primer to all Staff ▪ Create annual education and training plan for all Student-Athletes and Staff ▪ Ensure all Student-Athletes and Staff are aware of available campus resources
SPORTSMANSHIP	▪ Distribute MW Conference Sportsmanship Policy ▪ Follow annual steps required under MW Conference Sportsmanship Policy ▪ Annual review of Student-Athlete Code of Conduct to ensure alignment with MW Policy ▪ Create internal process for how to manage Sportsmanship issues

PRIORITY 7 CONTINUED

SPECIAL ISSUES

SOCIAL JUSTICE	▪ Engage with SAAC and other Student-Athlete leaders to secure feedback for Action Plan ▪ Ensure Athletics' Action Plan is aligned with broader University Social Justice Plans ▪ Launch Exchange Program to connect Business, Community and Civic Leaders with our SAs ▪ Memorandum to all Staff and Student-Athletes outlining Action Plan
NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS	▪ Develop Committee to select vendor to assist in matters of Name, Image, and Likeness ▪ Establish a Task Force comprised of Staff, Coaches, SAs to improve understanding ▪ Develop an Action Plan for how to handle the issues surrounding NIL ▪ Memorandum to all Staff and Student-Athletes outlining Action Plan

SPORT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
SPORT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MODEL	▪ Set expectations of the Sport Administrators ▪ Set expectations of Coaches ▪ Set expectations of Student-Athletes ▪ Develop standardized Data Metrics for evaluation
EXPECTATIONS OF SPORT ADMINISTRATORS	▪ Survey Coaches on the roles of the Sport Administrator ▪ Survey Sport Administrators on the roles of the Sport Administrator ▪ Research and integrate best practices for role of the Sport Administrator ▪ Draft, approve and release expectations of the Sport Administrator
EXPECTATIONS OF HEAD COACHES	▪ Survey Coaches on the roles of the Head Coach ▪ Survey Sport Administrators on the roles of the Head Coach ▪ Research integrate best practices for role of the Head Coach ▪ Draft, approve and release expectations of the Head Coach
MEETINGS & COMMUNICATION	▪ Set regular meeting and agenda for all Sport Administrators ▪ Set regular meeting and agenda for Sport Administrators with Head Coaches ▪ Set regular meetings and agenda for Sport Administrators with full Staff of Teams ▪ Set schedule for pre-season planning and post-season review w/ Spt Admins and Coaches

PRIORITY 8 CONTINUED

SPORT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

SPORT REPORTS FOR ALL SPORTS	▪ Develop standardized Data Metrics for evaluation ▪ Review and set standards for Key Metrics ▪ Monthly schedule for Sport Report completion starting with September of 2020 ▪ Sport Administrators share Sport Reports with Coaches to begin monthly dialogue
SPORT PROGRAM PROFILES	▪ Complete Sport Program Profile for Football ▪ Create Sport Program Profile for Women's Basketball ▪ Create Sport Program Profile for Men's Basketball ▪ Create templates for Sport Program Profiles for all other sports to be completed in 2021

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
UNIT MANAGEMENT & STAFF	▪ Create Managers Action Plan (MAP Book) for each External Unit ▪ Includes Unit Mission, Staff, Learning, Services, Relationships, Calendar, Projects, Reporting ▪ Audit job descriptions; Adjust as needed due to new staffing levels; ▪ Review structure, create clear roles, responsibilities and metrics for staff
EXTERNAL RELATIONS STRUCTURE	▪ SWOT review of External Relations ▪ Set specific goals for each External Unit ▪ Evaluate and adjust meeting structure to ensure collaboration across all External Units ▪ Utilize community partnerships to bolster staff needs, i.e., Foundry, Zline, etc.
COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MARKETING PLANS	▪ Develop Comprehensive Marketing Plan for all sports ▪ Develop Department-wide Annual Branding Plan ▪ Monitor data closely in season to evaluate in real time which methods are working
TICKET SALES & OPERATIONS	▪ Switch to Mobile Ticketing; Develop plan to secure and install new WAPs ▪ Statistical evaluation of each sales staff member's performance ▪ Adjust sales staffing model to create greater focus on group sales ▪ Develop stewardship plan for high level accounts

PRIORITY 9 CONTINUED

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS	▪ Evaluate and adjust structure and services provided based on new staffing levels ▪ Provide coaches and department units clear list of services provided ▪ Create and distribute talking points to External Staff as Special Issues arise ▪ Develop long-term plan for technology needs
FAN EXPERIENCE	▪ Establish a staff point of contact to own the Fan Experience ▪ Send Fan Surveys in each Sport, pre and post season, and periodically after certain games ▪ Unit staff members provide feedback in timely fashion to responding fans ▪ Address performance and adjustments in Game Management meetings
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS	▪ Share Point of Contact for Digital Communications on each channel Department-wide ▪ Annual Plan to include each platform; targets for fan engagement, recruiting, and revenue ▪ Research best practices nationally and integrate into plans ▪ Develop long-term equipment replacement plan
WOLF PACK SPORTS PROPERTIES	▪ Evaluate inventory available and adjust as needed due to CV-19 operation restrictions ▪ Weekly meetings with WPSP Property Manager and Sr. Associate AD ▪ Develop relationship management plan for AD to assist with largest partners
APPAREL & LICENSING	▪ Review and adjust complimentary adidas allotments to assist with budget challenges ▪ Set goals for retail sales and market penetration ▪ Annual review of CLC revenue production with External Leadership

PRIORITY 9 CONTINUED

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	▪ Establish Goals for Community Engagement/Service Hours ▪ Develop increased Branding and Awareness of Wolf Pack in City of Reno ▪ Compile annual schedules of major civic events; set one point of contact

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ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
UNIT MANAGEMENT & STAFF	▪ Create Managers Action Plan (MAP Book) ▪ Introduce new staff members to constituents ▪ Create clear roles, responsibilities and metrics for unit staff ▪ Set standard meeting schedule to discuss prospects
COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT	▪ Distribute AD's Folio and Needs Report to Advancement and Alumni Leadership ▪ Regular meetings with Advancement Leadership, Alumni Relations and Peers ▪ Explore partnerships for homecoming and on the road events ▪ Alignment with Advancement and Foundation Policies and Procedures
DATABASE MANAGEMENT	▪ Get the database running again; update missing historical information; remove duplicates ▪ Memorandum of Understanding with Foundation for regular sharing and use of data ▪ Create Policy and Procedure Manual to ensure ongoing integrity of the Database
MAJOR DONOR RELATIONSHIPS	▪ Review and reassign Major Gift Portfolios to current Staff and AD ▪ Develop relationship management strategies for assigned prospects and donors ▪ Presentation of AD's Folio and Needs Report ▪ Creation and presentation of Annual Leadership Giving Proposal

PRIORITY 10 CONTINUED

ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT

RELATIONSHIP WITH COACHES	▪ Establish a clear point of contact with each Head Coach for Major Gifts and Annual Giving ▪ Collaborate with Coaches, Sport Administrators and Budget Office for Annual Goal Setting ▪ Annually review all Development Policies & Procedures with Coaches ▪ Ensure Coaches update Development Team when having contact with Major Donors
REBRAND ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT	▪ Create umbrella organization for Athletics Development and Ticketing i.e. Wolf Pack Club ▪ Fully integrate AAUN Board into new model ▪ Develop comprehensive single stop website for donor and ticket information ▪ Restructure overall benefits structure and sport specific fundraising model
SPECIAL EVENTS	▪ Create timelines and detailed task lists for all Special Events ▪ Hold recap meetings within two weeks of all Special Events ▪ Create budget and revenue forecasting and tracking system for all Special Events ▪ Utilize event data to create new Annual and Major Gift leads

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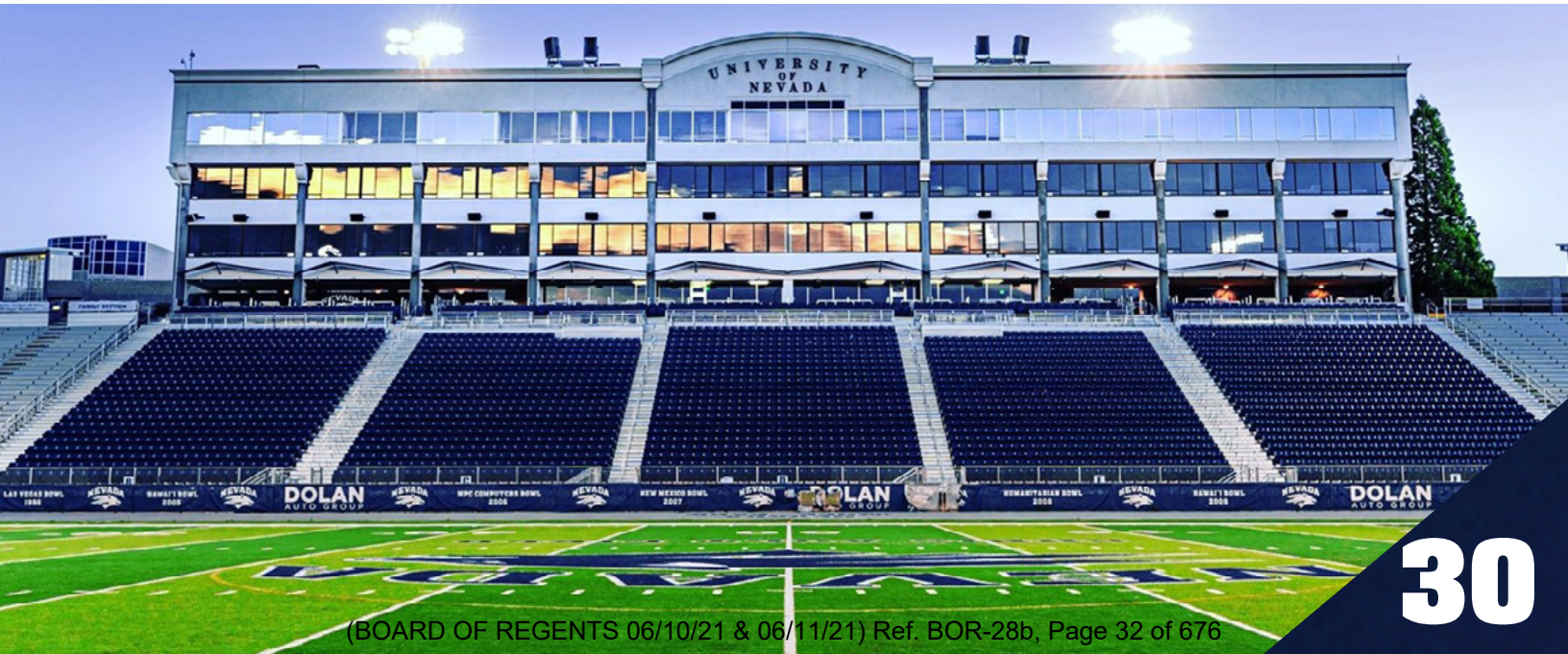
FACILITIES & GAMES MANAGEMENT

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
LAWLOR EVENTS CENTER ATHLETICS MERGER	▪ Identify issues and opportunities with merging staff and budget operations ▪ Identify opportunities to leverage merger to improve Athletics financial standing ▪ Create clear process to evaluate and secure external event bookings ▪ Ensure Lawlor is treated the same as all other campus buildings by the University
MACKAY STADIUM ADA RENOVATION	▪ Ensure construction progress and completion dates stay on track ▪ Partner with University Legal to ensure ADA Community is engaged throughout project ▪ Facilitate communication with season ticket holders and campus units impacted by project ▪ Actively participate in weekly Owner/Architect and Owner/Architect/ Contractor meetings
LAWLOR EVENTS CENTER RETRACTABLE SEATS REPLACEMENT	▪ Establish revised timeline for the project due to CV-19 ▪ Ensure construction is in ADA compliance ▪ Determine project budget and funding source ▪ Ensure all stakeholders are informed
RENOVATE LOCKER ROOM FOR WOMEN'S TENNIS AND WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM	▪ Finalize funding model ▪ Coordinate with Planning & Construction for design and construction ▪ Establish project timeline

PRIORITY 11 CONTINUED

FACILITIES & GAMES MANAGEMENT

RENOVATE WOMEN'S TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY TEAM LOCKER ROOM	▪ Finalize funding model ▪ Coordinate with Planning & Construction for design and construction ▪ Establish project timeline
FOOTBALL LOCKER ROOM	▪ Confirm funding model and verify ability to move forward with project ▪ Coordinate with UNR Facilities/Purchasing to have contract with HOK ▪ Establish Project Timeline and review plans with Coaches
WOMEN'S SOCCER LOCKER ROOM	▪ Confirm funding model and verify ability to move forward with project ▪ Coordinate with UNR Facilities/Purchasing to have contract with HOK ▪ Establish Project Timeline and review plans with Coaches
RENOVATE LOCKER ROOM FOR WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAMS	▪ Finalize funding model ▪ Coordinate with Planning & Construction for design and construction ▪ Establish project timeline



HUMAN RESOURCES

OPERATIONAL GOALS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL	▪ Complete Department-wide Policy and Procedure Audit ▪ Revise comprehensive Policy and Procedures Manual ▪ Evaluate annually, or as needed, to ensure alignment with University and NSHE P&P ▪ Distribute to all staff annually
ORIENTATION, ONBOARDING & SEPARATION PROGRAM	▪ Develop Onboarding & Orientation Checklist in coordination with HR processes ▪ Create "Positive Start" plan to assist with gear/workspace/ announcement to staff ▪ Identify required initial and ongoing training for all new hires ▪ Develop and complete Exit Check List for all departing employees; Include Exit Interview
CULTURE COMMITTEE	▪ Extend invitations for Staff to join Committee; Ensure diverse mix of members ▪ Develop Purpose and Goals for the Committee ▪ Research best practices nationally ▪ Create annual plan to boost morale and reinforce culture
INTERVIEW & SEARCH PROCESS	▪ Continue to follow University HR guidelines for all searches ▪ Refresh all Unit Managers and Head Coaches annually on hiring Policy and Procedures ▪ Ensure all Unit Managers and Head Coaches complete Implicit Bias Training ▪ Ensure salaries are reviewed and approved internally prior to extending offer

PRIORITY 12 CONTINUED

HUMAN RESOURCES

EVALUATIONS	▪ Follow University timeline for annual evaluations ▪ Continue to utilize HR approved format for evaluations ▪ Develop action plans when addressing for areas for improvement ▪ Conduct mid-year progress reviews for all employees as needed
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	▪ Audit positions that require professional development, certifications or CEUs ▪ Budget for Professional Development ▪ Search for opportunities through University, NSHE and local business community ▪ Update Needs Report for other non-budgeted Professional Development

AUDIT & CONTROLS

AUDIT

Audits were conducted and completed by NSHE staff on Nevada athletics during the 2019-20 year.

CONTROLS

Internal controls for Nevada athletics are the same as the institution as a whole.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REPORT

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 2019-2020

MACKAY STADIUM – ADA upgrade completed

HIXSON PARK - Electrical upgrade completed

LAWLOR EVENTS CENTER – Design completed for seating upgrade project

INDOOR TENNIS FACILITY – Pre-design completed

BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Nevada Intercollegiate Athletics									
	FY2020			FY2021	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Description	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**
State Appropriation	5,517,257	5,251,879	(265,378)	4,744,841	4,442,032	4,835,440	4,835,440	4,835,440	4,835,440
Internal Revenues	19,424,652	17,827,712	(1,596,940)	15,083,800	6,167,000	19,490,000	20,073,150	20,673,764	21,293,976
Student Fee Revenues	2,912,000	2,810,660	(101,340)	2,716,000	2,727,300	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
Gift & Priority Seating Revenues	4,370,000	3,043,592	(1,326,408)	2,127,955	1,886,888	2,934,000	3,022,020	3,112,681	3,206,061
Institution Revenues	1,451,000	1,425,000	(26,000)	1,270,000	11,770,858	5,020,000	4,720,000	4,420,000	4,070,000
Tuition & Fee Waivers	3,500,000	2,599,256	(900,744)	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Total Revenue	37,174,909	32,958,099	(4,216,810)	29,442,596	30,494,078	38,579,440	38,950,610	39,341,884	39,705,477
Total Athletic Expenditures	36,666,635	34,824,554	(1,842,081)	36,858,800	30,471,235	38,566,500	38,917,165	39,271,337	39,629,050
ICA Fiscal Year Operating Surplus (Deficit)	508,274	(1,866,455)		(7,416,204)	22,843	12,940	33,445	70,547	76,427

Projection Assumptions for FY2022-FY2025

COVID-19 impact on future projections: We have made the assumption of a return to normal operations. We recognize that there is potential for COVID-19 to have a lasting impact on our operation, however, there is not enough data or information to accurately project what that impact may be . ICA will continue to closely monitor the impact and put in place restrictions and cuts to operate as efficiently as possible.

ICA State: Budget reflects anticipated state funding for ICA provided by UNR PBA

Internal Revenues: For FY22 projection, matched a non-COVID-19 FY21 projection and increased Football and Men's Basketball 3% each year from FY2023-2025 (2% used for all other sports). Football guarantees continue to be a significant source of revenue and have been projected at the amounts contracted for competitions from FY2022-FY2025. We have kept our projection for our Learfield sponsorship guarantee contract flat for years FY2022-FY2025. We have projected an increase of 3% for NCAA & Mountain West Conference in years FY2022-FY2025.

Student Fees: No projected increases in student fee revenue. This will be adjusted as provided information from PBA

Gift Revenue: We have projected a 3% annual increase in gift revenue for the years FY2022-FY2025.

Institution Revenues: Department needs will be assessed on an on-going basis to determine the type of additional gift and internal revenue that can be generated to support Athletics. Additional University support will be determined if necessary through regularly occurring budget discussions and projections.

Tuition & Fee Waivers: We generally see tuition & fee waiver fluctuations year to year depending on the make up of our student athletes. We have projected an amount in line with prior years.

Expenditures: We have projected a 1% annual increase for expenses. Based on these projections we estimate that a breakeven year for ICA will be dependent on increased fundraising and additional University support.

Revenue Breakdown Analysis

Description	FY2020			FY2021	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
ICA Internal Revenues	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**
Men's Basketball	6,000,000	5,687,655	(312,345)	3,355,000	-	5,265,000	5,422,950	5,585,639	5,753,208
Football	3,485,000	3,346,916	(138,084)	1,535,000	-	3,125,000	3,218,750	3,315,313	3,414,772
All Other Men's and Women's Sports	181,750	124,744	(57,006)	117,000	-	155,000	158,100	161,262	166,100
Royalties, Rental Fees, and Miscellaneous	5,674,059	4,196,110	(1,477,949)	4,163,300	2,305,000	4,285,000	4,413,550	4,545,957	4,682,335
NCAA and MWC Revenues	4,083,843	3,858,207	(225,636)	5,688,500	3,637,000	6,435,000	6,628,050	6,826,892	7,031,698
Endowments	300,000	614,080	314,080	225,000	225,000	225,000	231,750	238,703	245,864
Total:	19,724,652	17,827,712	(1,896,940)	15,083,800	6,167,000	19,490,000	20,073,150	20,673,764	21,293,976
ICA Student Fees	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**
Student Fees	2,912,000	2,810,660	(101,340)	2,716,000	2,727,300	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
Total:	2,912,000	2,810,660	(101,340)	2,716,000	2,727,300	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
ICA Gift Revenues	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**
Priority Seating	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Gifts	4,370,000	3,043,592	(1,326,408)	2,127,955	1,886,888	2,934,000	3,022,020	3,112,681	3,206,061
Total:	4,370,000	3,043,592	(1,326,408)	2,127,955	1,886,888	2,934,000	3,022,020	3,112,681	3,206,061
ICA Institution Revenues	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**	**Projection**
Cost of Attendance & Financial Aid Support	676,000	650,000	(26,000)	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000
COLA and fringe assistance	775,000	775,000	-	450,000	337,500	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Men's Cross Country Support	-	-	-	170,000	121,018	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
CARES Funding					162,340	-	-	-	-
Additional Institutional Support					10,500,000	3,750,000	3,450,000	3,150,000	2,800,000
Total:	1,451,000	1,425,000	(26,000)	1,270,000	11,770,858	5,020,000	4,720,000	4,420,000	4,070,000

BUDGET TO ACTUAL (BALANCED BUDGET STATEMENT)

Nevada Intercollegiate Athletics
Budget to Actual (Balanced Budget Statement)
For the Fiscal Years Ended

	FY2016			FY2017			FY2018*			FY2019			FY2020**			FY2021	
Description	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Original Budget**	**Projection**
State Appropriation	5,201,630	5,192,800	(8,830)	5,637,215	5,632,945	(4,270)	5,819,730	5,384,996	(434,734)	5,471,588	5,471,586	(2)	5,517,257	5,251,879	(265,378)	4,744,841	4,442,032
Internal Revenues	13,115,135	14,850,425	1,735,290	16,030,725	16,255,145	224,420	14,585,855	12,935,086	(1,650,769)	15,975,400	22,354,919	6,379,519	19,424,652	17,827,712	(1,596,940)	15,083,800	6,167,000
Student Fee Revenues	2,752,560	2,747,460	(5,100)	2,807,000	2,784,265	(22,735)	2,863,000	2,801,608	(61,392)	2,800,000	2,780,044	(19,956)	2,912,000	2,810,660	(101,340)	2,716,000	2,727,300
Gift & Priority Seating Revenues*	4,210,000	5,469,280	1,259,280	5,750,000	5,707,086	(42,914)	5,910,000	5,105,586	(804,414)	8,310,000	4,190,270	(4,119,730)	4,370,000	3,043,592	(1,326,408)	2,127,955	1,886,888
Institution Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	-	1,451,000	1,425,000	(26,000)	1,270,000	11,770,858
Tuition & Fee Waivers	1,200,000	1,505,000	305,000	1,505,000	1,703,665	198,665	1,953,665	2,763,885	810,220	2,750,000	2,381,643	(368,357)	3,500,000	2,599,256	(900,744)	3,500,000	3,500,000
Total Revenue	26,479,325	29,764,965	3,285,640	31,729,940	32,083,106	353,166	31,132,250	29,641,161	(1,491,089)	35,956,988	37,828,462	1,871,474	37,174,909	32,958,099	(4,216,810)	29,442,596	30,494,078
Athletic Student Aid	6,399,455	6,639,865	(240,410)	7,173,160	7,595,905	(422,745)	7,321,535	9,029,804	(1,708,269)	8,784,487	8,744,396	40,091	9,282,569	8,510,242	772,327	9,829,580	8,873,578
Administrative Operations	9,049,710	9,681,378	(631,668)	10,431,955	9,379,244	1,052,711	9,798,655	10,621,054	(822,399)	10,430,990	10,757,918	(326,928)	10,731,561	9,345,316	1,386,245	10,934,084	8,174,423
Fundraising, Marketing, & Promotions Operations	-	562,242	(562,242)	-	760,210	(760,210)	-	763,032	(763,032)	-	1,000,234	(1,000,234)	657,600	470,092	187,508	520,500	175,000
Men's Basketball Operations	1,435,000	1,856,150	(421,150)	1,890,545	2,379,280	(488,735)	2,410,745	3,282,883	(872,138)	3,135,997	3,102,543	33,454	2,695,411	2,873,163	(177,752)	2,520,295	1,771,917
Football Operations	4,304,525	5,100,320	(795,795)	4,488,920	5,373,440	(884,520)	4,539,950	5,130,068	(590,118)	5,414,625	5,925,415	(510,790)	5,515,874	6,170,968	(655,094)	5,972,670	5,693,680
All Other Men's and Women's Sports	4,240,685	5,058,225	(817,540)	4,488,920	5,373,440	(884,520)	4,677,640	5,312,015	(634,375)	5,302,681	5,301,236	1,445	5,838,080	5,515,455	322,625	5,140,345	3,815,483
Sports Medicine and Medical Expenses	382,500	228,710	153,790	363,375	396,386	(33,011)	358,500	475,714	(117,214)	458,000	483,463	(25,463)	493,000	527,603	(34,603)	490,000	490,000
Transfers Out																	
Departmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt and Loan Payments	506,450	502,440	4,010	2,771,625	2,852,415	(80,790)	1,849,855	2,119,446	(269,591)	2,422,260	2,296,581	125,679	1,452,540	1,411,715	40,825	1,451,326	1,477,154
Administrative Overhead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	26,318,325	29,629,330	(3,311,005)	31,608,500	34,110,320	(2,501,820)	30,956,880	36,734,016	(5,777,136)	35,949,040	37,611,786	(1,662,746)	36,666,635	34,824,554	1,842,081	$36,858,800	$30,471,235
ICA Fiscal Year Operating Surplus (Deficit)	161,000	135,635		121,440	(2,027,214)		175,370	(7,092,855)		7,948	216,676		508,274	(1,866,455)		(7,416,204)	22,843

Revenue Breakdown Analysis

Description	**FY2016**			**FY2017**			**FY2018**			**FY2019**			**FY2020**			**FY2021**	
ICA Internal Revenues	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Original Budget**	**Projection**
Men's Basketball	1,173,250	1,630,225	456,975	1,379,100	1,617,945	238,845	1,570,000	1,398,609	(171,391)	2,500,000	5,838,621	3,338,621	6,000,000	5,687,655	(312,345)	3,355,000	-
Football	3,176,620	3,741,340	564,720	3,035,000	2,588,935	(446,065)	3,010,000	1,385,854	(1,624,146)	2,619,065	3,657,498	1,038,433	3,485,000	3,346,916	(138,084)	1,535,000	-
All Other Men's and Women's Sports	148,050	132,525	(15,525)	160,000	124,155	(35,845)	151,000	186,667	35,667	156,000	187,171	31,171	181,750	124,744	(57,006)	117,000	-
Royalties, Rental Fees, and Miscellaneous	3,702,215	4,471,140	768,925	6,581,625	6,455,600	(126,025)	5,369,855	4,564,485	(805,370)	4,990,335	6,966,244	1,975,909	5,674,059	4,196,110	(1,477,949)	4,163,300	2,305,000
NCAA and MWC Revenues	4,615,000	4,534,195	(80,805)	4,525,000	5,133,510	608,510	4,185,000	4,785,085	600,085	5,310,000	5,216,268	(93,732)	4,083,843	3,858,207	(225,636)	5,688,500	3,637,000
Endowments	300,000	341,000	41,000	350,000	335,000	(15,000)	300,000	614,386	314,386	400,000	489,117	89,117	300,000	614,080	314,080	225,000	225,000
Total	13,115,135	14,850,425	1,735,290	16,030,725	16,255,145	224,420	14,585,855	12,935,086	(1,650,769)	15,975,400	22,354,919	6,379,519	19,724,652	17,827,712	(1,896,940)	15,083,800	6,167,000
ICA Student Fees	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Original Budget**	**Projection**
Student Fees	2,752,560	2,747,460	(5,100)	2,807,000	2,784,265	(22,735)	2,863,000	2,801,608	(61,392)	2,800,000	2,780,044	(19,956)	2,912,000	2,810,660	(101,340)	2,716,000	2,727,300
Total	2,752,560	2,747,460	(5,100)	2,807,000	2,784,265	(22,735)	2,863,000	2,801,608	(61,392)	2,800,000	2,780,044	(19,956)	2,912,000	2,810,660	(101,340)	2,716,000	2,727,300
ICA Gift Revenues	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Original Budget**	**Projection**
Priority Seating*	1,994,500	1,531,550	(462,950)	2,010,000	3,387,860	1,377,860	3,310,000	3,725,000	415,000	3,725,000	-	(3,725,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts	2,215,500	3,937,730	1,722,230	3,740,000	2,319,225	(1,420,775)	2,600,000	4,090,754	1,490,754	4,585,000	4,190,270	(394,730)	4,370,000	3,043,592	(1,326,408)	2,127,955	1,886,888
Total	4,210,000	5,469,280	1,259,280	5,750,000	5,707,085	(42,915)	5,910,000	7,815,754	1,905,754	8,310,000	4,190,270	(4,119,730)	4,370,000	3,043,592	(1,326,408)	2,127,955	1,886,888
ICA Institution Revenues	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**Variance**	**Original Budget**	**Projection**
Cost of Attendance & Financial Aid Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	650,000	650,000	-	650,000	650,000	-	676,000	650,000	(26,000)	650,000	650,000
COLA and fringe assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	775,000	775,000	-	450,000	337,500
Men's Cross Country Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	170,000	121,018
CARES Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162,340
Support for Game Revenue Loss****	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,500,000
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	650,000	650,000	-	650,000	650,000	-	1,451,000	1,425,000	(26,000)	1,270,000	11,770,858

*One-time BOR approved-mandated deferral of Football and MBB renewals due to accounting method change from cash base to accrual amounted to $6,178,185 deferral from FY18 to FY19. Impact of tax reform (TCJA) also adjusted priority seating going through ticket sales and no longer to the UNR Foundation as gift revenue.
**FY20 deficit for Athletics was due to COVID-19. Spring seasons were cancelled and impacted revenue from NCAA, marketing & promotions, royalties, athletic events, and fundraising.
***Currently, the total Coronavirus related expenses in FY21 is $215K (this does not include testing costs which will be invoiced by the Mountain West and we anticipate the covid testing costs from the MW will be close to $160K).
****Institution commitment for game revenue loss up to $12M. Continuing to provide student athletes the opportunities to compete under modified schedules saw some reduction in costs but not enough to offset the loss of ticket sales revenue ($9M), game guarantee revenue ($1.73M), and the impact on other revenue sources associated with completing games (e.g. concessions, royalties, marketing and the possible reduction of revenue generated through the MW Conference which is still currently unknown)
*****Mountain West Conference revenue: Going into FY21 ICA anticipated the new conference TV deal would generate a distribution increase of $1.9M. Due to the complexities of the season ICA had adjusted this down to keep conference revenue. At the time of this report we have not yet received a conference update on what the revenue distribution will be for FY21.

FUNDRAISING SUMMARY FY'20

Outright Cash Raised:	$2,433,708.02
Payments on New Pledges:	$1,009,726.61
Balance Remaining on New Pledges:	$1,200,330.00
Payments on Previous Pledges:	$1,012,726.68
Gift-in-Kind:	$ 2,585.09
Stock:	$ 4,270.00
Total:	$5,663,346.40
Total Cash Raised: (Includes outright cash, all pledge payments, and stock)	$4,460,431.31

THIRD PARTY FUNDS

NOTE: Above totals include all giving through University of Nevada, Reno, UNR Foundation, AAUN, and AAUN Endowment. All gifts are processed by the UNR Foundation.

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS

- **During the 2019-2020 academic year, the total number of students admitted through the special admissions process was 271 of which 18 were student-athletes.**
- **The top majors among student-athletes are Pre-Business Administration (54), Human Devel opment and Family Science (39), Exploratory/Undecided (30), Kinesiology (36) and Public Health (24). The majors of all University of Nevada, Reno student-athletes are attached.**
- **Based on the NCAA Graduation Rate Report, the University of Nevada, Reno has a graduation rate of 85% compared to the rest of the student population who graduated at a 61% rate during the same time period.**
- **The NCAA recently made changes to the Academic Progress Rate (APR) benchmark each sport team at the University of Nevada, Reno must meet to be eligible for postseason competition (e.g., NCAA champi- onships, CBI tournament, bowl games, etc.).**
  - **o In the 2015-2016 academic year and beyond, a team must earn a four-year APR of 930 to compete in postseason competition. http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/academic-progress-rate-apr**

The APR for each sport at the University of Nevada, Reno exceeds the 930 postseason requirement. The 2019-2020 four- year APR rates are listed below by sport:

Sport	Four-Year Rate
Baseball	954
Basketball (M)	950
Basketball (W)	986
Cross Country (W)	990
Football	988
Golf (M)	992
Golf (W)	971
Soccer (W)	984
Softball	994
Swimming & Diving (W)	994
Tennis (M)	974
Tennis (W)	984
Track & Field (W)	977
Volleyball (W)	975

DECLARED MAJORS

DECLARED MAJORS

Below are the declared majors for each University of Nevada, Reno student-athlete during the 2019-2020 academic year. Additionally, each sport team has been broken out.

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

Accounting	3
Accounting Masters	1
Agricultural Science	2
Anthropology/English	1
Art	2
Atmospheric Science	1
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	3
Biology	17
Biomedical Engineering	1
Business Administration MBA	3
Chemistry	1
Civil Engineering	3
Communication Studies	20
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	26
Community Health Sciences - Pre-Nursing	5
Community Health Sciences - Public Health	24
Computer Science and Engineering	1
Criminal Justice	9
Criminal Justice - General	10
Economics	6
Electrical Engineering	1
Engineering	4
English - Writing	2
Environmental Science	1
Exploratory/Undecided	30
Finance	7
Finance - Masters	1
French	1
General Business	4
General Studies	8

Geological Engineering	1
Higher Education Administration	2
Human Development and Family Science	39
Information Systems	1
International Affairs	4
Journalism	4
Justice Management Masters	3
Management	13
Management/Marketing	1
Marketing	9
Mathematics	2
Mechanical Engineering	4
Neuroscience	4
Nursing	1
Nutrition	5
Physics	3
Political Science	4
Pre-Business Administration	54
Pre-Elementary Education	2
Pre-Journalism	3
Pre-Secondary Education	2
Psychology	9
Psychology - General	8
Public Health Masters	1
Social Work Masters	1
Sociology	2
Speech Pathology	3
Veterinary Science	1
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	2

DECLARED MAJORS

Baseball	
Atmospheric Science	1
Biology	1
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	2
Community Health Sciences - Public Health	4
Criminal Justice	2
Economics	1
Engineering	1
Exploratory	10
General Business	1
General Studies	1
Human Development and Family Science	10
Management	3
Marketing	2
Pre-Business Administration	7

Men's Basketball	
Communication Studies	4
General Studies	2
Human Development and Family Science	1
Marketing	1
Pre-Business Administration	5
Psychology	1

Men's Cross Country	
Accounting	1
Biology	1
Civil Engineering	1
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	2
Engineering	1
Exploratory	1
Human Development and Family Science	1
Mechanical Engineering	1
Physics	1
Pre-Business Administration	4

Football	
Accounting Masters	1
Art	1
Biology	1
Business Administration MBA	2
Communication Studies	12
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	9
Community Health Sciences - Public Health	9
Criminal Justice	6
Economics	3
Engineering	1
Exploratory	8
Finance	4
General Studies	3
Higher Education MA	1
Human Development and Family Science	17
Journalism	3
Justice Management Masters	1
Management	7
Marketing	3
Mathematics	1
Mechanical Engineering	2
Nutrition	1
Political Science	2
Pre-Business Administration	17
Psychology	1
Sociology	1

DECLARED MAJORS

Men's Golf	
Economics	1
Finance	1
General Business	2
Human Development and Family Science	2
Marketing	1
Pre-Business Administration	5

Men's Tennis	
Economics	1
Finance	1
Finance - Masters	1
General Business	1
Human Development and Family Science	1
Information Systems	1
International Affairs	1
Management	1
Pre-Business Administration	3

Women's Basketball	
Accounting	1
Business Administration MBA	1
Community Health Sciences - Public Health	1
Electrical Engineering	1
Engineering	1
Exploratory	5
General Studies	2
Higher Education Administration	1
International Affairs	1
Pre-Business Administration	2
Speech Pathology	1

Women's Golf	
Art	1
Chemistry	1
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	1
Community Health Sciences - Public Health	2
Management	1
Marketing	1
Psychology	1

Softball	
Biology	1
Communication Studies	1
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	4
Community Health Sciences - Pre-Nursing	1
Community Health Sciences - Public Health	1
Criminal Justice - General	5
Exploratory	1
Human Development and Family Science	1
Justice Management Masters	2
Agriculture Science	1
Political Science	1
Pre-Business Administration	1
Pre-Elementary Education	1
Pre-Secondary Education	1
Psychology	1
Social Work Masters	1
Speech Pathology	1

DECLARED MAJORS

Women's Soccer	
Biology	5
Biomedical Engineering	1
Communication Studies	1
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	2
Community Health Sciences - Pre-Nursing	1
Community Health Sciences - Public Health	1
Criminal Justice - General	3
English - Writing	1
Exploratory	2
Human Development and Family Science	2
Neuroscience	1
Nursing	1
Nutrition	1
Political Science	1
Pre-Business Administration	3
Psychology	1

Women's Swimming & Diving	
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	1
Civil Engineering	1
Communication Studies	1
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	1
Community Health Sciences - Pre-Nursing	1
Computer Science and Engineering	1
English - Writing	1
Environmental Science	1
Finance	1
Human Development and Family Science	2
International Affairs	2
Journalism	1
Management/Marketing	1
Nutrition	1
Physics	1
Pre-Business Administration	1
Pre-Elementary Education	1
Pre-Journalism	1
Psychology - General	3
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	2

Women's Tennis	
Biology	1
Exploratory	1
Management	1
Pre-Business Administration	2
Psychology	3

Women's Track & Field	
Agricultural Science	1
Anthropology/English	1
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	2
Biology	6
Civil Engineering	1
Communication Studies	1
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	4
Community Health Sciences - Pre-Nursing	2
Community Health Sciences - Public Health	3
Criminal Justice - General	2
Exploratory	1
French	1
Geological Engineering	1
Mathematics	1
Neuroscience	3
Nutrition	2
Physics	1
Pre-Business Administration	3
Pre-Journalism	1
Pre-Secondary Education	1
Psychology - General	5
Public Health Masters	1
Sociology	1
Speech Pathology	1
Veterinary Science	1

DECLARED MAJORS

Women's Volleyball	
Accounting	1
Biology	1
Community Health Sciences - Kinesiology	1
Community Health Sciences - Public Health	3
Criminal Justice	1
Exploratory	1
Human Development and Family Science	2
Marketing	1
Mechanical Engineering	1
Pre-Business Administration	1
Pre-Journalism	1
Psychology	1

TEAM GRADE POINT AVERAGES (GPA):

Below are the fall 2019 and spring 2020 GPAs for each of our sport teams.

SPORT	FALL 2019 GPA	SPRING 2020 GPA
MBA	2.791	2.788
MBB	2.565	2.862
WBB	3.105	3.210
MXC	3.576	3.445
WXC	3.457	3.602
MFB	2.498	2.772
MGO	2.644	3.117
WGO	3.623	3.704
TRACK	3.430	3.422
WSO	3.119	3.285
WSB	3.221	3.444
WSW&D	3.348	3.352
MTE	3.085	2.974
WTE	3.118	3.519
WVB	2.941	3.279

GRADUATION RATES

Introduction

This information sheet and the NCAA Division I Graduation Rates Institution Report have been prepared by the NCAA, based on data provided by the institution in compliance with NCAA Bylaw 18.4.2.2.1 (admissions and graduation-rate disclosure) and the federal Student Right-to-Know Act. Please note, the NCAA will make this report public.

The Graduation Rates Institution Report gives graduation information about the most recent six-year graduating class of students and student-athletes who entered as freshmen in 2013-14. The graduation rate (percent) is based on a comparison of the number (N) of students who entered a college or university and the number of those who graduated within six years. For example, if 100 students entered and 60 graduated within six years, the graduation rate is 60 percent.

The Graduation Rates Institution Report provides information about two groups of students:

1. All Students

All undergraduate students who were enrolled in a full-time program of studies for a baccalaureate degree; and

2. Student-Athletes.

Student-athletes who received athletics aid from the school for any period of time during their entering year. [Note: Athletics aid is a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver or other assistance from a college or university that is awarded on the basis of a student's athletics ability.]

Two different measures of graduation rates are presented in this report: Federal Graduation Rate and NCAA Division I Graduation Success Rate (GSR). The Federal Graduation Rate indicates the percentage of freshmen who entered and received athletics aid during a given academic year who graduated within six years. The GSR adds to the first-time freshmen, those students who entered midyear as well as student-athletes who transferred into an institution and received athletics aid. Both the Federal Graduation Rate and the GSR subtract students from the entering cohort who are considered allowable exclusions (i.e., those who either die or become permanently disabled, those who leave the school to join the armed forces, foreign services or attend a religious mission). In addition, the GSR subtracts those who left the institution prior to graduation, had athletics eligibility remaining and would have been academically eligible to compete had they returned to the institution.

Graduation Rates Report

The box at the top of the Graduation Rates Institution Report provides the most recent class (i.e., 2013-14) and four-class Federal Graduation Rate (i.e., 2010-11 through 2013-14) for all students and for student-athletes who received athletics aid at this school. Additionally, this box provides GSR data (i.e., 2010-11 through 2013-14) for student-athletes.

1. Graduation- Rates Data

The second section of the report provides Federal Graduation Rate and GSR data for all students, student-athletes and student-athletes by sport group. **(Note: Pursuant to the Student Right-to-Know Act, anytime a cell containing cohort numbers includes only one or two students, the data in that cell and one other will be suppressed so that no individual can be identified.)**

a. All Students
This section provides the freshman-cohort graduation rates for all full-time, degree-seeking students by race or ethnic group. It shows the rate for men who entered as freshmen in 2013-14 and the four-class average, which includes those who entered as freshmen in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. The same rates are provided for women. The total for 2013-14 is the rate for men and women combined, and the four-class average is for all students who entered in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

b. Student-Athletes
This section provides the freshman-cohort graduation rates and the GSR for student-athletes in each race and ethnic group who received athletics aid. Information is provided for men and women separately and for all student-athletes.

c. Student-Athletes by Sports Categories
This section provides the identified graduation rates as in 1-b for each of the eight sports categories. (The small letters indicate the value of N according to the legend at the bottom of 1-c.)

2. Undergraduate-Enrollment Data

a. All Students
This section indicates the total number of full-time, undergraduate, baccalaureate, degree-seeking students enrolled for the 2019 fall term and the number of men and women in each racial or ethnic group (not just freshmen).

b. Student-Athletes
This section identifies how many student-athletes were enrolled and received athletics aid for the 2019-20 academic year, and the number of men and women in each racial or ethnic group.

c. Student-Athletes by Sports Categories

This section provides the enrollment data as identified in 2-b for each of the eight sports categories.

- During the 2019-2020 academic year, the total number of students admitted through the special admissions process was 271 of which 18 were student-athletes.
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GRADUATION RATES

FRESHMAN-COHORT GRADUATION RATES	All Students	Student-Athletes #
2013-14 Graduation Rate	61%	57%
Four-Class Average	57%	61%
Student-Athlete Graduation Success Rate		85%

1. Graduation-Rates Data

a. All Students

	Men				Women				Total			
	2013-14		4-Class		2013-14		4-Class		2013-14		4-Class	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Am. Ind./AN	4	25	32	47	13	31	56	36	17	29	88	40
Asian	111	68	400	67	83	71	420	69	194	69	820	68
Black	55	42	244	36	55	56	274	48	110	49	518	42
Hispanic	272	49	887	48	328	56	1119	54	600	53	2006	51
Nat. Haw./PI	10	30	35	34	13	77	49	47	23	57	84	42
N-R Alien	18	50	47	53	15	40	42	62	33	45	89	57
Two or More	95	63	299	56	111	59	412	57	206	61	711	56
Unknown	4	50	24	54	4	75	19	79	8	63	43	65
White	852	59	3385	54	986	69	3666	64	1838	64	7051	59
Total	1421	57	5353	53	1608	65	6057	61	3029	61	11410	57

b. Student-Athletes

	Men						Women						Total					
	2013-14		4-Class		GSR		2013-14		4-Class		GSR		2013-14		4-Class		GSR	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Am. Ind./AN	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Asian	***	***	4	100	***	***	***	***	3	67	***	***	***	***	7	86	***	***
Black	***	***	27	44	32	69	***	***	14	71	11	91	***	***	41	54	43	74
Hispanic	***	***	4	25	4	50	***	***	8	75	6	100	***	***	12	58	10	80
Nat. Haw./PI	0	-	***	***	7	100	0	-	***	***	0	-	0	-	***	***	7	100
N-R Alien	***	***	6	67	5	100	***	***	8	50	10	90	***	***	14	57	15	93
Two or More	5	60	14	57	18	67	0	-	5	100	10	100	5	60	19	68	28	79
Unknown	0	-	***	***	***	***	0	-	***	***	***	***	0	-	***	***	***	***
White	14	36	51	39	49	80	23	74	80	78	74	95	37	59	131	63	123	89
Total	25	40	110	47	119	76	29	72	120	74	114	95	54	57	230	61	233	85

c. Student-Athletes by Sport Category

Baseball

	%-N		
	2013-14	4-Class	GSR
Am. Ind./AN	-	100-a	100-a
Asian	-	-	-
Black	-	100-a	100-a
Hispanic	-	0-a	-
Nat. Haw./PI	-	-	100-a
N-R Alien	-	-	-
Two or More	0-a	33-b	50-a
Unknown	-	-	100-a
White	25-a	20-c	72-d
Total	17-b	29-e	74-e

Men's Basketball

	%-N		
	2013-14	4-Class	GSR
Am. Ind./AN	-	100-a	100-a
Asian	-	-	-
Black	-	50-a	67-b
Hispanic	-	-	100-a
Nat. Haw./PI	-	-	-
N-R Alien	-	0-a	-
Two or More	100-a	100-a	50-a
Unknown	-	-	-
White	0-a	0-a	100-a
Total	50-a	40-b	71-c

Men's CC/Track

	%-N		
	2013-14	4-Class	GSR
Am. Ind./AN	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-
Nat. Haw./PI	-	-	-
N-R Alien	-	-	-
Two or More	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-
White	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-

Football

	%-N		
	2013-14	4-Class	GSR
Am. Ind./AN	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Black	0-a	41-e	68-e
Hispanic	50-a	33-a	33-a
Nat. Haw./PI	-	50-a	100-a
N-R Alien	-	0-a	-
Two or More	100-a	67-b	80-b
Unknown	-	-	-
White	57-b	55-d	79-e
Total	50-c	48-e	75-e

Men's Other

	%-N		
	2013-14	4-Class	GSR
Am. Ind./AN	-	-	-
Asian	100-a	100-a	100-a
Black	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-
Nat. Haw./PI	-	-	-
N-R Alien	-	100-a	100-a
Two or More	-	100-a	-
Unknown	-	-	-
White	0-a	46-c	100-a
Total	33-a	68-e	100-c

Women's Basketball

	%-N		
	2013-14	4-Class	GSR
Am. Ind./AN	-	-	-
Asian	-	-	-
Black	0-a	80-a	100-a
Hispanic	100-a	100-a	100-a
Nat. Haw./PI	-	-	-
N-R Alien	-	-	-
Two or More	-	100-a	100-a
Unknown	-	-	-
White	-	75-a	100-a
Total	50-a	83-c	100-c

Women's CC/Track

	%-N		
	2013-14	4-Class	GSR
Am. Ind./AN	0-a	0-a	-
Asian	-	-	-
Black	-	75-a	75-a
Hispanic	-	-	-
Nat. Haw./PI	-	-	-
N-R Alien	-	0-a	100-a
Two or More	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-
White	67-b	80-d	100-d
Total	57-b	73-e	95-e

Women's Other

	%-N		
	2013-14	4-Class	GSR
Am. Ind./AN	-	-	-
Asian	-	67-a	100-a
Black	-	60-a	100-a
Hispanic	100-a	67-b	100-a
Nat. Haw./PI	-	-	-
N-R Alien	100-a	57-b	88-b
Two or More	-	100-a	100-b
Unknown	-	0-a	-
White	76-d	77-e	92-e
Total	80-d	73-e	94-e

Values for N (a. 1-5, b. 6-10, c. 11-15, d. 16-20, e. greater than 20)

2. Undergraduate-Enrollment Data (All full-time baccalaureate-degree seeking students enrolled 2019-20)

a. All Students	Men N	Women N	Total N
Am. Ind./AN	37	61	98
Asian	607	667	1274
Black	235	268	503
Hispanic	1374	1883	3257
Nat. Haw./PI	35	47	82
N-R Alien	50	70	120
Two or More	508	636	1144
Unknown	112	102	214
White	3978	4081	8059
Total	6936	7815	14751

b. Student-athletes #	Men N	Women N	Total N
Am. Ind./AN	1	4	5
Asian	0	4	4
Black	65	14	79
Hispanic	19	20	39
Nat. Haw./PI	5	4	9
N-R Alien	11	36	47
Two or More	13	18	31
Unknown	4	2	6
White	51	59	110
Total	169	161	330

c. Student-Athletes # By Sports Category

Men

	Basketball	Baseball	CC/Track	Football	Other
Am. Ind./AN	0	1	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0
Black	7	3	0	54	1
Hispanic	2	8	1	8	0
Nat. Haw./PI	0	0	0	5	0
N-R Alien	0	0	1	1	9
Two or More	2	1	0	10	0
Unknown	0	0	0	3	1
White	2	14	6	26	3
Total	13	27	8	107	14

Women

	Basketball	CC/Track	Other
Am. Ind./AN	1	1	2
Asian	0	0	4
Black	7	3	4
Hispanic	2	3	15
Nat. Haw./PI	0	0	4
N-R Alien	0	11	25
Two or More	3	2	13
Unknown	0	2	0
White	2	9	48
Total	15	31	115

#Only student-athletes receiving athletics aid are included in this report.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
DRAFT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

OPERATING REVENUES	FOOTBALL	MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	OTHER SPORTS	NON PROGRAM SPECIFIC	TOTAL
Ticket Sales	$ 3,335,402	$ 5,687,655	$ 44,051	$ 68,682	$ 12,011	$ 9,147,801
Student Fees	-	-	-	-	2,810,660	2,810,660
Guarantees	1,050,000	15,000	-	27,000	-	1,092,000
Contributions	336,813	708,843	318,482	633,160	1,046,294	3,043,592
In-Kind Contributions (includes trade)	342,532	248,535	128,000	456,193	824,161	1,999,421
Direct state or other government support	-	-	-	-	5,251,879	5,251,879
Direct institutional support	870,019	114,707	163,905	1,406,431	1,469,194	4,024,256
Indirect Institutional Support	74,068	140,499	112,690	2,903	2,499,247	2,829,407
NCAA Distributions	-	232,067	-	-	360,145	592,212
Conference Distributions	1,350,318	7,500	12,000	-	108,860	1,478,678
Conference Distributions of Bowl Generated Revenue	149,184	-	-	-	-	149,184
Broadcast, television, radio, and internet rights	865,000	288,333	-	-	-	1,153,333
Program sales, concessions, novelty sales and parking	124,131	-	-	5,428	9,386	138,945
Royalties, licensing, advertisements and sponsorships	-	-	-	-	2,495,133	2,495,133
Sport Camps Revenue	10,936	71,166	11,785	171,295	-	265,182
Athletic Restricted Endowments and Investments	128,450	59,461	90,000	336,169	-	614,080
Other operating revenues	23,625	28,097	9,375	7,470	204,850	273,417
Bowl Revenues	496,314					496,314
Total Operating Revenues	9,156,791	7,601,863	890,288	3,114,731	17,091,820	37,855,494
OPERATING EXPENDITURES						
Athletic student aid	3,182,027	459,650	600,808	4,067,890	199,867	8,510,242
Guarantees	800,000	147,979	2,000	-	36,397	986,376
Coaching salaries, benefits and bonuses paid by the university and related entities	2,653,770	1,275,683	593,663	2,247,504	-	6,770,620
Support staff/administrative salaries, benefits and bonuses paid by the universtiy and related entities	721,380	323,161	162,911	110,552	4,971,338	6,289,342
Severance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recruiting	214,769	124,697	55,450	137,372	37,077	569,365
Team travel	882,456	607,001	363,165	916,974	22,343	2,791,939
Equipment, uniforms and supplies	638,427	253,372	153,948	551,058	214,757	1,811,562
Game expenses	361,244	233,931	122,674	127,683	161,256	1,006,788
Fund raising, marketing and promotions	7,312	65,876	4,249	68,786	869,611	1,015,833
Sport Camp Expenses	-	-	-	-	34,311	34,311
Spirit groups	-	-	-	-	176,057	176,057
Athletic Facility Debt Service, Leases and Rental	-	-	-	-	1,411,715	1,411,715
Direct Overhead and Administrative Expenses	237,823	109,695	33,862	278,161	2,549,421	3,208,962
Indirect Institutional Support	74,068	140,499	112,690	2,903	2,499,247	2,829,407
Medical expenses and medical insurance	-	-	-	-	547,403	547,403
Membership and dues	483	900	2,700	15,915	511,703	531,701
Student Athlete Meals	365,098	153,621	62,048	71,806	80,541	733,114
Other operating expenses	22,693	1,871	6,256	29,345	29,000	89,165
Bowl Expenses	360,818					360,818
Bowl Expenses - Coaching Compensation/Bonuses	47,228					47,228
Total Operating Expenses	10,569,596	3,897,936	2,276,424	8,625,949	14,352,044	39,721,948
Excess (Deficiencies) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$ (1,412,804)	$ 3,703,927	$ (1,386,136)	$ (5,511,218)	$ 2,739,776	$ (1,866,455)

EQUITY IN ATHLETICS DISCLOSURE ACT

-Attachment included with report submission

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SUMMARY OF SELF-REPORTED VIOLATIONS

Case No.	Date of Violation	Sport	Bylaw	Date of Submission	Facts and Penalty	Corrective Action
Sec/Level3-1070636	6/16/2019	N/A	13.2.1.1	10/9/2019	**Facts:** Two incoming student-athletes received meals prior to trigger student-athlete status. **NCAA Penalty:** No further action should be taken by the NCAA enforcement staff in the matter.	- Each PSA (now current student athletes) donated $30.00, the amount of each of their meals, to charity. - Rules education has been provided to coaching staff.
Case Sec/Level3-1082966	11/13/2019	N/A	11.3.2.8	11/21/2019	**Facts:** Coach named three local high schools during signing day press conference. **NCAA Penalty:** No further action should be taken by the NCAA enforcement staff in the matter.	- Rules education. - Video footage pulled from athletics' social media and website.
Case Sec/Level3-1086311	09/17/2018	N/A	13.1.7.5.1	12/30/2019	**Facts:** Former staff impermissibly visited a non-scholastic prep school on three occasions. Notified by NCAA staff over a year after violation occurred. **NCAA Penalty:** - Institution required to reduce recruiting-person days by three for a total reduction of six. - Program required to count and reduce recruiting opportunities for any PSA evaluated that is still recruitable.	- Staff Education on the difference between scholastic/nonscholastic entities. - Staff required to clear all recruiting trips through the compliance office prior to departure - Staff will utilize a one for one penalty as it relates to recruiting person days per the suggestion of the conference office.

SUMMARY OF SELF-REPORTED VIOLATIONS

Case Sec/Level3-1094526	01/27/2020	N/A	14.2.1	02/27/2020	**Facts:** Student-athlete practiced while not enrolled full-time. **NCAA Penalty:** No further action should be taken by the NCAA enforcement staff in the matter.	- Athlete was held out of 16 subsequent hours of CARA. - Academic advisor was educated on verifying full-time status.
Case Sec/Level3-1095053	02/12/2020	N/A	11.3.2.8	4/1/2020	**Facts:** Employee announcer recognized local HS coach & his HS team during a home competition. **NCAA Penalty:** no further action should be taken by the NCAA enforcement staff in the matter	- Comprehensive rules education for all involved institutional staff members. - Institution will not recruit anyone from the HS team for two weeks.
Case Sec/Level3-1095604	12/26/2019	N/A	13.02.5.5	04/06/2020	**Facts:** Coach evaluated PSAs during a dead period **Penalty:** No further action should be taken by the NCAA enforcement staff in the matter.	- Letter of Admonishment issued to the coach. - Staff will be required to count the evaluation as one of the seven permissible recruiting opportunities for the involved PSAs. - Remaining recruiting opportunities for those participating in the games was decreased by one. - The number of recruiting person days will also be decreased by four. - Staff member will also be required to attend an education session on permissible recruiting opportunities.
Case Sec/Level3-1099206	04/15/2020	N/A	13.1.1.3	04/21/2020	**Facts:** Coach impermissibly contacted a student-athlete from a four-year institution to obtain the number of a teammate who had just entered the transfer portal. **Penalty**: No further action should be taken by the NCAA enforcement staff in the matter.	- Letter of Admonishment issued to the coach. - Prohibition on all forms of recruiting communication with the involved four-year college prospective student-athlete for a period of two weeks. - Prohibition on all forms of recruiting communication with any prospective student-athlete for a period of two week. - Rules education

Case Sec/Level3-1102760	05/13/2020	N/A	13.10.2.1	06/01/2020	**Facts:** Coach commented publicly on recruiting/ commitment status of uncommitted student-athlete. **Penalty:** No further action should be taken by the NCAA enforcement staff in the matter.	- Institution provided rules education regarding publicity before commitment as well as social media guidance. - Institution will require coach to clear publicity emails through the compliance department.
Case Sec/Level3-1096099	01/20/2020	N/A	16.11.1.5	06/04/2020	**Facts:** Coach provided an occasional meal to a student-athlete outside of the locale of the institution. **Penalty:** No further action should be taken by the NCAA enforcement staff in the matter.	- Required rules education - Virtual Attendance to 2020 Regional Rules seminar
Sec/Level3-1106608	6/26/2020	N/A	13.8.3.3	8/11/2020	**Facts:** Institution hired a new employee to an operations role who had a pre-existing relationship with a current student-athlete, triggering an IAWP **Penalty:** No further action should be taken by the NCAA enforcement staff in the matter. Other: Please note that the decision to take no further action was based on the specific circumstances of this case. However, the institution is advised that future similar violations could result in significant penalties, including a potential suspension of the head coach for one or more contests.	- Education for affected staff members on IAWP legislation and department policies for new hires. - Declare affected student-athlete competition ineligible until reinstatement was processed.

Exhibit 2

2020 EADA Survey

Institution: University of Nevada-Reno (182290) User ID: E1822901

Screening Questions

Please answer these questions carefully as your responses will determine which subsequent data entry screens are appropriate for your institution.

1. How will you report Operating (Game-day) Expenses?

- (●) By Team
- ( ) Per Participant

2. Select the type of varsity sports teams at your institution.

- [x] Men's Teams
- [x] Women's Teams
- [ ] Coed Teams

3. Do any of your teams have assistant coaches?

- (●) Yes
  - [x] Men's Teams
  - [x] Women's Teams
  - [ ] Coed Teams
- ( ) No

If you save the data on this screen, then return to the screen to make changes, note the following:
1) If you select an additional type of team remember to include associated data for that type of team on subsequent screens;
2) If you delete a type of team but have already entered associated data on other screens, all associated data for that type of team will be deleted from subsequent screens. However, because the survey system has to recalculate the totals, you must re-save every screen.

Sports Selection - Men's and Women's Teams

Select the varsity sports teams at your institution.

Sport	Men's	Women's	Sport	Men's	Women's
Archery	☐	☐	Badminton	☐	☐
Baseball	☑		Basketball	☑	☑
Beach Volleyball	☐	☐	Bowling	☐	☐
Cross Country	☑	☐	Diving	☐	☐
Equestrian	☐	☐	Fencing	☐	☐
Field Hockey		☐	Football	☑	
Golf	☑	☑	Gymnastics	☐	☐
Ice Hockey	☐	☐	Lacrosse	☐	☐
Rifle	☐	☐	Rodeo	☐	☐
Rowing	☐	☐	Sailing	☐	☐
Skiing	☐	☐	Soccer	☐	☑
Softball		☑	Squash	☐	☐
Swimming	☐	☐	Swimming and Diving (combined)	☐	☑
Synchronized Swimming		☐	Table Tennis	☐	☐
Team Handball	☐	☐	Tennis	☑	☑
Track and Field (Indoor)	☐	☐	Track and Field (Outdoor)	☐	☐
Track and Field and Cross Country (combined)	☐	☑	Volleyball	☐	☑
Water Polo	☐	☐	Weight Lifting	☐	☐

Wrestling	☐	☐	Other Sports **(Specify sports in the caveat box.)***	☐	☐

Caveat:
The caveat on this screen is for internal use and does not appear on the EADA Dissemination Website (public site). If you want information to appear on the public site, enter it on the Athletic Participation screen.

***** If you indicated in the caveat box that your other sports are Dancing and/or Cheerleading, please specify in the caveat box that these are competitive varsity teams (i.e., not pep squads).

If you save the data on this screen, then return to the screen to make changes, note the following:

1) If you select an additional team remember to include associated data for that sport on subsequent screens;
2) If you delete a sport but have already entered associated data on other screens, all associated data for that sport will be deleted from subsequent screens. However, because the survey system has to recalculate the totals, you must re-save every screen.

Athletics Participation - Men's and Women's Teams

Enter the number of participants as of the day of the first scheduled contest.

Varsity Teams	Men's Teams	Women's Teams
Baseball	46	
Basketball	16	15
Cross Country	13	
Football	128	
Golf	9	8
Soccer		32
Softball		23
Swimming and Diving (combined)		28
Swimming		24
Diving		4
Tennis	7	11
Track and Field and Cross Country (combined)		122
Track and Field (Indoor)		52
Track and Field (Outdoor)		52

Cross Country		18
Volleyball		17
Total Participants Men's and Women's Teams	219	256
Unduplicated Count of Participants (This is a head count. If an individual participates on more than one team, count that individual only once on this line.)	219	218

CAVEAT
(For each men's or women's team that includes opposite sex participants, specify the number of male and the number of female students on that team in this caveat box. This does not apply for coed teams. Additionally, provide any other clarifying information here.)

If you save the data on this screen, then return to the screen to make changes, please note you must re-save every screen because the survey system has to recalculate the totals.

Head Coaches - Men's Teams

For each men's team, indicate whether the head coach is male or female, was assigned to the team on a full-time or part-time basis, and whether the coach was employed by the institution on a full-time basis or on a part-time or volunteer basis, by entering a 1 in the appropriate field.
The Swimming and Diving (combined) fields allow up to 2 head coaches. The Track and Field and Cross Country (combined) fields allow up to 3.

	Male Head Coaches				Female Head Coaches				
Varsity Teams	Assigned to Team on a Full-Time Basis	Assigned to Team on a Part-Time Basis	Full-Time Institution Employee	Part-Time Institution Employee or Volunteer	Assigned to Team on a Full-Time Basis	Assigned to Team on a Part-Time Basis	Full-Time Institution Employee	Part-Time Institution Employee or Volunteer	Total Head Coaches
Baseball	1		1						1
Basketball	1		1						1
Cross Country		1	1						1
Football	1		1						1
Golf	1		1						1
Tennis	1		1						1
Coaching Position Totals	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	6

CAVEAT

Head Coaches - Women's Teams

For each women's team, indicate whether the head coach is male or female, was assigned to the team on a full-time or part-time basis, and whether the coach was employed by the institution on a full-time basis or on a part-time or volunteer basis, by entering a 1 in the appropriate field.
The Swimming and Diving (combined) fields allow up to 2 head coaches. The Track and Field and Cross Country (combined) fields allow up to 3.

	Male Head Coaches				Female Head Coaches				
Varsity Teams	Assigned to Team on a Full-Time Basis	Assigned to Team on a Part-Time Basis	Full-Time Institution Employee	Part-Time Institution Employee or Volunteer	Assigned to Team on a Full-Time Basis	Assigned to Team on a Part-Time Basis	Full-Time Institution Employee	Part-Time Institution Employee or Volunteer	Total Head Coaches
Basketball					1		1		1
Golf					1		1		1
Soccer					1		1		1
Softball	1		1						1
Swimming and Diving (combined)	1		1						1
Tennis	1		1						1
Track and Field and Cross Country (combined)					1		1		1
Volleyball	1		1						1
Coaching Position Totals	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	8

CAVEAT

Head Coaches' Salaries - Men's and Women's Teams

Enter only salaries and bonuses that your institution pays head coaches as compensation for coaching. Do not include benefits on this screen.
Do not include volunteer coaches in calculating the average salary and the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Total.
For help calculating the FTE total click on the Instructions link on this screen.

	Men's Teams	Women's Teams
Average Annual Institutional Salary per Head Coaching Position (for coaching duties only)	220,554	104,700
Number of Head Coaching Positions Used to Calculate the Average	6	8
Number of Volunteer Head Coaching Positions (Do not include these coaches in your salary or FTE calculations.)		
Average Annual Institutional Salary per Full-time equivalent (FTE)	254,485	104,700
Sum of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions Used to Calculate the Average	5.20	8.00

CAVEAT

Head Men's Cross-Country coach was a full-time assistant coach for our Women's Track and Field/Cross-Country program prior to the implementation of a men's cross country team.

Assistant Coaches - Men's Teams

For each men's team, indicate whether the assistant coach is male or female, was assigned to the team on a full-time or part-time basis, and whether the coach was employed by the institution on a full-time basis or on a part-time or volunteer basis, by entering a 1 in the appropriate field.

	Male Assistant Coaches				Female Assistant Coaches				
Varsity Teams	Assigned to Team on a Full-Time Basis	Assigned to Team on a Part-Time Basis	Full-Time Institution Employee	Part-Time Institution Employee or Volunteer	Assigned to Team on a Full-Time Basis	Assigned to Team on a Part-Time Basis	Full-Time Institution Employee	Part-Time Institution Employee or Volunteer	Total Assistant Coaches
Baseball	2		2						2
Basketball	3		3						3
Cross Country	1		1						1
Football	10		10						10
Golf		1		1					1
Tennis									0
Coaching Position Totals	16	1	16	1	0	0	0	0	17

CAVEAT

Assistant Coaches - Women's Teams

For each women's team, indicate whether the assistant coach is male or female, was assigned to the team on a full-time or part-time basis, and whether the coach was employed by the institution on a full-time basis or on a part-time or volunteer basis, by entering a 1 in the appropriate field.

Varsity Teams	Male Assistant Coaches				Female Assistant Coaches				Total Assistant Coaches
	Assigned to Team on a Full-Time Basis	Assigned to Team on a Part-Time Basis	Full-Time Institution Employee	Part-Time Institution Employee or Volunteer	Assigned to Team on a Full-Time Basis	Assigned to Team on a Part-Time Basis	Full-Time Institution Employee	Part-Time Institution Employee or Volunteer	
Basketball					3		3		3
Golf									0
Soccer					2		2		2
Softball					2		2		2
Swimming and Diving (combined)	1		1		1		1		2
Tennis									0
Track and Field and Cross Country (combined)	1	1	2						2
Volleyball	1		1		1		1		2
Coaching Position Totals	3	1	4	0	9	0	9	0	13

CAVEAT

Assistant Coaches' Salaries - Men's and Women's Teams

Enter only salaries and bonuses that your institution pays assistant coaches as compensation for coaching. Do not include benefits on this screen.
Do not include volunteer coaches in calculating the average salary and the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Total.
For help calculating the FTE total click on the Instructions link on this screen.

	Men's Teams	Women's Teams
Average Annual Institutional Salary per Assistant Coaching Position (for coaching duties only)	144,461	63,677
Number of Assistant Coaching Positions Used to Calculate the Average	17	13
Number of Volunteer Assistant Coaching Positions (Do not include these coaches in your salary or FTE calculations.)		
Average Annual Institutional Salary per Full-time equivalent (FTE)	149,929	64,672
Sum of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions Used to Calculate the Average	16.38	12.80

CAVEAT

Men's Golf has a part-time assistant coach at an FTE of.38. Women's Track & Field/Cross-Country have an assistant coach who is a full-time University employee but is split on an FTE of 20/80 between Men's Cross-Country and Women's Track & Field/Cross-Country

Athletically Related Student Aid - Men's and Women's Teams

Athletically related student aid is any scholarship, grant, or other form of financial assistance, offered by an institution, the terms of which require the recipient to participate in a program of intercollegiate athletics at the institution. Other student aid, of which a student-athlete simply happens to be the recipient, is not athletically related student aid. If you do not have any aid to report, enter a 0.

	Men's Teams	Women's Teams	Total
Amount of Aid	4,481,649	3,828,726	8,310,375
Ratio (percent)	54	46	100%

CAVEAT

Recruiting Expenses - Men's and Women's Teams

Recruiting expenses are all expenses an institution incurs attributable to recruiting activities. This includes, but is not limited to, expenses for lodging, meals, telephone use, and transportation (including vehicles used for recruiting purposes) for both recruits and personnel engaged in recruiting, and other expenses for official and unofficial visits, and all other expenses related to recruiting. If you do not have any recruiting expenses to report, enter a 0.

	Men's Teams	Women's Teams	Total
Total	397,042	135,246	532,288

CAVEAT

Operating (Game-Day) Expenses - Men's and Women's Teams by Team

Operating expenses are all expenses an institution incurs attributable to home, away, and neutral-site intercollegiate athletic contests (commonly known as "game-day expenses"), for (A) Lodging, meals, transportation, uniforms, and equipment for coaches, team members, support staff (including, but not limited to team managers and trainers), and others; and (B) Officials.

For a sport with a men's team and a women's team that have a combined budget, click here for special instructions.

Report actual numbers, not budgeted or estimated numbers. Please do not round beyond the next dollar.

	Men's Teams			Women's Teams			
Varsity Teams	Participants	Operating Expenses per Participant	By Team	Participants	Operating Expenses per Participant	By Team	**Total Operating Expenses**
Basketball	16	86,777	1,388,424	15	54,302	814,525	2,202,949
Football	128	20,954	2,682,110				2,682,110
Baseball	46	8,008	368,355				368,355
Cross Country	13	3,209	41,714				41,714
Golf	9	12,116	109,047	8	12,923	103,385	212,432
Soccer				32	5,656	181,005	181,005
Softball				23	8,082	185,895	185,895
Swimming and Diving (combined)				28	7,669	214,731	214,731
Tennis	7	9,044	63,310	11	6,559	72,146	135,456

Track and Field and Cross Country (combined)			122	3,117	380,295	380,295
Volleyball			17	8,172	138,931	138,931
Total Operating Expenses Men's and Women's Teams	219	4,652,960	256		2,090,913	6,743,873

CAVEAT

Note: This screen is for game-day expenses only.

Total Expenses - Men's and Women's Teams

Enter all expenses attributable to intercollegiate athletic activities. This includes appearance guarantees and options, athletically related student aid, contract services, equipment, fundraising activities, operating expenses, promotional activities, recruiting expenses, salaries and benefits, supplies, travel, and any other expenses attributable to intercollegiate athletic activities.
Report actual numbers, not budgeted or estimated numbers. Please do not round beyond the next dollar.

Varsity Teams	Men's Teams	Women's Teams	Total
Basketball	3,897,923	2,276,416	6,174,339
Football	10,593,220		10,593,220
Baseball	1,430,342		1,430,342
Cross Country	167,620		167,620
Golf	413,764	455,548	869,312
Soccer		956,257	956,257
Softball		879,444	879,444
Swimming and Diving (combined)		1,142,176	1,142,176
Tennis	386,685	556,939	943,624
Track and Field and Cross Country (combined)		1,394,678	1,394,678
Volleyball		860,915	860,915
Total Expenses of all Sports, Except Football and Basketball, Combined	2,398,411	6,245,957	8,644,368
Total Expenses Men's and Women's Teams	16,889,554	8,522,373	25,411,927

Not Allocated by Gender/Sport (Expenses not attributable to a particular sport or sports)	14,310,021
Grand Total Expenses	39,721,948

CAVEAT

Total Revenues - Men's and Women's Teams

Your total revenues must cover your total expenses.
Enter all revenues attributable to intercollegiate athletic activities. This includes revenues from appearance guarantees and options, an athletic conference, tournament or bowl games, concessions, contributions from alumni and others, institutional support, program advertising and sales, radio and television, royalties, signage and other sponsorships, sport camps, state or other government support, student activity fees, ticket and luxury box sales, and any other revenues attributable to intercollegiate athletic activities.
Report actual numbers, not budgeted or estimated numbers. Please do not round beyond the next dollar.

Varsity Teams	Men's Teams	Women's Teams	Total
Basketball	7,601,863	2,272,175	9,874,038
Football	10,569,596		10,569,596
Baseball	1,430,343		1,430,343
Cross Country	167,622		167,622
Golf	413,762	459,800	873,562
Soccer		956,260	956,260
Softball		879,387	879,387
Swimming and Diving (combined)		1,141,902	1,141,902
Tennis	368,686	556,940	925,626
Track and Field and Cross Country (combined)		1,409,581	1,409,581
Volleyball		860,917	860,917
Total Revenues of all Sports, Except Football and Basketball, Combined	2,380,413	6,264,787	8,645,200

Total Revenues Men's and Women's Teams	20,551,872	8,536,962	29,088,834
Not Allocated by Gender/Sport (Revenues not attributable to a particular sport or sports)			10,633,114
Grand Total for all Teams (includes by team and not allocated by gender/sport)			39,721,948

CAVEAT

Summary - Men's and Women's Teams

Your Grand Total Revenues must be equal to or greater than your Grand Total Expenses or you will not be able to lock your survey.

		Men's Teams	Women's Teams	Total
1	Total of Head Coaches' Salaries	1,323,324	837,600	2,160,924
2	Total of Assistant Coaches' Salaries	2,455,837	827,801	3,283,638
3	Total Salaries (Lines 1+2)	3,779,161	1,665,401	5,444,562
4	Athletically Related Student Aid	4,481,649	3,828,726	8,310,375
5	Recruiting Expenses	397,042	135,246	532,288
6	Operating (Game-Day) Expenses	4,652,960	2,090,913	6,743,873
7	Summary of Subset Expenses (Lines 3+4+5+6)	13,310,812	7,720,286	21,031,098
8	Total Expenses for Teams	16,889,554	8,522,373	25,411,927
9	Total Expenses for Teams Minus Subset Expenses (Line 8 – Line 7)	3,578,742	802,087	4,380,829
10	Not Allocated Expenses			14,310,021
11	Grand Total Expenses (Lines 8+10)			39,721,948
12	Total Revenues for Teams	20,551,872	8,536,962	29,088,834
13	Not Allocated Revenues			10,633,114
14	Grand Total Revenues (Lines 12+13)			39,721,948

15	Total Revenues for Teams minus Total Expenses for Teams (Line 12-Line 8)	3,662,318	14,589	3,676,907
16	Grand Total Revenues Minus Grand Total Expenses (Line 14- Line 11)			0

To return to a data entry screen, click on the link in the Navigation Menu.
To proceed to the Supplemental Information screen, click on the link in the Navigation Menu or click on the “Next” button on this screen.

Supplemental Information (optional)

This screen may be used to help the reader better understand the data you have provided, or to help a prospective student-athlete make an informed choice of an athletics program.
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PHILOSOPHY OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST

The Mountain West is an association of universities dedicated to excellence in their primary missions in teaching, research and service to their publics. The Mountain West has identified with the following goals:

1. To foster intercollegiate athletics programs in a manner that will enhance the academic advancement, character development, athletics potential and well-being of student-athletes;

2. To commit to integrity and equity in intercollegiate athletics;

3. To contend for national championships in all conference-sanctioned sports;

4. To enhance the financial position of the Conference;

5. To strengthen the participation and commitment of fans and friends of Mountain West institutions;

6. To be a leading voice in national governance; and

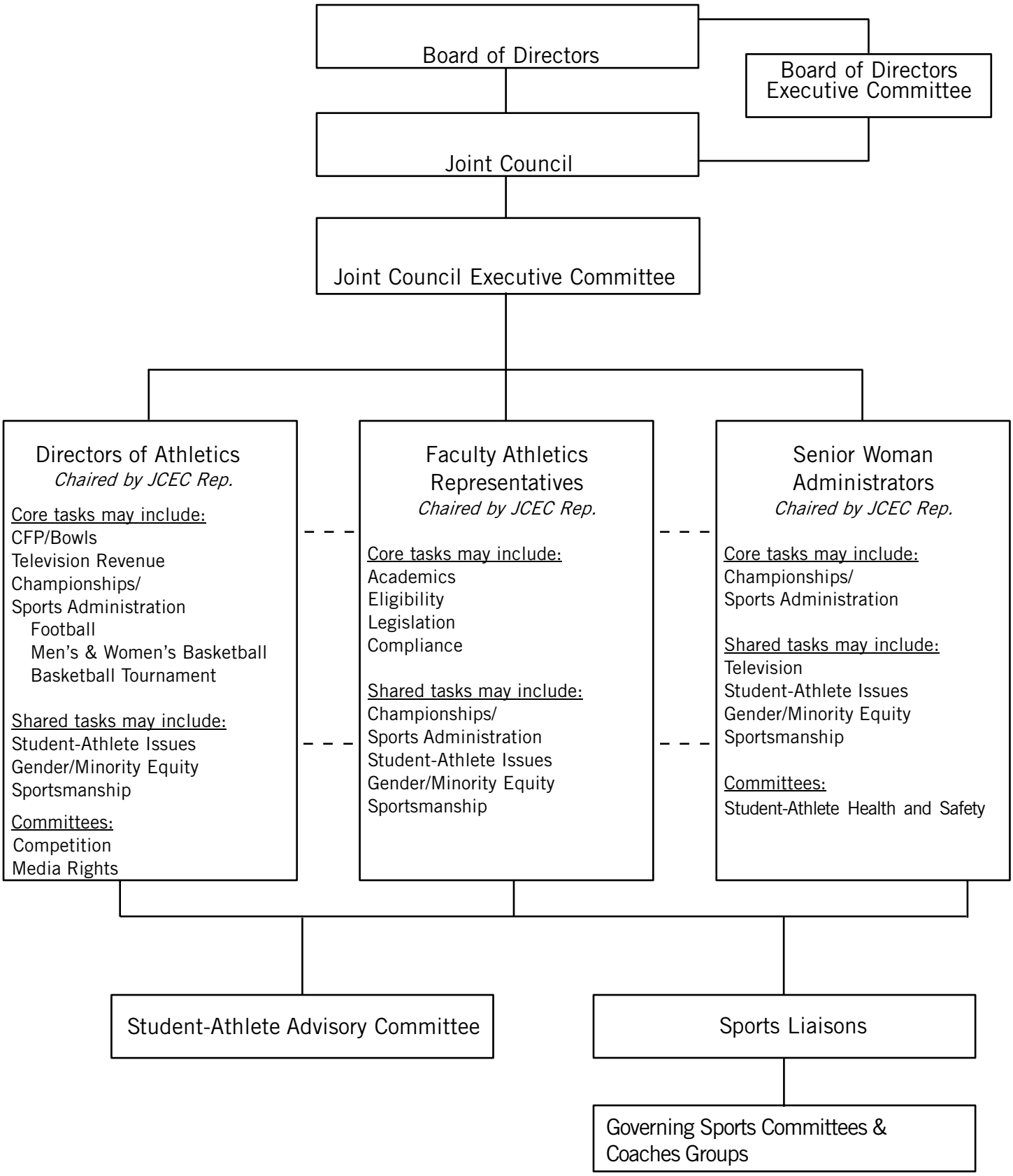
7. To be innovative and visionary in the approach to intercollegiate athletics.

The Mountain West will actively monitor progress toward the stated goals, evaluating the Conference and its member institutions by using numerous categories of assessment and various measuring mechanisms. The results will shape the activities and direction of the Conference relative to its philosophy and goals. *(Revised June 2007)*

MOUNTAIN WEST GENDER EQUITY STATEMENT

The Mountain West affirms the value of gender equity in its intercollegiate athletics programs. Gender equity is the fair distribution of overall athletics opportunities, supported by equitable benefits and resources available to all men and women. *(Adopted April 2005)*

Mountain West Conference Organizational Chart



Rule 1

CONFERENCE GOVERNANCE

1.1 Governance. The Mountain West has three governance components: The Board of Directors, the Joint Council and the Conference Commissioner.

1.2 Board of Directors.

1.2.1 Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of 14 representatives: one representative from each member institution and two non-voting, ex officio student-athlete representatives from the Mountain West Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors representative of each member institution shall be the chief executive officer of the institution. *(Revised June 2014; Clarified September 2017)*

1.2.2 Duties. The authority and responsibility of managing the business and affairs of the Mountain West shall rest with the Board of Directors and it shall decide all policy.

1.2.3 Terms. A member of the Board of Directors shall hold office until such time that he or she no longer is the chief executive office of the respective institution.

1.2.4 Board of Directors Executive Committee.

1.2.4.1 Composition. The Board of Directors Executive Committee shall consist of four members: the current chair, the incoming chair, the preceding year's chair and the Conference representative to the NCAA Board of Directors. *(Revised June 2003)*

1.2.4.2 Terms. Unless otherwise stated, three representatives shall rotate annually in accordance with the annual rotation of the chair, while the fourth representative shall be determined by the term of the Conference representative to the NCAA Board of Directors. In the event a member's rotation onto the Executive Committee coincides with his or her term(s) on the NCAA Board of Directors, the next person in the chair rotation shall serve on the Executive Committee to ensure a four-person composition is maintained. *(Revised June 2003)*

1.2.4.3 Duties. With the exception of major policy issues, the Board of Directors Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Board of Directors, in the interim between meetings of the Board of Directors, on issues normally addressed by the Board of Directors. The committee also shall hear appeals of Mountain West institutions related to penalties assessed following the violation of a Mountain West rule(s). The committee shall communicate throughout the year as appropriate and serve as frequent counsel to the Commissioner, particularly the current chair. *(Revised June 2003, January 2009)*

1.2.5 Chair of the Board of Directors and Board of Directors Executive Committee. The President of a Mountain West institution shall serve as the chair of the Board of Directors and Board of Directors Executive Committee each academic year and shall rotate as set forth in Appendix B. A president new to the Mountain West shall not begin service on the Board of Directors Executive Committee or serve as chair of the Board of Directors until his or her respective institution has been a member of the Mountain West for at least one academic

year. A newly appointed president shall not begin service on the Board of Directors Executive Committee or serve as chair of the Board of Directors until at least one academic year has passed since the beginning of his or her tenure. If the new president's tenure begins during a year in which the former president was scheduled to rotate onto the Board of Directors Executive Committee (and ultimately into the Board of Directors chair position), the Board of Directors shall adjust the rotation accordingly to allow the new president sufficient time to acclimate. In the event the current chair is unable to complete his or her term as chair, the incoming chair shall move into the chair position and the remainder of the rotation shall be moved upward for that academic year. At the conclusion of that academic year, the Board of Directors shall review the Board of Directors Executive Committee composition and the chair position to determine the Board of Directors Executive Committee and chair rotation for the next and subsequent academic years. *(Adopted June 2011)*

1.2.6 Board of Directors NCAA Issues Committee.

1.2.6.1 Composition. The Board of Directors NCAA Issues Committee shall consist of the Mountain West representative to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, the Mountain West representative to the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and two at-large members from the Board of Directors.

1.2.6.2 Duties. The Board of Directors NCAA Issues Committee shall provide input, feedback and recommendations to the Mountain West Board of Directors on NCAA issues. The Committee also shall assist the Mountain West representative to the Division I Board of Directors prepare for Division I Board of Directors meetings. *(Adopted March 2013)*

1.2.7 Board of Directors Competition, Ethics and Sportsmanship Committee.

1.2.7.1 Composition. The Board of Directors Competition, Ethics and Sportsmanship Committee shall consist of three Board members. *(Adopted June 2014)*

1.2.7.2 Duties. The Board of Directors Competition, Ethics and Sportsmanship Committee shall have direct oversight on all matters related to Conference playing rules and policies, championship hosting requirements and strategic competitive improvement. The Committee also shall manage issues related to the College Football Playoff, bowl agreements and policies, competition environments and fan conduct, and sportsmanship administration. The Committee will report to the Board of Directors. *(Adopted September 2014)*

1.2.8 Board of Directors Legal and Finance Committee.

1.2.8.1 Composition. The Board of Directors Legal and Finance Committee shall consist of three Board members. *(Adopted June 2014)*

1.2.8.2 Duties. The Board of Directors Legal and Finance Committee shall have direct oversight on all matters related to the evolving legal environment, lawsuits, Mountain West Operating Budget and Reserve Fund, and annual audits. The Committee also shall manage issues involving television contracts and the Mountain West Network. The Committee will report to the Board of Directors. *(Adopted September 2014)*

1.2.9 Board of Directors Student-Athlete Welfare, Academics and Leadership Committee.

1.2.9.1 Composition. The Board of Directors Student-Athlete Welfare, Academics and Leadership Committee shall consist of three Board members. *(Adopted June 2014)*

1.2.9.2 Duties. The Board of Directors Student-Athlete Welfare, Academics and Leadership Committee shall have direct oversight on all matters related to NCAA issues, NCAA Board of Directors representation and Academic Progress Rate. The Committee also shall manage issues involving student-athlete safety and security, student-athlete insurance and cost of attendance. The committee will report to the Board of Directors. *(Adopted September 2014)*

1.3 Joint Council. The Joint Council shall develop recommendations and policy initiatives that shall be presented to the Board of Directors for action.

1.3.1 Composition. The Joint Council shall consist of three representatives from each member institution: a director of athletics, senior woman administrator and faculty athletics representative; and three student-athlete representatives from the Mountain West Student-Athlete Advisory Committee who shall serve in a nonvoting, ex officio capacity. *(Revised May 2015)*

1.3.2 Designation of Representatives. Representatives shall be named by the chief executive officer of each member institution. Each chief executive officer shall provide to the Conference office a written statement containing the names of the individuals who shall represent the institution.

1.3.3 Substitute Representatives. A chief executive officer may appoint substitutes for his or her representatives on the Joint Council without revoking the appointment of the representative. The chief executive office shall give written or telephonic notification of the substitution to the Commissioner prior to the Joint Council meeting. The substitute shall then act as the institutional representative only at the designated meeting.

1.3.4 Organization. The Joint Council shall conduct its business through four designated governance groups: the Joint Council Executive Committee, Faculty Athletics Representatives, Directors of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrators and, when necessary, ad hoc committees formed of members of the Joint Council. The chair of the Joint Council shall be a faculty athletics representative and the chair shall name a parliamentarian. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.5 Purpose and Functions. The primary function of the Joint Council shall be to consider matters of significance to the Conference and its members and to make recommendations as to the resolution of those matters to the Mountain West Board of Directors. The four designated governance groups and ad hoc committees shall have defined functions and shall bring recommendations to the Joint Council for its deliberation (a description of the designated governance groups and their functions is contained in Rule 1.3.7 – Designated Governance Groups). Questions within the purview of the groups shall constitute the business of the Joint Council. The Mountain West commitment to the principle of academic integrity in all of its activities, as stated in the Conference Statement of Philosophy, will be supported by its governance structure. The membership of the ad hoc committees shall be recommended by the Joint Council Executive Committee and approved by the Joint Council.

Conference staff and individuals who are not members of the Joint Council may be appointed as ex officio members of the standing and ad hoc committees as approved by the Joint Council Executive Committee. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.6 Joint Council Meeting Protocol. Meetings of the Joint Council shall be conducted as follows:

1.3.6.1 Roberts Rules of Order – In-Person Meetings. Conference meetings shall be conducted under the parliamentary rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

1.3.6.1.1 Conference Calls. In order to reconsider an issue determined on a conference call, six affirmative votes (including the institution seeking reconsideration) are required to present the issue for reconsideration. The institution seeking reconsideration shall obtain and present (in writing) to the Conference office the six affirmative votes. *(Adopted April 2007)*

1.3.6.2 Quorum. Seventy-five percent or more of the member institutions constitutes a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no official business shall be conducted.

1.3.6.3 Voting. Each member institution shall have one vote. The chief executive officer of each member institution shall determine the individual who casts the vote on behalf of the institution. If no institutional representatives are present, the institution forfeits its vote.

1.3.6.4 Regular Meeting. The Joint Council shall hold a minimum of one regular meeting each year. At each regular meeting, the Joint Council shall establish a time and place for the next regular meeting(s).

1.3.6.5 Notice of Meeting. Notice of a regular meeting shall be given to each member in writing at least 45 days prior to the meeting. Notice of special meetings shall be given in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting or with 48 hours of notice by telephone. Notice of any meeting, regular or special, may be waived by unanimous consent of the member institutions.

1.3.6.6 Special Meeting. Special meetings or telephone conferences may be called by the chair of the Joint Council or the Commissioner.

1.3.6.7 Agenda.

1.3.6.7.1 Date for Agenda Items. The chair of the Joint Council, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall set the agenda. All agenda items (with the appropriate rationale and intent) for a regular meeting shall be submitted to the Commissioner at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

1.3.6.7.2 Alteration of Agenda. Additions or changes to the meeting agenda shall be permitted at the beginning of meetings. If an objection to an addition or change is raised, a vote of 75 percent of the member institutions present is required to make the addition or change.

1.3.6.7.3 Classification of Agenda Items. Items forwarded to the Joint Council for action shall be classified into three groups: information items, consent package action items, and action items for separate consideration. Any Joint Council member may request that an item be removed from the consent package and placed on the agenda with items for separate consideration. No discussion of items remaining in the consent package shall be permitted. A single vote shall be taken on all items remaining in the consent package.

1.3.6.8 Changes to Conference Rules. Amended or newly adopted Conference rules shall remain in place for a minimum of two years. If new information becomes available or changes to NCAA rules impact the original determination on the issue, the rule could be changed prior to the two-year time period. *(Adopted April 2007)*

1.3.7 Designated Governance Groups. The Joint Council shall consist of four designated governance groups: Joint Council Executive Committee, Faculty Athletics Representatives, Directors of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrators. Each group shall have duties as specified below. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.1 Joint Council Executive Committee.

1.3.7.1.1 Composition. The Joint Council Executive Committee shall consist of five members: a faculty athletics representative (chair), director of athletics, senior woman administrator, and two non-voting, ex officio members – the incoming chair and the Conference Commissioner (or designee). (See Appendix C.)

1.3.7.1.2 Terms. Unless otherwise stated, the representative of each group shall rotate annually in alphabetical order of the member institutions (see Appendix C). The chair of the Joint Council also shall serve as chair of the Joint Council Executive Committee.

1.3.7.1.3 Duties. The Joint Council Executive Committee voting members shall present the recommendations of the Joint Council to the Board of Directors at its annual meeting. The Joint Council Executive Committee also shall recommend to the Joint Council individuals for membership on Joint Council ad hoc committees and task forces to address specific issues not assigned to one of the other designated governance groups. The Joint Council Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Joint Council, in the interim between Joint Council meetings, on issues normally addressed by the Joint Council (the Joint Council retains authority to approve all actions of the Joint Council Executive Committee) and communicate throughout the year as appropriate. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.1.3.1 Mountain West Sportsmanship. The Joint Council Executive Committee shall recommend to the Joint Council a code of conduct for student-athletes, coaches and athletics department personnel. The committee shall pursue alleged violations and implement procedures and penalties. The committee also shall hear appeals of sportsmanship decisions. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.2 Faculty Athletics Representatives.

1.3.7.2.1 Composition. The faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group shall consist of each institution's faculty athletics representative and one student-athlete representative from the Mountain West Student-Athlete Advisory Committee who shall serve in a nonvoting, ex officio capacity. The chair of the Joint Council (and Joint Council Executive Committee) shall be the chair of the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group. *(Revised April 2006, May 2015)*

1.3.7.2.2 Terms. A member of the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group shall hold office until such time that he or she no longer is the faculty athletics representative of the respective institution. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.2.3 Core Tasks. The primary duties of the faculty athletics representatives are in the areas of academics, eligibility, Conference and NCAA legislation, compliance, coaches' certification (recruiting) examination and maintaining the Mountain West Handbook. *(Revised April 2006, April 2017)*

1.3.7.2.3.1 Academics and Eligibility. The faculty athletics representatives shall review all matters affecting the academic eligibility status of Conference student-athletes, including waivers of Mountain West eligibility rules and NCAA waivers administered by the Conference (e.g., hardship waivers, medical absence waivers and international competition waivers). *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.2.3.2 Conference and NCAA Legislation. The faculty athletics representatives shall review proposed NCAA legislation and Conference rule changes and forward recommendations to the Joint Council. In the case of NCAA legislation, institutional legislative positions shall be forwarded to the Conference Division I governance representative(s). *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.2.3.3 Compliance. The faculty athletics representatives shall monitor Conference and NCAA rules violations. Such violations shall be reviewed quarterly and findings shall be reported to the Joint Council. When necessary, the faculty athletics representatives shall review requests for appeals to rulings on specified Handbook provisions. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.2.3.4 Coaches' Certification (Recruiting) Examination. The faculty athletics representatives shall administer the coaches' certification (recruiting) examination. A faculty athletics representative may designate an individual outside the athletics department to administer the examination in his or her absence. In those cases, the faculty athletics representative shall provide the name of the designee to the Conference. *(Adopted April 2017)*

1.3.7.2.3.5 Mountain West Handbook. The faculty athletics representatives shall update and revise Conference rules consistent with Conference and NCAA actions. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.2.4 Shared Tasks. The faculty athletics representatives shall have shared tasks in the areas of championships and sports administration, gender/minority equity, sportsmanship and student-athlete well-being. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.2.4.1 Championships and Sports Administration. The faculty athletics representatives shall review recommendations on regular season and championship management when such recommendations affect a student-athlete's academic progress/eligibility. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.2.4.2 Gender/Minority Equity. All designated governance groups shall monitor and review matters pertaining to issues related to the gender and minority equity efforts of the Conference and the Conference office. These may include, but are not limited to, an annual review of access, diversity and inclusiveness of minorities and women at all levels of the athletics programs of member institutions. The designated governance groups also shall advocate processes and proposals to foster equity in the athletics programs of the Conference. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.2.4.3 Sportsmanship. All designated governance groups shall monitor sportsmanship issues that affect the Conference and the respective institutions.

1.3.7.2.4.4 Student-Athlete Well-Being. All designated governance groups shall examine problems and issues that affect the academic, athletics and campus life environments of all student-athletes. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3 Directors of Athletics.

1.3.7.3.1 Composition. The directors of athletics' designated governance group shall consist of each institution's director of athletics and one student-athlete representative from the Mountain West Student-Athlete Advisory Committee who shall serve in a nonvoting, ex officio capacity. The directors of athletics representative to the Joint Council Executive Committee shall be the chair of the director of athletics' designated governance group. *(Revised April 2006, May 2015)*

1.3.7.3.2 Terms. A member of the directors of athletics' designated governance group shall hold office until such time that he or she no longer is the director of athletics of the respective institution. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.3 Core Tasks. The primary duties of the directors of athletics are in the areas of College Football Playoff (CFP) and postseason football bowl games, television, revenue and championships and sports administration. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.3.1 CFP/Postseason Football Bowl Games. The directors of athletics shall be responsible for all decisions related to the CFP and postseason football bowl games. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.3.2 Television. The directors of athletics shall evaluate Conference television contracts, policies and operations and provide leadership in the development of new television contracts and policies. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.3.3 Revenue. The directors of athletics shall be responsible for formulating revenue distribution formulas for review by the Board of Directors. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.3.4 Championships and Sports Administration. The directors of athletics shall review recommendations on regular season and championship management issues in the sports of football and men's and women's basketball. The directors of athletics also shall review proposals to amend Conference and/or NCAA legislation relative to the administration of regular season and championship competition in men's and women's basketball and regular season and postseason competition in football. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.4 Shared Tasks. The directors of athletics shall have shared responsibilities in the areas of student-athlete well-being, gender/minority equity and sportsmanship. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.4.1 Gender/Minority Equity. All designated governance groups shall monitor and review matters pertaining to issues related to the gender and minority equity efforts of the Conference and the Conference office. These may include, but are not limited to, an annual review of access, diversity and inclusiveness of minorities and women at all levels of the athletics programs of member institutions. The designated governance groups also shall advocate processes and proposals to foster equity in the athletics programs of the Conference. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.4.2 Sportsmanship. All designated governance groups shall monitor sportsmanship issues that affect the Conference and the respective institutions. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.4.3 Student-Athlete Well-Being. All designated governance groups shall examine problems and issues that affect the academic, athletics and campus life environments of all student-athletes. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.3.5 Directors of Athletics Competition Committee.

1.3.7.3.5.1 Composition. The Competition Committee shall consist of six directors of athletics. *(Adopted January 2014)*

1.3.7.3.5.2 Duties. The Competition Committee shall address competitive concerns of the Mountain West while focusing on maximizing postseason participation opportunities in all sports. *(Adopted January 2014)*

1.3.7.3.6 Directors of Athletics Media Rights Committee.

1.3.7.3.6.1 Composition. The Media Rights Committee shall consist of six directors of athletics. *(Adopted January 2014)*

1.3.7.3.6.2 Duties. The Media Rights Committee shall address all matters related to media rights for the Mountain West. The Committee shall function as a sounding board for the Commissioner, legal counsel and television consultants/partners, providing necessary feedback from the membership and generating recommendations on pertinent matters. The Committee also shall monitor contractual matters related to the Mountain West's media rights agreements with its national, regional and digital network partners. *(Adopted January 2014)*

1.3.7.4 Senior Woman Administrators.

1.3.7.4.1 Composition. The senior woman administrators' designated governance group shall consist of each institution's senior woman administrator and one student-athlete representative from the Mountain West Student-Athlete Advisory Committee who shall serve in a nonvoting, ex officio capacity. The senior woman administrator representative to the Joint Council Executive Committee shall be the chair of the senior woman administrators' designated governance group. *(Revised April 2006, May 2015)*

1.3.7.4.2 Terms. A member of the senior woman administrators' designated governance group shall hold office until such time that she no longer is the senior woman administrator of the respective institution. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.4.3 Core Tasks. The primary duties of the senior woman administrators are in the areas of championships and sports administration and television. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.4.3.1 Championships and Sports Administration. The senior woman administrators shall review recommendations on regular season and championship management issues for all sports except football and men's and women's basketball. The senior woman administrators also shall review proposals to amend Conference and/or NCAA legislation relative to the administration of regular season and championship competition in all sports except football and men's and women's basketball. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.4.3.2 Television. The senior woman administrators shall have responsibilities in matters related to the televising of sports other than football and men's and women's basketball. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.4.4 Shared Tasks. The senior woman administrators shall have shared responsibilities in the areas of student-athlete well-being, gender/minority equity and sportsmanship. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.4.4.1 Gender/Minority Equity. All designated governance groups shall monitor and review matters pertaining to issues related to the gender and minority equity efforts of the Conference and the Conference office. These may include, but are not limited to, an annual review of access, diversity

and inclusiveness of minorities and women at all levels of the athletics programs of member institutions. The designated governance groups also shall advocate processes and proposals to foster equity in the athletics programs of the Conference. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.4.4.2 Sportsmanship. All designated governance groups shall monitor sportsmanship issues that affect the Conference and the respective institutions. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.4.4.3 Student-Athlete Well-Being. All designated governance groups shall examine problems and issues that affect the academic, athletics and campus life environments of all student-athletes. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.5 Nomination Committee.

1.3.7.5.1 Composition. The Nominating Committee shall consist of six representatives: the current Joint Council Executive Committee (four members) and the incoming chair of the director of athletics and incoming chair of the senior woman administrators. (Adopted January 2019)

1.3.7.5.2 Duties. The Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall recommend to the Joint Council the representatives to the Division I governance councils and cabinets, Division I sport committees and association-wide committees. (Adopted January 2019)

1.3.7.6 Recognition Committee.

1.3.7.6.1 Composition. The Recognition Committee shall consist of six representatives: two faculty athletics representatives, two directors of athletics and two senior woman administrators. (See Appendix E for committee terms and rotation.) *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.6.2 Duties. The Recognition Committee shall review applications and recommend award recipients for the Albert C. Yates, Commissioner's, Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Sportsmanship and Student-Athlete of the Year awards. Additionally, the committee is charged with reviewing applications and recommending Conference nominees for the NCAA Woman of the Year and Sportsmanship awards. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.7 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

1.3.7.7.1 Composition. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall consist of 24 members: two student-athlete representatives from each member institution, the Mountain West representative to the Division I National SAAC and one faculty athletics representative. *(Revised April 2006, May 2008; Clarified September 2017)*

1.3.7.7.2 Duties. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall review and react to legislation and other topics referred to it from Conference governance groups or committees related to the student-athlete experience. The recommendations

of the committee shall be forwarded to the appropriate governance group. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.3.7.8 Student-Athlete Health and Safety Committee.

1.3.7.8.1 Composition. The Student-Athlete Health and Safety Committee shall consist of 13 members: one athletic trainer from each member institution and one team physician (with a Sports Medicine Fellowship) who serves in an advisory capacity. *(Adopted May 2014)*

1.3.7.8.2 Duties. The Student-Athlete Health and Safety Committee shall research, compile data, and present data/recommendations on topics under the purview of institutional athletic training programs. The committee shall report to the senior woman administrators' designated governance group. If topics or recommendations involve the sports of football or men's or women's basketball, those items shall be forwarded to the directors of athletics' designated governance group. *(Adopted May 2014)*

1.3.8.8 Mountain West Committee Service. Mountain West members selected for service on Conference committees shall abide by Mountain West and NCAA rules and policies related to the Conference committee service. The Mountain West may require the resignation of Mountain West representatives to Conference committees for violations of Mountain West and/or NCAA rules/policies or when a Conference member provides notice to the Mountain West of its intent to resign from the Conference. (See Mountain West Bylaw 1.04, Appendix A.) *(Revised August 2012)*

1.4 Commissioner. The Commissioner is the chief administrative officer of the Conference and shall report directly to the Board of Directors. The Commissioner shall have the responsibility and authority to execute Conference policy, shall facilitate communication between the Joint Council, the Joint Council Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Board of Directors Executive Committee and shall serve as an ex officio member of the Joint Council Executive Committee.

1.5 Revenue Sharing. Revenue sharing documentation shall be retained in the Conference office.

Rule 2

NCAA GOVERNANCE

2.1 NCAA Governance Issues. The Mountain West shall adhere to the following principles related to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, related NCAA governance committees and NCAA Association-Wide committees. Diversity shall be considered when selecting persons to nominate for NCAA positions.

2.1.1 Division I Board of Directors. The Mountain West chief executive officers will select the Conference representative to the Division I Board of Directors.

2.1.2 Division I Governance Committees. The Mountain West Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall recommend to the Joint Council the Conference representatives to Division I governance committees. *(Revised May 2008, January 2019)*

2.1.3 Division I Administrative Committees, Sport Committees and NCAA Association-Wide Committees. The Mountain West Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall recommend to the Joint Council the Conference representatives to the Division I administrative and sport committees. The Joint Council Executive Committee shall recommend to the Joint Council members of the Joint Council, Conference staff or qualified institutional staff members for NCAA committee positions. Mountain West coaches and athletics department staff members shall be considered for vacancies on NCAA sport committees. *(Revised June 2002, May 2008, January 2019)*

2.1.3.1 NCAA Committee Service. Mountain West members selected for service on NCAA committees shall abide by Mountain West and NCAA rules and policies related to the NCAA committee service. The Mountain West may require the resignation of Mountain West representatives to NCAA committees for violations of Mountain West and/or NCAA rules/policies or when a Mountain West member provides notice to the Mountain West of its intent to resign from the Conference. [See Mountain West Rule 1.04, Appendix A.] *(Revised August 2012)*

2.1.4 Voting. Each institution shall determine a process to review and arrive at a position on NCAA legislation. Thereafter, each institution's president (or designee) shall submit to the Conference office, by a specified date, its position on legislation to be considered by the Division I Council. A majority vote of the institutions shall determine the Conference voting position by the Division I Council representative. In the case of a tie, the Commissioner shall cast the deciding vote. *(Revised April 2006, May 2008)*

2.1.5 Communication. Mountain West representatives to NCAA governance committees shall meet by conference call on a quarterly basis to communicate to one another the issues being discussed in the respective councils and cabinets. *(Adopted May 2008)*

2.2 Legislative Review Process. The Conference shall review NCAA legislative proposals, Division I governance committee meeting material and Board of Directors meeting material as follows: *(Adopted April 2006; Revised April 2006, May 2008)*

a. Each institution's faculty athletics representative shall communicate with institutional personnel on NCAA legislative issues.

b. The Conference office shall inform each institution's faculty athletics representative of NCAA legislative mailings and, when necessary, forward NCAA legislative packages to the faculty athletics representative.

c. A series of conference calls shall be conducted to review NCAA legislative proposals prior to the legislative and Board of Directors meetings.

d. Prior to each Division I legislative/Board of Directors meeting, the Conference office shall provide the faculty athletics representative with electronic vote/comment forms to submit the institution's position on legislative/Board of Directors agenda items.

e. The faculty athletics representative shall review the legislative material and applicable governance meeting material with the appropriate individuals on campus (e.g., President, Director of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrator, compliance coordinator, coaches, etc.).

f. Each institution shall submit electronically its votes and comments to the Conference office by specified dates. The Conference staff shall compile the information and forward it to Mountain West representatives to NCAA governance committees.

g. In the event of close votes on certain legislative proposals/issues, a conference call shall be conducted to discuss the proposals/issues.

2.3 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The Mountain West Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall recommend to the Joint Council the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation representative. The representative may be a member of the Joint Council or a representative from an institution that participates in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The costs associated with participation in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation meetings shall be incurred by the institution of the representative. Diversity shall be considered when making the selection. The term shall be for one year and a representative may be re-appointed. (Revised January 2019)

Rule 3

ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Student-Athlete. The term "student-athlete" as used in this section is the same as defined by NCAA Bylaw 12.02.14.

3.2 Eligibility for Regular Season Competition and NCAA Championships. Except where this Handbook establishes additional requirements or standards, Mountain West rules governing financial aid, recruiting and transfers are consistent with those of NCAA Bylaws 13-15.

3.2.1 Nonqualifiers. The provisions in this section shall apply to Mountain West and non-Mountain West sports. A nonqualifier, as defined by the NCAA, whose initial full-time enrollment occurs at a Mountain West institution shall be permanently ineligible for practice and competition at any Mountain West institution. Exceptions within NCAA Bylaw 14 regulations do not take precedent over Mountain West Rule 3 regulations. *(Adopted June 2002; Revised November 2002, June 2003, June 2019; Clarified September 2016)*

3.2.1.1 NCAA Academic Redshirts. A student-athlete who is classified as an academic redshirt in accordance with NCAA rules shall not be subject to the Mountain West nonqualifier rule. *(Adopted January 2013)*

3.2.1.2 Partial Approval of NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waivers. A student-athlete who is granted partial approval of an NCAA initial-eligibility waiver shall be permitted to compete for a Mountain West institution after all NCAA initial-eligibility waiver requirements and applicable progress-toward-degree requirements are met. *(Adopted October 2007)*

3.2.1.3 Male Practice Player Exception. Male students may engage in practice sessions with women's teams pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 12.7.5 (Eligibility

Requirements for Male Students to Practice with Women's Teams) and are not subject to Rule 3.2.1 (Nonqualifiers). *(Adopted November 2016)*

3.3 Eligibility Forms and Procedures.

3.3.1 Historical Information. Historical information shall be prepared by each member institution for every first-time freshman, transfer or re-entering student-athlete prior to the time the student-athlete first reports for practice. The following information must be completed and on file: *(Revised April 2017)*

a. Educational history from ninth grade year of high school (Year 9 of secondary education for international student-athletes) to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (including collegiate enrollment status of each collegiate semester or quarter);

b. Amateurism information since the date of final NCAA amateurism certification;

c. Athletics history since high school graduation date (as determined by the NCAA Eligibility Center);

d. Eligibility for athletics aid, practice and competition during each collegiate semester or quarter;

e. National Letter of Intent information;

f. All scholarship information;

g. Employment information at the time of initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; and

h. For transfers, transfer information used to determine satisfaction of transfer requirements.

Required information shall be retained by the member institution and shall be available to the Conference upon request.

3.3.2 Squad List. A squad list shall be compiled prior to the first date of competition for each team the member institution sponsors as a part of its intercollegiate athletics program and shall be signed by the director of athletics (or his or her designee, who may not be a coaching staff member) and the head coach of the applicable sport. Squad lists shall be revised to cover any changes made to a squad prior to the competition of any student-athlete whose eligibility status changed or any student-athlete added to the list and shall be signed by the aforementioned institutional officials. Squad lists shall be forwarded to the Conference office twice a year: once prior to a team's first competition and once at the end of the academic year or the completion of the season, whichever is later. *(Clarified September 2016, August 2017)*

3.4 Minimum Grade-Point Average for Competition. To be eligible for competition, a Mountain West student-athlete shall meet the grade-point average requirements set forth by the NCAA. *(Revised June 2005)*

3.4.1 Eligibility Between Terms. Certification of a student-athlete's eligibility between terms shall take place in accordance with applicable NCAA rules. Student-athletes participating in football bowl contests between terms must be certified in accordance with applicable NCAA rules prior to being permitted to compete on behalf of the institution in the football bowl contest. *(Revised July 2003, August 2003, June 2005)*

3.5 Medical Hardship Waivers. A student-athlete may request and be granted an additional season of competition by the Conference for injury or illness in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 12.8.4. The request for a medical hardship waiver shall be submitted to the Conference office by a staff member (i.e., faculty athletics representative, director of athletics, senior woman administrator, compliance administrator) of the member institution at which the illness or injury occurred. In the case of a transfer, if the member institution the student-athlete was attending at the time of the injury or illness refuses to pursue a medical hardship waiver, the institution to which the student-athlete transferred may submit the medical hardship waiver and all supporting documentation to the Conference office. The Conference office shall review the request and make a determination based on legislated NCAA criteria. The Conference

office shall report to the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group the outcome on all medical hardship waiver requests on a bi-annual basis. The faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group shall report the actions taken to the Joint Council on a bi-annual basis. *(Revised April 2006)*

3.5.1 Appeals. Appeals of Conference medical hardship waiver decisions shall be reviewed by the NCAA Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. All such appeals shall be submitted by member institutions. A member institution that would like to submit an appeal of a medical hardship waiver decision to the NCAA shall submit such a request to the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group. The faculty athletics representatives shall review the request and make a determination as to whether it should be submitted to the NCAA. *(Revised April 2006; Clarified August 2018)*

3.6 Intra-Conference Transfer. A student-athlete who has received athletically-related financial aid or a student-athlete who was a varsity athletics award winner at the United States Air Force Academy and who transfers from one Conference institution to another shall meet the following requirements prior to being permitted to compete at the certifying institution: *(Revised May 2018)*

a. The student-athlete shall complete an academic year in residence at the certifying institution; and

b. The student-athlete shall forfeit one season of competition.

3.6.1 Exceptions. This rule shall not apply: *(Revised July 2020)*

a. If the student-athlete's previous institution discontinues the student-athlete's sport;

b. To student-athletes who participate in sports in which the Mountain West does not sponsor (e.g., men's soccer, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle, water polo, wrestling, or women's gymnastics, etc); and

c. To student-athletes who compete in sports in which the Mountain West sponsors, but which an affiliate member (Colorado College, Hawai'i) does not participate as a member of the Mountain West for that sport.

Rule 4
SPORTSMANSHIP

4.1 Conference Statement on Sportsmanship. All aspects of intercollegiate athletics contests shall be conducted in a sporting manner. It is the responsibility of each member institution in the Mountain West to ensure that all individuals associated with its athletics program conduct themselves in an appropriate fashion. All members of the Conference shall exhibit ethical behavior at all NCAA and Conference competition. Conference members shall conduct themselves in accordance with the rules of the NCAA and Conference and the playing rules of the respective sports. Each member institution shall create a healthy environment for competition. Administrators, coaches, student-athletes and spectators, as well as others involved in intercollegiate athletics in the Conference, share this responsibility. *(Revised October 2004, October 2006)*

> **4.1.1 Annual Institutional Meeting.** Annually, each institution shall conduct a meeting at the beginning of the academic year to discuss ethics and sportsmanship. The meeting shall include all athletics administrators and staff, all coaches, all spirit group advisors, the band director and other appropriate individuals. The institution's president shall deliver a message outlining the Conference and institutional philosophy on ethics and sportsmanship. *(Revised October 2006)*

4.2 Acts in Violation of Sportsmanship Policy. Conduct by athletes, coaches and other institutional athletics personnel who act in an unsporting manner is subject to sanction. Violations of the Conference sportsmanship policy shall include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Revised October 2006)*

a. Striking, attempting to strike or otherwise physically abusing an official, coach, spectator or student-athlete;

b. Intentionally inciting participants or spectators to inappropriate action;

c. Using obscene gestures or unduly provocative language or action toward a game official, Conference personnel, another institution, a student-athlete or personnel of another institution, coach or spectator;

d. Ejection from a contest; and

e. Publicly criticizing or disparaging a game official, the Conference or its personnel, another institution, a student-athlete or personnel of another institution.

4.3 Processing Alleged Violations. Allegations of misconduct generally shall be reported to the Commissioner (or designee) within 24 hours of the incident. Within 72 hours of learning of an alleged violation of this section, the Commissioner (or designee), in consultation with the institution, shall establish a timetable and investigate the alleged violation. Within the same 72-hour period, unless extenuating circumstances exist and/or the involved parties agree to an adjusted timeframe, the Commissioner (or designee) shall determine an appropriate penalty, which may be the acceptance of the institution's action. *(Revised October 2006)*

The institution may appeal the Commissioner's (or designee)'s findings and decision to the Joint Council Executive Committee (JCEC). All decisions to appeal must have the written approval of the institution's president. The decision to appeal shall be made immediately and in no case shall the time to make such decision exceed 24 hours. The JCEC then shall hear the appeal as expeditiously

as possible. Telephone conference calls are an acceptable means for the parties involved to process the alleged violations. The decision of the JCEC may be appealed to the full Joint Council. The decision of the full Joint Council may be appealed to the Board of Directors, which shall be the final authority on all such matters. All such appeals shall be processed as expeditiously as possible, and the enforcement of any penalties shall be held in abeyance until a final resolution to the case is achieved. *(Revised October 2006, May 2009)*

4.4 Penalties. Below are the penalties for acts in violation of the Mountain West sportsmanship policy. The Commissioner or his designee, at his discretion, may impose alternatives to the sanctions listed below if he deems it warranted. *(Revised October 2004, October 2006, April 2007)*

4.4.1 Physical Abuse. An individual who strikes, attempts to strike or otherwise physically abuses an official, coach, spectator or student-athlete shall be subject to the following penalties:

4.4.1.1 First Offense. Suspension for at least one contest and public announcement through standard Conference channels. The penalty shall not exceed one season of competition.

4.4.1.2 Subsequent Offenses. Suspension for at least two contests and public announcement through standard Conference channels. The penalty shall not exceed one season of competition.

4.4.1.3 Statute of Limitations. An individual penalized for physical abuse shall have that offense retained on the permanent record for the duration of his/her time in the Mountain West, thus subjecting that individual to cumulative penalties for future offenses.

4.4.2 Incitement to Inappropriate Action. An individual who intentionally incites participants or spectators to inappropriate action shall be subject to the following penalties:

4.4.2.1 First Offense. Suspension for at least one contest and public announcement through standard Conference channels. The penalty shall not exceed one season of competition.

4.4.2.2 Subsequent Offenses. Suspension for one season of competition and public announcement through standard Conference channels.

4.4.2.3 Statute of Limitations. An individual penalized for incitement to inappropriate action shall have that offense retained on the permanent record for the duration of his/her time in the Mountain West, thus subjecting that individual to cumulative penalties for future offenses.

4.4.3 Obscene Gestures and Language. An individual who uses obscene gestures or unduly provocative language or action toward a game official, Conference personnel, another institution, a student-athlete or personnel of another institution, coach or spectator shall be subject to the following penalties:

4.4.3.1 First Offense. Public reprimand.

4.4.3.2 Subsequent Offenses. Suspension for at least two contests and public announcement through standard Conference channels. The penalty shall not exceed one season of competition.

4.4.3.3 Statute of Limitations. An individual penalized for obscene gestures or language shall have his/her record expunged one calendar year from the date of the latest offense, provided that individual has no further offenses during that time period.

4.4.4 Ejection from a Contest. An individual who is ejected from a contest shall be subject to the following penalties: *(Adopted October 2006; Revised April 2007, June 2007)*

4.4.4.1 First Offense. Private reprimand, unless aggravating circumstances require a more stringent penalty. *(Adopted October 2006)*

4.4.4.2 Second Offense. Suspension for at least one contest and public announcement through standard Conference channels. The penalty shall not exceed one season of competition. *(Revised June 2007)*

4.4.4.3 Subsequent Offenses. Suspension for at least two contests and public announcement through standard Conference channels. The penalty shall not exceed one season of competition. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised April 2007, June 2007)*

4.4.4.4 Baseball and Softball Ejections. In baseball and softball, the Commissioner, or designee, has the sole discretion in determining if an offense is a standard or unsporting ejection, and shall consider the umpire's report, box score, video evidence, coach submission, and any other relevant information available when making that determination. Once the determination is made, the individual is subjected to the following penalties: *(Adopted November 2019)*

4.4.4.4.1 Standard Ejection. In standard ejections, the ejection will be recorded, but will not trigger a private reprimand, nor will the ejection start the individual's statute of limitations clock (as defined in 4.4.4.5 below). *(Adopted November 2019)*

4.4.4.4.2 Unsporting Ejection. In unsporting ejections, the ejection will generate a private reprimand and start the individual's statute of limitations clock (as defined in 4.4.4.5 below). If the individual is subjected to another standard or unsporting ejection before the statute of limitations has completely run, the individual may be suspended. *(Adopted November 2019)*

4.4.4.5 Statute of Limitations. An individual penalized for an ejection from a contest shall have his/her record expunged one calendar year from the date of the latest offense, provided that individual has no further offenses during that time period. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised June 2007)*

4.4.4.5.1 Exception – Baseball and Softball. In baseball and softball, a head coach penalized for an ejection from a contest shall have his/her record expunged at the end of the playing season. *(Adopted December 2018)*

4.4.4.5.2 Exception – Women's Soccer. In women's soccer, an individual ejected from a contest for a non-violent denial of goal-scoring opportunity (per NCAA Soccer Rules 12.7.4.4, 12.7.4.5 and 12.7.4.6) penalty will not be subject to the

one calendar year statute of limitations. Similarly, ejections due to a second caution in a match shall not be subject to the one calendar year statute of limitations. *(Adopted December 2013; Revised December 2014, June 2018)*

4.4.5 Public Criticism. An individual affiliated with (e.g., over whom the institution and/or Conference has jurisdiction) a member institution or the Mountain West who publicly criticizes or disparages a game official, the Conference or its personnel, another institution, student-athlete or personnel of another institution shall be subject to the following penalties:

4.4.5.1 First Offense. Private reprimand for student-athletes and public reprimand for all others. *(Revised June 2018)*

4.4.5.2 Second Offense. Suspension for at least one contest and public announcement through standard Conference channels. The penalty shall not exceed one season of competition.

4.4.5.3 Subsequent Offenses. Suspension for at least two contests and public announcement through standard Conference channels. The penalty shall not exceed one season of competition.

4.4.5.4 Statute of Limitations. An individual penalized for public criticism shall have his/her record expunged one calendar year from the date of the latest offense, provided that individual has no further offenses during that time period.

4.4.6 Suspension from a Contest. Suspension from a contest(s) shall be imposed beginning with the next regular or postseason contest(s), shall be served in consecutive contests, and may be carried over from one season to the next. The individual suspended may be banned from attending a contest(s) during the period of the suspension. In the case of a student-athlete or coach, if the individual is permitted to attend a contest, he or she shall not be permitted to travel with the team to the contest and must make (and pay for) their own transportation and admission arrangements. A suspended coach or player may not be in the team bench area, may not participate in pre-game warm-ups or other game-related on-court/on-field activities and must stay at least 100 feet away from the team locker room. A suspended coach may participate in practice activities at home or on a road trip while suspended. A suspended student-athlete may participate in practice activities with the team for a home contest and while the team is at home prior to its departure for an away-from-home contest, but may not participate in practice activities on a road trip. In cases involving a multiple-contest road trip that exceeds the length of the suspension, parameters for the suspended individual's travel and activities shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, considering the unique circumstances involved and prior precedent (if applicable). *(Revised October 2006, February 2008)*

Rule 5

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

5.1 Institutional Responsibility. Each member institution shall enforce eligibility rules and regulations of the NCAA and the Conference. Each member institution shall inform student-athletes, coaches, staff, institutional personnel, fans, spectators and all other individuals associated with or working on behalf of the athletics program of current rules, regulations and policies. The institution shall have the primary responsibility for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program. This responsibility shall include institutional control, budget control, institutional staff-member control, student-athlete control, and control of representatives of the institution's athletics interests. Each member institution shall investigate, document and self-report any institutional infractions. Each institution shall act on inquiries and cooperate fully with the NCAA and the Conference on issues related to alleged rules infractions. Member institutions also shall follow compliance procedures and guarantee due process to those persons affected. Last, member institutions shall enforce the rulings imposed upon the institution by the NCAA or the Mountain West Board of Directors.

5.2 Administration of Conference Enforcement Procedures. The Commissioner shall be responsible for the administration of Conference enforcement procedures.

5.2.1 Infractions of Conference Rules. If a member institution fails to apply the provisions of the Conference Handbook, the institution shall be deemed to be in violation of the Conference rules and shall be subject to the Conference enforcement procedures.

5.2.1.1 Allegations of Infractions. The Commissioner (or designee) shall inform the institution of any information indicating alleged infractions of Conference rules. The institution shall investigate the matter and inform the Commissioner (or designee) of its findings.

5.2.1.2 Self-Reported Infractions of the Conference Handbook. An institution shall self-report any infraction of the Conference Handbook to the Commissioner (or designee). The self-report shall be in writing and shall specify the rule that was violated, the circumstances surrounding the infraction and the corrective action taken by the institution to ensure that such an infraction will not occur in the future. The Commissioner shall apply any pre-approved penalties. The Mountain West Board of Directors Executive Committee shall determine all other penalties.

5.2.1.3 Modified Decisions and Penalties. The Mountain West Board of Directors Executive Committee may, if it so chooses, modify the decision or penalty but may not increase the penalty.

5.2.2 Appeals. The decision of the Commissioner may be appealed to the Board of Directors Executive Committee. Such an appeal shall be made by the involved institution within 14 days after receiving the notice of the Commissioner's decision.

5.2.2.1 Scope of Appeal. The scope of an appeal shall be limited to a review of the record. The decision shall be rendered only after affording an institution an opportunity to present oral or written arguments concerning the record. All decisions on appeal are final and are not subject to further review except under the provisions of Rule 5.2.2.2.

5.2.2.2 New Evidence or Prejudicial Error. The Board of Directors Executive Committee shall consider a request to reopen a case upon receipt of new evidence of fact or of prejudicial error in the hearing or appeals procedure. A decision not to reopen a case is not subject to further appeal.

5.3 Infractions of NCAA Rules. The investigation of alleged infractions and the reporting of infractions are an institutional obligation. Once it has been determined that an infraction occurred, the institution shall be subject to NCAA enforcement procedures. The Commissioner (or designee) may assist the institution in processing infractions of NCAA rules by assisting the institution in:

a. Determining whether the infraction will be viewed as secondary or major by the NCAA Enforcement staff;

b. Identifying any mitigating circumstances;

c. Determining the appropriate institutional action that should be taken;

d. Determining appropriate penalties that would likely be accepted by the Enforcement staff, the NCAA Committee on Infractions, the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement staff or the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee;

e. Processing major infractions through summary disposition or the Committee on Infractions; or

f. Processing any eligibility appeals through the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement staff or the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

5.3.1 Self-Reported Infractions – Levels I-III. An institution shall report all Level I (severe breach of conduct), Level II (significant breach of conduct) and Level III (breach of conduct) infractions to the Commissioner (or designee). The self-report shall be in writing and shall specify the rule that was violated, the circumstances surrounding the infraction and the corrective action taken by the institution to ensure that such an infraction will not occur in the future. Once reviewed by the Conference office, the institution shall report the infraction(s) to the NCAA Enforcement staff via the NCAA's online self-reporting program. The institution shall list the Conference office as an additional contact so the Conference may receive follow-up correspondence from the NCAA on the infraction(s) reported to the Enforcement staff. *(Revised August 2013, August 2014)*

5.3.2 Level I or Level II Infractions. An institution involved in a Level I or Level II infractions case shall inform the Commissioner on the actions of the NCAA and shall provide the Commissioner with copies of all written correspondence forwarded to and received from the NCAA. *(Revised April 2006, August 2013)*

5.3.2.1 Reporting of Level I and Level II Infractions. The Commissioner shall inform the chair of the Board of Directors of all Level I and Level II infractions involving a member institution. *(Revised August 2013)*

5.3.3 Repeated Infractions. The Commissioner (or designee) shall receive copies of all self-reports to the NCAA. If there is a pattern of repeated infractions, the Commissioner shall

inform the chair of the Board of Directors. (See NCAA Bylaw 19.1 for additional information on NCAA Level I-Level III infractions.) *(Revised August 2013)*

5.4 Communication and Correspondence. Communication with the Conference office by member institutions, or between member institutions, regarding possible infractions of the Conference Handbook or NCAA rules shall be initiated by the director of athletics or designated representative. In the event a Conference member discovers a potential infraction of the Handbook or NCAA rules and wishes to make allegations against that member to the Conference, the director of athletics must present such charges in a written statement to the Conference office with a copy to the President of his/her institution. This report must be accompanied by any letters or newspaper accounts, videotapes or other supporting documents. Any written charges of alleged infractions shall be stated with such particularity as the circumstances may permit. The Conference office shall forward the report to the director of athletics and the President of the institution accused of the infractions.

5.5 Annual Report – Commissioner. The Commissioner shall present an annual report to the Board of Directors during its spring meeting. The report shall include a summary, by institution, of all infractions of NCAA legislation and/or Conference rules and any action taken by the NCAA or the Commissioner (in Conference matters) as well as any other information relevant to compliance.

Rule 6

INTERPRETIVE POLICIES

6.1 Interpretations. Interpretations of any rule or provision of the Mountain West Handbook or the NCAA Manual may be requested by any member institution's chief executive officer, director of athletics, senior woman administrator, faculty athletics representative, compliance administrator or the Conference Commissioner. Interpretations shall include a determination of applicability of a rule to an actual or hypothetical situation. All authorized institutional representatives must seek interpretations in all cases for which they are in doubt.

6.1.1 Verbal Requests. The Commissioner (or designee) shall make verbal interpretations in response to verbal requests for interpretation. In response to a verbal request, the Commissioner (or designee) may require that the request be submitted in writing.

6.1.2 Written Requests. The following procedures must be followed when written requests are received by the Conference office.

6.1.2.1 Requests Initiated by the Commissioner. If the Commissioner (or designee) determines that a ruling or provision of the Handbook needs clarification, he or she may make written explanation for the need for the clarification on his or her own initiative. It will then be handled as any other written request.

6.1.2.2 Requests Initiated by an Institution. Written requests initiated by member institutions shall be signed by either the chief executive officer, director of athletics, senior woman administrator, faculty athletics representative or compliance administrator.

6.1.2.3 Responses to Written Requests. Within five working days of receipt of a written request, the Commissioner (or designee) shall issue a written response. A copy will be retained in the Conference office to be available upon request.

6.2 Appeals of Mountain West Handbook Interpretations and Rulings.

6.2.1 Appeal of the Commissioner's (or Designee's) Interpretation or Ruling. Appeals of interpretations or rulings made by the Commissioner (or designee) may be made in the following situations: *(Revised April 2006)*

a. For matters of student-athlete eligibility, the Commissioner's (or designee's) rulings and interpretations may be appealed. The appeal must be presented in writing to the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group within five working days of receipt of the written interpretation or ruling. The appeal must include the original written request and the Commissioner's (or designee's) response and must be forwarded to the chair of the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group. The committee shall meet either by telephone conference or in person and issue a written ruling on the appeal within 30 days;

b. For other rules and interpretations, the Commissioner's (or designee's) rulings and interpretations may be appealed in writing to the faculty athletics representatives'

designated governance group within five working days of receipt of the written interpretation or ruling. The appeal must include the original written request and the Commissioner's (or designee's) response and must be forwarded to the chair of the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group. The group shall meet either by telephone conference or in person and issue a written ruling on the appeal within 30 days;

c. The ruling of the Commissioner (or designee) shall stand until such time as the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group has ruled on the appeal; and

d. The decision of the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group shall become effective immediately and shall not be retroactive. If, however, an institution appeals the decision of the group, the decision of the Commissioner (or designee) shall stand until such time as the Joint Council renders a decision on the matter under the provisions of Rule 6.2.2.

6.2.2 Appeal of Committee Decisions. The following procedures must be followed when appealing the decision of a designated governance group: *(Revised April 2006)*

a. An appeal of a governance group decision may be made to the Joint Council. The appeal must be in writing and received by the Joint Council within five working days of receipt of the governance group's decision. The appeal must include the original request, the Commissioner's (or designee's) response, the appeal to the governance group, and the group's decision. This information shall be forwarded to the chair of the Joint Council for consideration at its next meeting or conference call. All members of the Joint Council shall receive all information related to the appeal prior to the next meeting or conference call of the Joint Council.

b. No representative of an appellant institution may vote on the appeal.

c. Votes shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote of those present is required for each finding.

d. The decision of the Joint Council shall become effective immediately or at a time specified by the Joint Council. The decision shall not be retroactive.

Rule 7
AWARDS

7.1 Mountain West Scholar-Athlete Award. Student-athletes who participate in a Mountain West-sponsored sport shall be named Mountain West Scholar-Athletes provided they meet the following criteria:

a. Completed at least two semesters or three quarters at the certifying institution;

b. Earned at least a 3.5 cumulative grade-point average at the certifying institution (including graduate and undergraduate work); and

c. Competed in at least one varsity contest.

The institution's faculty athletics representative shall be responsible for informing the Conference office of the student-athletes who qualify for the award. Scholar-Athlete Award recipients shall receive an engraved award from the Conference office. Those who participate in multiple sports (e.g., cross country and track and field) shall receive a single award. *(Revised May 2013)*

7.2 Mountain West Academic All-Conference. Student-athletes who participate in a Mountain West-sponsored sport shall be named Mountain West Academic All-Conference provided they meet the following criteria:

a. Participated significantly in at least 50 percent of their team's contests (25 percent for baseball and softball pitchers); and

b. Earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 at the certifying institution.

The institution's faculty athletics representative, after consultation with coaches to ascertain "significant" participation, shall be responsible for informing the Conference office of the students who qualify for the award. Academic All-Conference honorees shall receive a certificate from the Conference office. Those who participate in both indoor and outdoor track shall receive a single award. *(Revised May 2013)*

7.3 Mountain West Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. Two awards shall be presented annually to the male and female student-athletes who best exemplify the term "scholar-athlete" by achieving excellence in academics, athletics and community/campus service over the course of their career. *(Revised May 2010)*

7.3.1 Criteria. The awards shall be presented to one male and one female student-athlete who meet the following criteria: *(Revised May 2013)*

a. Participated in a Mountain West-sponsored sport(s);

b. Exhausted athletics eligibility in all varsity sports in which they participated;

c. Academic Achievement: All nominees shall have earned at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA at the recommending institution (including undergraduate and graduate work);

d. Athletics Achievement: All nominees shall have demonstrated athletics achievement and brought recognition to his/her institution; and

e. Community/Campus Service: All nominees shall have demonstrated significant contributions to the campus or community through service opportunities.

7.3.2 Procedures. *(Revised April 2006, July 2011)*

a. The faculty athletics representative at each member institution shall serve as the point person for receiving and completing the nomination packets.

b. The nominee shall complete applicable forms.

c. The nominee shall submit an official academic transcript with his or her nomination form.

d. The Conference office shall distribute the nomination packet to the faculty athletics representative at each member institution in April of each year. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Conference office no later than June 15.

e. The Recognition Committee shall review all nominations and select the award winners. The award shall be presented on campus the following fall.

7.4 Mountain West Athlete of the Year Award. Two awards shall be presented annually to the male and female student-athletes who achieved athletics excellence during the current academic year. *(Adopted May 2010)*

7.4.1 Criteria. The awards shall be presented to one male and one female student-athlete who meet the following criteria: *(Revised July 2011, May 2013)*

a. Participated in a Mountain West-sponsored sport(s);

b. Athletics Achievement: All nominees shall have demonstrated superior athletics achievement and brought significant recognition to his/her team, institution and the Conference;

c. Academic Achievement: All nominees shall be in good academic standing with the nominating institution and meet all NCAA, Mountain West and institutional academic eligibility requirements through the completion of their season of competition; and

d. Character/Conduct: All nominees shall demonstrate good character and conduct on and off the playing field.

7.4.2 Procedures. *(Revised July 2011)*

a. The sports information director at each member institution shall serve as the point person for receiving and completing the nomination packets.

b. The nominee shall complete applicable forms.

c. The Conference office shall distribute the nomination packet to the sports information director at each member institution in April of each year. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Conference office no later than June 15.

d. Award winners will be selected by a majority vote of the member institutions. Each institution will submit one vote per award. The award shall be presented on campus the following fall.

7.5 Mountain West Hal Rothman Sportsmanship Award. Two awards may be presented annually to the male and female student-athletes who best exemplify the term "sportsmanship" as defined in the nomination criteria for the annual NCAA Sportsmanship Award. *(Adopted April 2005)*

7.5.1 Procedures.

a. The faculty athletics representative at each member institution shall serve as the point person for receiving and completing the nomination packets.

b. Although the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct eliminated its requirement for a "demonstrative sportsmanship act," in order to maximize the recognition of student-athletes who are outstanding contributors to their sports, teams and institutions, such acts will be weighted more heavily when evaluating candidates.

c. The Recognition Committee shall select one male and female winner from nominations submitted by the membership to represent the Conference among a national pool of candidates for the national and divisional awards, which are chosen by the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. The award shall be presented on campus the following fall.

7.6 Albert C. Yates Distinguished Service Award. The Albert C. Yates Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual who has performed significant service in support of the Mountain West.

7.6.1 Criteria. The award shall be presented in the spring to the individual who meets the following criteria:

a. The award recipient shall be a current or former athletics administrator, faculty athletics representative, other institutional staff member or other individual who has supported and promoted the Mountain West; and

b. The award recipient shall be an individual who has served, supported and promoted the goals and ideals of the Mountain West or member institution and who, through personal effort and dedication, has enhanced the ability of the Conference and/or its member institutions to provide a positive experience for the student-athletes enrolled at any member institution.

7.6.2 Procedures. *(Revised April 2006, June 2007)*

a. Each Joint Council member may nominate one individual each year with a maximum of three nominations per institution each year. Any individual who meets the criteria may be nominated regardless of their affiliation.

b. The Conference office shall send nomination forms to Joint Council members during the first week in February. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Conference office and postmarked no later than April 1.

c. Nomination forms MUST be signed by the president/chancellor of the nominating institution before the nominees are submitted for consideration. In the event one or more nominees are presented by a Mountain West institution other than their own, the president/chancellor of the nominating institution(s) must contact the president/chancellor of the nominees' institutions for their approval prior to submitting the application.

d. The Recognition Committee shall annually review the nominations and make the selection.

e. The award recipient shall be recognized at the spring meeting of the Joint Council.

f. In an effort to recognize only one award winner per academic year, nominees not selected for that year's award may be submitted in subsequent years, provided they continue to meet the criteria for selection.

g. The award recipient shall receive an appropriate award to recognize receipt of this award.

h. It shall not be mandatory that the award be presented each year.

7.7 Commissioner's Award. The Commissioner's Award is presented to an individual who achieved a singularly distinguished accomplishment that significantly enhanced the Mountain West or a member institution.

7.7.1 Criteria. The award shall be presented in the spring to the individual who meets the following criteria:

a. The award recipient may be any person associated with the Mountain West and may be a current or former athletics administrator, faculty athletics representative, coach, Conference office staff member or an individual not associated directly with any institution or the Conference office; and

b. The award recipient shall be an individual who, through dedicated effort and service, achieved a singularly distinguished accomplishment during the current academic year that significantly enhanced the Mountain West or a member institution.

7.7.2 Procedures. *(Revised April 2006)*

a. Each Joint Council member may nominate one individual each year with a maximum of three nominations per institution each year. Any individual who meets the criteria may be nominated regardless of their affiliation.

b. The Conference office shall send nomination forms to Joint Council members during the first week in February. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Conference office and postmarked no later than April 1.

c. The Recognition Committee shall annually review the nominations and make the selection.

d. The award recipient shall receive an appropriate award to recognize receipt of this award.

e. It shall not be mandatory that the award be presented each year.

f. This award will not generally be given to coaches for achieving an outstanding record or having a very successful year inasmuch as the "Coach-of-the-Year" award in each sport is designed to recognize these achievements. This award could be given to a coach for achievements other than team success or in very unusual circumstances (i.e., a national championship) for team-related accomplishments.

7.8 Sport Awards. Official Conference awards shall be presented in all sports. The awards for each sport are set forth in the sport regulations section of this Handbook.

Rule 8

HANDBOOK AMENDMENT PROCESS

8.1 Amendment Process. A proposed amendment to the rules of the Handbook shall be submitted in writing to the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group. All proposals shall be referred to the faculty athletics representatives' designated governance group to develop appropriate language. *(Revised April 2006)*

8.1.1 Amendment to Amendment. A proposed amendment to a provision of the Articles, Bylaws or Handbook may be amended at any annual or called meeting. A proposed amendment requires a 75 percent vote of Conference member institutions in good standing.

8.1.2 Effective Date. Amendments approved by the Board of Directors shall become effective immediately unless otherwise specified.

Rule 9

BROADCAST POLICIES

9.1 Broadcasts. Mountain West policies and procedures relative to the broadcasting of Conference championships or regular-season competition involving member institutions shall be under the jurisdiction of the director of athletics' designated governance group. The senior woman administrators' designated governance group shall have responsibilities in matters related to the broadcasting of sports it oversees. Actions of both groups shall be subject to the oversight of the Joint Council. Television policies adopted by the Joint Council shall be considered as regulations guiding the conduct of Conference broadcast operations. Significant policy issues and contract ratification decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors as necessary and appropriate. *(Revised April 2006, October 2017)*

9.2 Conference Broadcast Contracts. Broadcast rights to all Conference championships and all institutional events involving sports sponsored by the Conference are the exclusive property of the Mountain West. Entities that have not purchased the rights to broadcast Mountain West content shall not air, either live or delayed, description of any game action. Broadcast rights encompass linear television, radio and digital rights. The Mountain West has contractual agreements with various linear and digital networks which grant these entities rights for Mountain West programming. The agreements are legally binding with regard to the rights and responsibilities of the parties. The policies and procedures for implementation of these agreements shall be coordinated by the Conference office in accordance with the respective contractual provisions. Conference members shall not enter into agreements that conflict with the contractual rights of the parties and/or existing Conference policies. *(Revised April 2006, August 2013, October 2017)*

9.3 Disputes Involving Broadcast Rights. Any disputes involving broadcast rights of member institutions and potential conflicts with the Mountain West contractual agreements shall be resolved through appropriate Conference channels. *(Revised April 2006, August 2013, October 2017)*

9.4 Non-Conference Game Contract Requirements. Conference institutions shall include a clause in non-conference game contracts which states that "the television, digital and radio rights shall reside with the host conference and institution in accordance with their contractual agreements in effect at the time." *(Revised August 2013, October 2017)*

9.5 Visiting Radio Broadcast Rights. Broadcasting rights shall be jointly granted by the directors of athletics of the host and visiting Conference institutions for Conference contests. Neither party shall permit its radio entity to broadcast into the home area of the other party without approval of the other party. This in no way precludes the broadcasting of events by stations in the same market or the overlapping of radio signals from different markets. Granting of broadcasting rights to a visiting non-conference institution shall be at the discretion of the host institution's director of athletics. *(Revised August 2013)*

> **9.5.1 Broadcast Facilities.** A visiting Conference team shall be provided normal facilities for one official flagship radio outlet by the home institution at no charge. For Conference contests, member institutions may provide available press box space to a second official non-institution radio outlet, provided the outlet is a non-English speaking station. Provision of facilities for visiting non-conference institutions shall be at the discretion of the host institution's director of athletics. *(Revised August 2013, October 2017)*

9.5.2 Rights Fees. The host Conference institution shall determine the rights fees to be charged to visiting broadcasting entities (both primary and secondary/unofficial), but the philosophy shall be not to charge a rights fee to the flagship station of a visiting Conference institution.

9.6 National Radio Broadcast Rights – All Sports. The following shall govern Mountain West national and satellite radio broadcasts in all sports: *(Revised April 2002, April 2006, August 2013)*

a. The Mountain West owns the exclusive rights (subject to existing contractual provisions with television rights holders) to distribute all Mountain West events via national and international over-the-air and satellite radio;

b. The Conference office shall serve as the contact for national radio broadcast arrangements. All agreements for national radio broadcasts shall be negotiated and coordinated through the Conference office. There shall be no agreements for national radio broadcasts in basketball and/or football entered into at the institutional level; and

c. Revenues generated from such agreements shall accrue to the Conference office.

Regulation 1

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.1 General. The Administrative Sport Regulations shall become effective upon the adoption by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Board of Directors to become effective on the date provided in the vote adopting the amendment. A proposed amendment may be initiated and submitted in writing to the Board of Directors by any member of the Board of Directors or by action of the Joint Council. If action favorable to an amendment is taken by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Joint Council, the same shall be adopted only after it has been confirmed at the following regular meeting of the Joint Council or approved by the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise stated, actions of governance groups and committees shall be determined by a majority vote. *(Clarified September 2017)*

1.1.1 Governing Playing Rules and Regulations. All regular-season competition and Conference championships shall be conducted under NCAA rules, regulations, and format except when specifically modified by Joint Council action. Any additional rules or regulations made by the Joint Council shall be more stringent than those of the NCAA.

1.2 Minimum Sports Sponsorship. Each full member institution shall field varsity teams in football, women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, one women's team sport and additional men's and women's sports as prescribed by the NCAA to maintain Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) membership.

1.3 Adding or Discontinuing a Conference Championship Sport. A member institution must notify the Commissioner no later than one year prior to the start of the applicable sports season if the institution intends to begin a Conference-sponsored sport during the ensuing academic year. A member institution must notify the Commissioner no later than February 1 if the institution intends to discontinue a Conference-sponsored sport. (*Revised January 2013, effective July 1, 2013, for institutions adding or discontinuing a Conference championship sport on or after July 1, 2013)*

1.4 Sport Committees. Each Conference sport shall have a sport committee consisting of the head coach from each Conference institution. Each sport committee shall have an administrative liaison who is a member of the Joint Council. Administrative liaisons shall attend the respective mandatory coaches meetings. The Conference office shall pay (in accordance with established policies) the travel expenses of the administrative liaison to travel to coaches meetings. *(Revised April 2006)*

1.4.1 Institutional Voting. Voting during coaches meetings is governed by the "one vote per sport per institution" premise. If an issue relates only to women's programs, those institutions with women's programs may vote. Conversely, if an issue relates only to men's programs, those institutions with men's programs may vote. If an issue impacts both the men's and women's programs, those institutions with both programs may cast two votes.

1.4.2 Reintroduction of Issues. Sport committees shall not reintroduce issues that previously have been resolved for a minimum of two years. If new information becomes available or if changes to NCAA rules impact the original decision, the issue may be reviewed prior to the end of the two-year period. *(Adopted April 2007)*

1.5 Artificial Noisemakers. Artificial noisemakers are prohibited during athletics competition in all sports (except women's soccer, which defers to NCAA playing rules) at all times; this includes non-conference as well as Conference competition. An institution shall not distribute or cause to be distributed artificial noisemakers. Reasonable efforts shall be made by the institution to confiscate artificial noisemakers brought into athletics competitions. Institutions shall submit to the Conference office for review items with noisemaking implications prior to purchasing or entering into an agreement for purchase of such items. An institution that violates this provision shall be subject to the following: *(Revised October 2003, April 2004, December 2012, August 2018)*

a. First offense: Warning from the Conference office.

b. Second and subsequent offenses: A financial penalty determined by the Conference Commissioner.

1.6 Meeting of Coaches. All head coaches in all Conference sports shall attend/participate in one annual mandatory Conference coaches meeting unless prior approval for being absent is granted by the Commissioner. A head coach who fails to attend a mandatory meeting/conference call shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. In the case of an excused absence, an assistant coach may represent the head coach as an approved substitute. Additional information regarding the meeting of coaches can be found in the respective sport-specific regulation and handbook. *(Revised April 2006, June 2017)*

1.6.1 Mandatory Participation in Pre-Championship Meetings/Conference Calls. A head coach who fails to attend a mandatory pre-championship meeting/conference call shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence at the meeting, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall be in attendance at the meeting. Additional information regarding mandatory participation in pre-championship meeting and conference calls can be found in the respective sport-specific regulation and handbook. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised June 2017)*

1.6.2 Institutional Votes from Members not in Attendance at Meetings or on Conference Calls. Coaches and administrators, or designees, must be present at the meeting or on the conference call when voting commences in order to be included in the recorded action. *(Adopted October 2006)*

1.7 Interrupted Contest Procedures. All personnel, including game officials, coaches, players, athletics directors, game management personnel and Conference office staff, are required to use their best efforts to see that each Conference regular-season or championship contest is played to its conclusion. The Conference recognizes, however, that emergencies may arise which make a contest's start or completion impossible or inadvisable. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, severely inclement weather, natural or man-made disasters, power failure and spectator interference. In all instances, only the Commissioner or his designee, has the sole authority to declare a game cancelled, postponed, rescheduled or terminated.

Subject to the applicable NCAA playing rules of the particular sport, the procedures shall be as follows:

1.7.1 Definitions.

1.7.1.1 Suspend. To suspend a contest is to temporarily halt play for a short duration or to delay the start of a contest temporarily.

1.7.1.2 Cancel. To cancel a contest is to nullify it either before or after it begins and to make no provision for rescheduling it or for including its score or other performance statistics in Conference records.

1.7.1.3 Postpone. To postpone a contest is to (a) defer it to a later date, or (b) suspend it after play has begun and make provision to resume it at a later date with all scores and other performance statistics up to the point of postponement added to those achieved in the resumed portion of the contest. *(Revised February 2005)*

1.7.1.4 Reschedule. To reschedule a contest is to start the contest on another date or time that is mutually agreed upon by the institutions or determined by the Commissioner or his designee.

1.7.1.5 Terminate. To terminate a contest is to end it short of completion, officially record it as a completed contest, and make no provision to resume it at a later date.

1.7.2 Suspension, Cancellation, Postponement, Reschedule or Termination. Contests should be suspended, cancelled, postponed, rescheduled or terminated when circumstances exist such that commencement or continuation of play would pose a threat to the safety of the constituent groups involved with the contest (e.g., student-athletes, coaches, officials, trainers, managers, facility personnel, staff, band, cheerleaders, mascots and fans). In the event a contest is suspended, the athletics directors of both participating institutions, game management personnel and the Conference office representative shall consult with the head official. The Conference office representative shall be responsible for communicating with the Commissioner or his designee, who has the sole authority to declare a contest cancelled, postponed, rescheduled or terminated. If a Conference office representative is not on-site, the host institution's athletics director (or designee) shall communicate with the Commissioner or his designee prior to any final decisions. The home team game management, in consultation with the Conference office representative, shall be responsible for disseminating information regarding such a decision to the teams, media and general public. *(Revised November 2003 and February 2005)*

1.7.3 Authority. The authority to cancel, postpone or terminate a contest is vested only in the Commissioner or his designee. Authority to suspend a contest is vested in the head official.

1.7.4 Guidelines.

1.7.4.1 Contest Suspended Prior to Start. If a contest is suspended prior to the start for any reason, every effort shall be made to begin and complete the contest within the existing circumstances and in accordance with the guidelines of this section. *(Revised February 2005)*

1.7.4.2 Contest Suspended After Play Has Begun. If a contest is suspended for any reason after play has begun, it should be resumed as soon as conditions are deemed safe by the head official (referee) in consultation with the home team game management personnel, the Conference office and the athletics directors from the participating institutions (as prescribed above). *(Revised February 2005)*

1.7.4.3 Contest Suspended Prior to Start – Resumed. A contest that is suspended prior to the start shall not be resumed after midnight local time. A contest that is suspended after play has begun shall not be resumed beyond two hours following the point of suspension and no later than midnight local time, unless otherwise deemed necessary by the Commissioner, in consultation with the two participating institutions. *(Revised February 2005)*

1.7.4.4 Contest Suspended Prior to Start – Not Resumed. If a contest is suspended prior to the start for any reason and cannot resume under the applicable guidelines, the participating institutions, in consultation with the Commissioner or his designee, shall attempt to declare the contest postponed and reschedule the contest at a later date. If the Commissioner determines the game cannot be rescheduled, it will be considered a cancelled game. *(Revised February 2005)*

1.7.4.5 Contest Suspended After Play Has Begun – Resumed. If a contest is suspended after play has begun and cannot resume under applicable guidelines, the two institutions, in consultation with the Commissioner or his designee, shall attempt to declare the contest postponed and resume it at a later date. *(Revised February 2005)*

1.7.4.6 Rescheduling. If a game needs to be rescheduled, the institutions involved should attempt to determine the next available, mutually-agreeable date and time. If a decision cannot be reached between the participating institutions, the Commissioner or his designee shall be empowered to designate a new competition date and communicate that to the participating institutions.

1.8 Inclement Weather. All weather-related decisions during a game shall be made by the head official. The host institution shall be responsible for tracking lightning and other weather-related factors and communicating those to the head game official (Referee). *(Revised February 2005)*

a. The officials shall inform both teams that ALL constituent groups involved with the contest (e.g., student-athletes, coaches, officials, trainers, managers, facility personnel, staff, band, cheerleaders, mascots and fans) will go immediately to the designated safe structure or location.

b. Play will be resumed only when the head official has been notified that at least 30 minutes have passed after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder.

c. Suspended play beyond this point is covered by NCAA and Conference rules.

1.8.1 Lightning Safety – NCAA Guidelines. In collaboration with its television partners and other FBS conferences, the Mountain West has adopted a common threshold for the stoppage of play and the implementation of fan safety measures. Immediate action should be taken when lightning is determined to be eight (8) miles away (or greater depending on institutional

protocol). All personnel should be in a safe shelter when the lightning is six (6) miles away or less. The primary detection mechanism for contest controlled by the Mountain West shall be Weather Sentry/DTN which is the official weather tracking service of the Conference. Each institution has been provided licenses and logins that must be utilized on game day to monitor atmospheric conditions. Institutions shall communicate with the televising entity to confirm detection and communication protocols before and during the contest.

When lightning strikes are not detected for a 30-minute continuous period within this range, the all clear notification can be given. Additional information regarding lightning safety can be found on the NCAA website: www.ncaa.org

1.8.2 Air Quality Thresholds for Mountain West Competition – Recommended Guidelines. Information regarding air quality thresholds for competition in Mountain West venues can be found in the respective sport-specific game management handbook and real-time Air Quality Index site-specific data at PurpleAir.com. *(Adopted July 2016, Revised July 2019)*

1.9 Conference Championship Sports. The Conference softball and volleyball titles shall be determined on the basis of regular-season Conference competition. Other Conference championships shall be held in the following varsity sports. *(Revised March 2007, June 2008, December 2010, January 2013)*

WOMEN'S TEAM SPORTS	MEN'S TEAM SPORTS
Basketball	Baseball
Soccer	Basketball
	Football
WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL SPORTS	**MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SPORTS**
Cross Country	Cross Country
Golf	Golf
Swimming & Diving	Tennis
Tennis	Indoor Track & Field
Indoor Track & Field	Outdoor Track & Field
Outdoor Track & Field	

1.10 Championship Regulations.

1.10.1 Teams Subject to Postseason Competition Restrictions. Teams subject to postseason competition restrictions (NCAA or Conference) shall not be eligible to participate in Conference championship competition until the restriction expires. In sports where the automatic qualifier is determined by regular-season Conference competition, if the regular-season champion is subject to postseason competition restrictions, the second-place team in the regular-season Conference standings will be the league's automatic qualifier. If tie-breaking is necessary to determine the second-place team, existing procedures will be applied. The Board of Directors will determine the revenue distribution formula for all member institutions in all sports, including those with teams subject to postseason restrictions. *(Codified March 2012)*

1.10.2 Awards Selection. Awards shall be selected and purchased by the Conference office. Awards shall be shipped by the awards supplier directly to the host institution or championship site. Only official Conference awards may be presented at the site of the championship.

1.10.3 Broadcast Rights. All radio, television and digital media broadcast rights to championships shall be negotiated by the Conference office. The radio rights are to be on a non-exclusive, stated fee basis. Television and digital media broadcast rights are to be on a competitive bid basis.

1.10.4 Budgeting to Host a Conference Championship. Expenses for hosting a Conference championship shall be funded through the Conference office budget. The host institution shall prepare a proposed budget for approval, and once approved, the expenses shall be paid by the Conference office.

1.10.5 Dates and Sites. Dates and sites for championships shall be determined by the Joint Council. In the event an institution has inadequate facilities to properly conduct a championship, or for other acceptable reasons, it may pass its scheduled turn in the rotation. In that event, the institution next in the rotation shall be the host institution. No championship shall be held at a site that discriminates on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

1.10.6 Championship Participation. Member institutions participating in a recognized sport during the regular season must compete in the Conference championship and take the minimum number of participants to the respective championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If the failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum numbers of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

1.10.7 Championship Sponsorship. The Conference shall initiate a championship only when at least fifty percent of the member institutions participate in a sport.

1.10.8 Championship Management. The director of athletics, senior woman administrator or the designated representative of the host institution shall be the championship manager. This individual shall be responsible for conducting the business details according to the adopted administrative policies and any additional directions provided by the Conference office.

1.10.9 Championship Meeting. A meeting of the institutional representatives and officials shall be held to review championship procedures, local rules and policies.

1.10.10 Equipment. The host institution shall be responsible for providing all necessary equipment for the championship. Equipment shall be in compliance with all NCAA regulations.

1.10.11 Game Management. The championship shall be properly staffed with appropriate officials, administration, timers, scorers, ticket managers, maintenance and security personnel.

1.10.12 Hospitality. A hospitality room for participating coaches, contest administration and selected officials and judges shall be provided as appropriate.

1.10.13 Media Relations/Promotions. Media relations staff, trained statistical crews and sports information services shall be provided. Results are to be distributed to the Conference office and each participating institution.

1.10.14 Medical, Physician, Certified Athletics Trainer. Adequate medical and training facilities shall be provided. A certified athletics trainer shall be available at all championship competitions. Training facilities shall be made available to visiting teams. Each competing institution shall be informed as to the availability of training equipment and responsible for its own training supplies. There shall be planned access to a physician and a medical facility, including communication and transportation between the championship site and the medical facility, so that prompt medical service shall be available.

1.10.15 Practice. Participants shall be allowed to practice at the championship site, if possible.

1.10.16 Pre-Championship Information. Prior to the championship, each competing institution shall be provided with information on local food and lodging, location and times of meetings, publicity needs, key contacts, deadline for entries, practice areas and parking availability.

1.10.17 Photographers. All photographers in the competition area must be approved by the host institution and/or the Conference office.

1.10.18 Public Address System. A public address system shall be provided for each championship.

1.10.19 Records. Records for championships shall be kept on file in the Conference office.

1.10.20 Starting Times. Starting times for each championship shall be determined by the Conference office.

1.10.21 Travel Arrangements. All teams are responsible for their own reservations for hotel and air and ground transportation, using the Conference travel service where appropriate. The host institution shall establish a headquarters hotel and attempt to secure favorable rates for participating institutions.

1.11 Regular-Season Regulations.

1.11.1 Crowd Control. Officials in team sports shall utilize all of the rules and authority vested in them and enforce the following crowd control procedures in the event of stadium or arena disorder:

1.11.1.1 Football. When the referee calls a time out due to any disruptive activity, the public address announcer shall read a prepared statement requesting that the disruptive activity cease immediately. While the public address announcement is being made, the head coach and team captains shall provide visual sideline support for the announcement.

1.11.1.2 Basketball. When the referee calls a time out due to any disruptive activity, the head coach and/or director of athletics and/or captain shall appeal to the crowd for the activity to cease.

1.11.1.3 Special Notes. Once the contest is under way, the referee/head official has the responsibility to determine if the situation is too detrimental to continue play and has the authority to stop the contest. If a contest has been terminated by the referee, the decision to continue the contest is solely the authority of the director of athletics or his/her designee.

1.12 Refusal to Play. At no time is either the home or visiting coach vested with the authority to stop or discontinue play. A coach unilaterally taking his/her team from the playing area or refusing to play may be subject to Conference sanctions and possible forfeiture of the contest.

1.13 Game Contracts. Game contracts shall not be exchanged for any Conference contest in any sport. Changes to a regularly scheduled contest date, time or location shall be submitted to the Conference office for approval by the Commissioner or their designee via the Master Schedule Change Form (more information can be found in sport-specific game management handbooks).

1.14 Squad-Size Limitations.

1.14.1 Home Team Squad-Size. There shall be no squad-size limit on the home team.

1.14.2 Travel Squad-Size. Any student-athlete who travels with the team shall be counted against the travel squad-size limitation. No student-athlete may travel with the team in any other capacity (e.g., manager, trainer, statistician, etc.) when his/her presence would cause an excess of the travel squad-size limitation specified for that sport. The number of student-athletes permitted to travel to away contests is limited to the following: *(Revised December 2010, April 2011, June 2016, March 2018, May 2019)*

Note: Regular season refers to regular-season Conference competition.

Baseball: Regular Season – 27; Conference Championship – 27
Basketball: Men's Regular Season – 15; Women's Regular Season – 15; Men's and Women's Conference Championship – 15
Football: Regular Season – 74; Conference Championship – 74
Golf: Conference Championship – 5
Soccer: Regular Season – 22; Conference Championship – 22
Softball: Regular Season – 20
Swimming & Diving: Conference Championship – 24 (divers count ½)
Tennis: Regular Season – 8; Conference Championship – 8
Cross Country: Conference Championship – 9
Indoor Track & Field: Conference Championship – 28
Outdoor Track & Field: Conference Championship – 28
Volleyball: Regular Season – 15

1.15 Ticket Policy.

1.15.1 Conference Championships. Complimentary tickets shall not be issued for championship events. Admission prices for championship events shall be set by the host institution in consultation with the Conference office. Students shall be admitted at no less than one-half the general admission price.

1.15.2 Regular Season. The number of complimentary tickets for visiting teams for regular-season contests is as follows: *(Revised January 2012)*

SPORT	COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS
Baseball	50
Men's and Women's Basketball	50 (24 of which are located directly behind the visiting team bench)
Football	300
Women's Soccer	44
Softball	36
Men's and Women's Tennis	20
Volleyball	24

1.15.3 Game Officials. Institutions shall provide officials with two complimentary tickets to the contest he or she is working, provided the tickets are available.

Regulation 2

BASEBALL

2.1 General Rules. Baseball Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA and the Bylaws and Operating Handbook of the Conference.

2.2 Format. The Conference regular-season champion shall be determined by a single round-robin schedule. *(Revised February 2013, November 2018)*

2.3 Non-Conference Schedule. In order to continue to improve the institutional and Conference Rating Percentage Index (RPI), each team shall schedule and play no more than four regular season non-Division I contests per season. *(Revised September 2014)*

> **2.3.1 Penalty – Exceeding Maximum Number of Non-Conference Opponents.** If a team schedules and plays more than four regular-season, non-Division I contests (defined as opponents that count in the determination of NCAA RPI) in a given year, the institution shall be assessed a penalty of $50,000 per occurrence. *(Revised April 2003, October 2003)*

2.4 Regular-Season Champion. The regular-season champion shall be determined based on Conference winning percentage. In the event of a tie between two or more teams, such teams shall be considered co-champions. However, the tie will be broken for purposes of determining the seeding for the Championship. *(Revised October 2016, February 2018)*

2.5 Playing Rules. All Conference baseball contests shall be conducted according to NCAA Baseball Rules except as modified by Conference regulations.

2.6 Squad-Size Limitation. Each head coach shall submit a numerical roster of eligible student-athletes for a Conference series to the opposing coach as well as to the umpire-in-chief prior to the start of the series. *(Revised October 2006)*

> **2.6.1 Regular Season.** Travel squads for all regular-season Conference contests shall be 27 student-athletes and shall remain the same for the duration of the trip regardless of the number of contests played. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from-home regular-season Conference contest after the violation has been reported. There shall be no limit on the squad size for the home team or for non-conference contests. *(Revised February 2010, March 2018)*

> **2.6.2 Conference Championship.** Squad sizes shall be limited in the Conference championship to 27 student-athletes for each institution. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next Conference championship contest after the violation has been reported.

2.7 Video/Scouting Report Exchange. A coach shall not send film, video or give a written or verbal scouting report on a Conference team to any institution outside the Conference.

2.7.1 Violations of Video/Scouting Report Exchange Policy. A member institution that exchanges video or scouting reports in the sport of baseball with institutions outside the Conference shall be subject to the following:

a. **First Offense.** Private reprimand of the head coach and the individual who sent the video/report to the institution outside the Conference.

b. **Second Offense.** Written notice to the Conference of the second offense. A copy of the notice shall be kept in the personnel file of the individual in the office of the institution's director of athletics.

c. **Third Offense.** The Commissioner shall suspend the head coach for one contest. Such suspension shall occur immediately following receipt of notice by the Commissioner.

2.8 Championship Tournament. A four-team, double-elimination Conference tournament shall be conducted to determine the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. *(Revised October 2016)*

2.8.1 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of baseball shall take a minimum of nine participants to the Conference Baseball Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Baseball Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Baseball Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

2.9 Automatic Qualifier. The Conference tournament champion shall be the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Baseball Championship. Other Conference teams may accept invitations to participate in postseason tournaments only when conducted or approved by the NCAA.

2.10 Tournament Date. The Conference Baseball Championship shall be held the week immediately preceding the day of selection for the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

2.11 Tournament Seeding. The tournament seeding shall be based on regular-season winning percentage in Conference competition with the top four teams advancing to the Championship. *(Revised February 2018)*

2.11.1 Two-Way Ties. In the case of a two-way tie in the final standings, seeding in the tournament bracket shall be determined in the following order: *(Revised September 2005)*

a. Comparison of head-to-head competition in regular season Conference play.

b. Evaluation of results from contests of those teams tied during regular season Conference play against those teams finishing ahead of the tied position (utilizing winning percentage, if necessary, when evaluating results against those teams), beginning at first place and working down the standings to the tied position or until the tie is broken (when comparing tied teams against positions higher in the standings that are also tied, those tied positions shall be considered a single position for the purposes of comparison).

c. Evaluation of results from contests of those teams tied during regular season Conference play against those teams finishing below the tied position (utilizing winning percentage, if necessary, when evaluating results against those teams), beginning at the tied position and working through last place, until the tie is broken (when comparing tied teams against positions lower in the standings that are also tied, those tied positions shall be considered a single position for the purposes of comparison).

d. A drawing by the Commissioner.

2.11.2 Multiple-Team Ties. In the case of a multiple-team tie in the final standings, position in the tournament bracket shall be determined in the following order: *(Revised September 2005)*

a. Comparison of head-to-head competition in regular season Conference play.

b. If a tie still exists between three or more teams, evaluation of results from contests of those teams tied during regular season Conference play against those teams finishing ahead of the tied position (utilizing winning percentage, if necessary, when evaluating results against those teams), beginning at first place and working down the standings to the tied position or until the tie is broken (when comparing tied teams against positions higher in the standings that are also tied, those tied positions shall be considered a single position for the purposes of comparison).

c. Evaluation of results from contests of those teams tied during regular season Conference play against those teams finishing below the tied position (utilizing winning percentage, if necessary, when evaluating results against those teams), beginning at the tied position and working through last place, until the tie is broken (when comparing tied teams against positions lower in the standings that are also tied, those tied positions shall be considered a single position for the purposes of comparison).

d. A drawing by the Commissioner.

2.11.3 Guidelines. If at any time during this analysis, any team(s) should have an advantage over the other team(s) tied at that position, the team(s) holding the advantage shall assume a position higher than the other team(s). If it is reduced to a two-team tie at any point, the process shall then revert to the beginning of the tie-breaking procedures and shall be applied (in order) until the two-team tie is broken.

2.12 Cancellation of Championship. In the event any contest of the Conference championship is postponed as a result of inclement weather, it shall be made up or completed on the following day in addition to the regularly-scheduled contest(s). A day-night doubleheader may be scheduled if possible. Additional information and exceptions regarding the cancellation of the Championship can be found in the Mountain West Baseball Championship Handbook. *(Revised October 2015, October 2016)*

2.13 Championship Game Ball. The official game ball for all Championship contests shall be determined by the Conference office.

2.14 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship meeting shall be held the day prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to attend the meeting. A head coach who fails to attend the mandatory pre-championship meeting shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence at the meeting, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall be in attendance at the meeting. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised February 2018)*

2.15 Awards. The Conference baseball head coaches shall select recipients for all awards. Head coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes for any of the awards. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Policies and procedures governing awards selection are outlined in the Mountain West Baseball Championship Handbook.

2.15.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of 26 players: 13 first-team and 13 second-team members. All positions should be represented with the following minimums: *(Revised October 2015, October 2016)*

- Nine by Position
- Four pitchers

Note: The head coaches will discuss the composition and select the All-Conference team at their in-person meeting at the Mountain West Baseball Championship and make sure deserving student-athletes are represented. The four (4) head coaches not participating in the Championship are welcome to attend the meeting in person or shall participate in the selection process via phone.

2.15.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, Tony Gwynn Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and Pitcher of the Year. Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for MW Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients. The Tony Gwynn Player of the Year and the Pitcher of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman of the Year is voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman who is selected to an All-Conference team. *(Revised October 2006; Clarified August 2017)*

2.15.3 All-Tournament Team. The All-Tournament team shall consist of 11 players regardless of position. *(Revised October 2015)*

2.15.4 Individual Tournament Award. An individual award shall be provided to the Most Valuable Player. This award recipient must be a member of the All-Tournament team.

2.16 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the baseball coaches to be held each year at a site and on a date to be determined in consultation with the administrative liaison. Any changes shall be subject to approval by the Joint Council. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory.

Regulation 3

MEN'S BASKETBALL

3.1 General Rules. Men's basketball Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the Mountain West Handbook, the Mountain West Men's Basketball Game Management Handbook and the Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship Handbook.

3.2 Format. A regular-season champion shall be determined through an 18-game conference schedule in which each team plays eight Conference opponents twice and two Conference opponents once (one home, one away). *(Revised May 2013)*

3.3 Regular-Season Champion. The regular-season champion shall be determined based on Conference winning percentage. In the event of a tie between two or more teams, such teams shall be considered co-champions.

3.4 Championship Tournament. An eleven-team, single-elimination Conference tournament shall be conducted to determine the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. *(Revised 2011, 2012, May 2013)*

3.4.1 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of men's basketball shall take a minimum of five participants to the Conference Men's Basketball Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Men's Basketball Championship results in a loss to the Conference, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the Conference. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Men's Basketball Championship does not result in a loss to the Conference, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

3.4.2 Open Practice/Media Session. Institutions participating in the Men's Basketball Conference Championship shall participate in the open practice session and the media session that occurs prior to the Championship. The Conference office shall determine the time and location of the open practice and media session.

3.4.3 Arrival at Championship Site. Time of arrival for institutions participating in the Men's Basketball Conference Championship shall be left to the discretion of the institution. However, a team shall arrive no earlier than after classes two days prior to the team's first contest (i.e., Tuesday evening for a Thursday contest). Institutional oversight shall be provided by each director of athletics, senior woman administrator and faculty athletics representative. The intent is for all student-athletes to complete classes on the day prior to departure to the Championship site. *(Revised April 2004, May 2006)*

3.5 Automatic Qualifier. The Conference tournament champion shall be the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. Other Conference teams may accept invitations to participate in postseason tournaments only when conducted or approved by the NCAA.

3.6 Cancellation of Championship. In the event the Conference championship cannot be started or, if started, cannot be completed, the Conference regular-season champion shall represent the Conference as the automatic bid representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. In the event two or more teams tied for the regular-season championship, tournament seeding will be used to determine the Conference's automatic bid representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. *(Revised October 2001)*

3.7 Tournament Seeding. Tournament seeding shall be based on regular-season winning percentage in Conference competition. Additional information regarding seeding policies can be found in the Mountain West Men's Basketball Game Management Handbook and the Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship Handbook.

3.8 Arrival at Contest Site - Conference Competition. The visiting team shall arrive at the contest site prepared to compete at the scheduled start time. A visiting team that does not arrive at the contest site prepared to compete at the scheduled time shall incur the following penalties: *(Revised October 2002, October 2003)*

a. Forfeiture of the contest at the moment the scheduled start time is reached, subject to the approval of the Conference office.

b. A financial penalty equal to the amount of documented losses incurred by the host institution and the Conference, including but not limited to, ticket refunds, concession losses, facility rental, personnel expenses, television contract rebates, officiating fees and game operations costs.

3.9 Scheduling.

3.9.1 Conference Schedules. Scheduling of regular-season Conference contests shall begin no later than May 1. The scheduling process shall conclude on or about June 1 (date the CBS Sports Network and ESPN require a completed schedule and may select contests). The Conference office shall determine the date on which the schedule is released to the institutions and media. *(Revised April 2006, July 2013)*

3.9.2 Non-Conference Schedule. In order to continue to improve institutional and Conference RPI, each team shall schedule and play no more than one regular season non-Division I contest per season. *(Revised May 2017)*

3.9.2.1 Penalty – Exceeding Maximum Number of Non-Conference Opponents. If a team schedules and plays more than one regular-season non-Division I contest (defined as opponents that count in the determination of NCAA RPI) in a given year, the institution shall be assessed a penalty of $50,000 per occurrence. *(Revised October 2003, May 2017)*

3.10 Starting Times for Contests. Institutions shall determine start times for all contests, except those selected for television, and report the times to the Conference office no later than September 1.

3.10.1 Contest Time for Doubleheaders – Broadcast. The first contest of a doubleheader shall begin three hours prior to the second contest if the second contest is to be broadcast.

If the second contest is not broadcast, the first contest shall begin no less than two and one-half hours prior to the second contest. If the first contest is broadcast, the second contest may begin immediately thereafter at the discretion of the institution. Institutions shall work with broadcast entities to allow for unobtrusive setup of broadcast requirements during the first contest of a doubleheader, should the second contest be the contest being broadcast.

3.11 Playing Rules. All Conference men's basketball contests shall be conducted according to the NCAA Men's Basketball Rules except as modified by Conference regulations.

3.12 Scouting Reports. A basketball coach shall not send film, video or give a written or verbal scouting report on a Conference member to any institution outside the Conference.

3.13 Squad-Size Limitations.

3.13.1 Regular Season. Traveling squads shall be limited to 15 student-athletes for all Conference regular-season competition. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from-home Conference regular-season competition after the violation has been reported. There shall be no squad-size limit for the home team. *(Revised October 2006)*

3.13.2 Conference Championship. Squad-sizes shall be limited to 15 student-athletes for the Conference championship. Team benches will be set with 20 chairs for a total of 24 participants, plus the team physician, allowed on the court level during game play. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next Conference championship contest after the violation has been reported. *(Revised May 2014, September 2018)*

3.14 Tickets.

3.14.1 Complimentary Tickets. The visiting institution shall be provided 50 complimentary tickets by the host institution, 24 of which shall be located in the area directly behind the visiting team bench.

3.14.2 Student Ticket Exchange. There shall be no student exchange ticket arrangement between institutions in the Conference.

3.15 Video/Scouting Report Exchange. The dissemination of game video and/or scouting information on member institutions to non-conference institutions is prohibited. Video, film or motion pictures shall not be taken for scouting purposes unless the team recording is one of the competing teams. Exchanging video among Conference teams shall be governed by the policies outlined in the Mountain West Men's Basketball Game Management Handbook.

3.15.1 Violations of Video/Scouting Report Exchange Policy. A member institution that exchanges video or scouting reports in the sport of men's basketball with institutions outside the Conference shall be subject to the following:

a. **First Offense.** Private reprimand of the head coach and the individual who sent the video/report to the institution outside the Conference.

b. **Second Offense.** Written notice to the Conference of the second offense. A copy of the notice shall be kept in the personnel file of the individual in the office of the institution's director of athletics.

c. **Third Offense.** The Commissioner shall suspend the head coach for one contest. Such suspension shall occur immediately following receipt of notice by the Commissioner.

3.16 Video. Video, film or motion pictures shall not be taken for scouting purposes unless the team recording is one of the competing teams. Recording shall occur from a center perspective and shall follow the policies outlined in the Mountain West Men's Basketball Game Management Handbook.

3.17 Awards. The Mountain West will recognize two separate postseason All-Conference teams and individual selections. Recipients for the postseason All-Conference teams and individual awards shall be selected by two separate groups – the Conference head men's basketball coaches and a select media panel. Honorees of both groups will be recognized publicly by the Conference; however, plaques and certificates will only be presented to the individuals selected by the coaches. The Conference office will manage the coaches' selection process, while the media selections will be managed by members of the media who cover the league.

Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Complete policies and procedures governing selection of the All-Conference and All-Defensive teams, as well as the individual awards, are outlined in the Mountain West Men's Game Management Handbook. Policies and procedures governing selection of the All-Tournament team are outlined in the Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship Handbook. *(Revised May 2015)*

3.17.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of five first-team, five second-team, five third-team student-athletes and select honorable mention. A five-member All-Defensive team is also recognized. Each individual selected by the coaches' panel shall be provided an award from the Conference except honorable mention. *(Revised May 2008, May 2015, June 2017)*

3.17.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Steve Fisher Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Freshman of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Sixth Man of the Year. *(Revised December 2001, May 2008, June 2017)*

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Player of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman and/or Newcomer of the Year are voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman and/or newcomer who is selected to an All-Conference team. The Defensive Player of the Year must be a member of the All-Defensive team. *(Clarified August 2015)*

3.17.3 Tournament Awards. An All-Tournament team shall consist of five student-athletes. A tournament Most Valuable Player shall be chosen from among the five individuals named to the All-Tournament team.

3.18 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the men's basketball coaches at a site and on a date to be determined. Attendance by each head coach at the in-person meeting and media day is mandatory.

Regulation 4

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

4.1 General Rules. Women's basketball Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the Mountain West Handbook, the Mountain West Women's Basketball Game Management Handbook and the Mountain West Women's Basketball Championship Handbook.

4.2 Format. A regular season champion shall be determined through an 18-game conference schedule in which each team plays eight Conference opponents twice and two Conference opponents once (one home, one away). *(Revised May 2013)*

4.3 Regular-Season Champion. The regular-season champion shall be determined based on Conference winning percentage. In the event of a tie between two or more teams, such teams shall be considered co-champions.

4.4 Championship Tournament. An eleven-team single elimination Conference tournament shall be conducted to determine the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. *(Revised, 2011, 2012, May 2013)*

4.4.1 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of women's basketball shall take a minimum of five participants to the Conference Women's Basketball Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Basketball Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Basketball Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

4.4.2 Open Practice/Media Session. Institutions participating in the Women's Basketball Conference Championship shall participate in the open practice session and the media session that occurs prior to the Championship. The Conference office shall determine the time and location of the open practice and media session.

4.4.3 Arrival at Championship Site. Time of arrival for institutions participating in the Women's Basketball Conference Championship shall be left to the discretion of the institution. However, a team shall arrive no earlier than after classes two days prior to the team's first contest (i.e., Tuesday evening for a Thursday contest). Institutional oversight shall be provided by each director of athletics, senior woman administrator and faculty athletics representative. The intent is for all student-athletes to complete classes on the day prior to departure to the Championship site. *(Revised April 2004, May 2006)*

4.5 Automatic Qualifier. The Conference tournament champion shall be the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. Other Conference teams

may accept invitations to participate in postseason tournaments only when conducted or approved by the NCAA.

4.6 Cancellation of Championship. In the event the Conference championship cannot be started or, if started, cannot be completed, the Conference regular season champion shall represent the Conference as the automatic bid representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. In the event two or more teams tied for the regular-season championship, tournament seeding will be used to determine the Conference's automatic bid representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. *(Revised October 2001)*

4.7 Tournament Seeding. Tournament seeding shall be based on regular season winning percentage in Conference competition. Additional information regarding seeding policies can be found in the Mountain West Women's Basketball Game Management Handbook and the Mountain West Women's Basketball Championship Handbook.

4.8 Arrival at Contest Site - Conference Competition. The visiting team shall arrive at the contest site prepared to compete at the scheduled start time. A visiting team that does not arrive at the contest site prepared to compete at the scheduled time shall incur the following penalties: *(Revised October 2002, October 2003)*

a. Forfeiture of the contest at the moment the scheduled start time is reached, subject to the approval of the Conference office.

b. A financial penalty equal to the amount of documented losses incurred by the host institution and the Conference, including but not limited to, ticket refunds, concession losses, facility rental, personnel expenses, television contract rebates, officiating fees and game operations costs.

4.9 Scheduling.

4.9.1 Conference Schedules. Scheduling of regular season Conference contests shall begin no later than May 1. The scheduling process shall conclude on or about June 1 (date the CBS Sports Network and ESPN require a completed schedule and may select contests). The Conference office shall determine the date on which the schedule is released to the institutions and media. *(Revised April 2006, July 2013)*

4.9.2 Non-Conference Schedule. In order to continue to improve institutional and Conference RPI, each team shall schedule and play no more than two regular season non-Division I contests per season.

4.9.2.1 Penalty – Exceeding Maximum Number of Non-Conference Opponents. If a team schedules and plays more than two regular season non-Division I contests (defined as opponents that count in the determination of NCAA RPI) in a given year, the institution shall be assessed a penalty of $50,000 per occurrence. *(Revised October 2003)*

4.10 Starting Times for Contests. Institutions shall determine starting times for all contests, except those selected for television, and report the times to the Conference office no later than September 1.

4.10.1 Contest Time for Doubleheaders – Broadcast. The first contest of a doubleheader shall begin three hours prior to the second contest if the second contest is to be broadcast. If the second contest is not broadcast, the first contest shall begin no less than two and one-half hours prior to the second contest. If the first contest is broadcast, the second contest may begin immediately thereafter at the discretion of the institution. Institutions shall work with media entities to allow for unobtrusive setup of broadcast requirements during the first contest of a doubleheader, should the second contest be the contest being broadcast.

4.11 Playing Rules. All Conference women's basketball contests shall be conducted according to the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules except as modified by Conference regulations.

4.12 Scouting Reports. A basketball coaching staff member shall not send film, video or give a written or verbal scouting report on a Conference team to any institution outside the Conference.

4.13 Squad-Size Limitations.

4.13.1 Regular Season. Traveling squads shall be limited to 15 student-athletes for all Conference regular-season competition. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from home Conference regular-season competition after the violation has been reported. There shall be no limit on the squad-size for the home team.

4.13.2 Conference Championship. Squad-sizes shall be limited to 15 student-athletes for the Conference championship. Team benches will be set with 20 chairs for a total of 24 participants allowed on the court level during game play. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next Conference championship contest after the violation has been reported. *(Revised May 2014, September 2018)*

4.14 Tickets.

4.14.1 Complimentary Tickets. The visiting institution shall be provided 50 complimentary tickets by the host institution, 24 of which shall be located in the area directly behind the visiting team bench.

4.14.2 Student Ticket Exchange. There shall be no student exchange ticket arrangement between institutions in the Conference.

4.15 Video/Scouting Report Exchange. The dissemination of game video and/or scouting information on member institutions to non-conference institutions is prohibited. Video, film or motion pictures shall not be taken for scouting purposes unless the team recording is one of the competing teams. Exchanging video among Conference teams shall be governed by the policies outlined in the Mountain West Women's Basketball Game Management Handbook.

4.15.1 Violations of Video/Scouting Report Exchange Policy. A member institution that exchanges video or scouting reports in the sport of women's basketball with institutions outside the Conference shall be subject to the following:

a. **First Offense.** Private reprimand of the head coach and the individual who sent the video/report to the institution outside the Conference.

b. **Second Offense.** Written notice to the Conference of the second offense. A copy of the notice shall be kept in the personnel file of the individual in the office of the institution's director of athletics.

c. **Third Offense.** The Commissioner shall suspend the head coach for one contest. Such suspension shall occur immediately following receipt of notice by the Commissioner.

4.16 Video. Video, film or motion pictures shall not be taken for scouting purposes unless the team recording is one of the competing teams. Recording shall occur from a center perspective and shall follow the policies outlined in the Mountain West Women's Basketball Game Management Handbook.

4.17 Awards. The Conference women's basketball coaches shall select recipients for all regular-season awards. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Policies and procedures governing selection of the All-Conference and All-Defensive teams, as well as the individual awards, are outlined in the Mountain West Women's Game Management Handbook. Policies and procedures governing selection of the All-Tournament team are outlined in the Mountain West Women's Basketball Championship Handbook.

4.17.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of 10 first team student-athletes and select honorable mention. A five-member All-Freshman team and a five-member All-Defensive team also are recognized. Each shall be provided an award from the Conference except honorable mention. *(Revised May 2008, April 2013, June 2017)*

4.17.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Freshman of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Sixth Player of the Year. *(Revised May 2008)*

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Player of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman and/or Newcomer of the Year are voted to the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman and/or newcomer who is selected to an All-Conference team. The Defensive Player of the Year must be a member of the All-Defensive team. The Freshman of the Year must be a member of the All-Freshman team. *(Clarified August 2017)*

4.17.3 Tournament Awards. An All-Tournament team shall consist of five players. A tournament Most Valuable Player shall be chosen from among the five individuals named to the All-Tournament team.

4.18 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the women's basketball coaches at a site and on a date to be determined. Attendance by each head coach at the in-person meeting and media day is mandatory. *(Revised November 2003)*

Regulation 5

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

5.1 General Rules. Cross country Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the Mountain West Handbook and the Mountain West Cross Country Championships Handbook.

5.2 Championship Determination. The team and individual Conference champions in men's and women's cross country shall be determined at a Conference championship meet.

5.3 Conference Schedule. There shall be no required regular-season Conference schedule in the sport of cross country.

5.4 Cross Country Conference Championships.

5.4.1 Date and Site. The Mountain West Cross Country Championships shall be conducted the Friday two weeks prior to the NCAA regional meets. Host institutions are allowed to change the date to the Friday before the originally scheduled date, should there be a conflict with a home football contest. *(Revised April 2010, January 2013)*

5.4.2 Championships Site. The Mountain West Cross Country Championships shall be conducted either at a golf course, a permanently dedicated cross country course, or a course that is run on a regular basis at a high level of competition. The site shall rotate among member institutions with facilities of sufficient quality to host the Conference championships as outlined in the Men's and Women's Cross Country Hosting Guidelines. *(Revised January 2013)*

5.4.3 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of cross country shall take a minimum of five participants to the Conference Cross Country Championships. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championships site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championships site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Cross Country Championships results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Cross Country Championships does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

5.4.4 Pre-Championships Meeting. A pre-championships meeting shall be held the day prior to the Championships in conjunction with final declarations. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to attend the meeting. A head coach who fails to attend the mandatory pre-championships meeting shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence at the meeting, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall be in attendance at the meeting. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised December 2008, May 2017)*

5.5 Playing Rules. The Conference championships shall be conducted according to the NCAA Men's and Women's Track & Field/Cross Country Rules except as modified by Conference regulations.

5.6 Squad-Size Limitations. The squad-size shall be limited for the Conference championships to a maximum of nine men and nine women for each institution. Failure to comply with the squad limitations, as stated herein, shall result in Conference sanctions.

5.7 Awards.

5.7.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference first team shall be the top seven finishers per gender at the Conference championships. The All-Conference second team shall be finishers 8-14 per gender at the Conference championships.

5.7.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, Athlete of Year and Freshman of the Year. The Athlete and Freshman of the Year shall be awarded to the top finisher and top freshman finisher, respectively, per gender at the Championships. For the purpose of the Freshman of the Year award, a freshman is a student-athlete competing in their first year (12 calendar months) after the completion of high school. The Coach of the Year shall be voted on by the coaches at the conclusion of the Championships and a coach shall not vote for himself or herself. *(Revised December 2006, January 2010)*

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. *(Clarified August 2017)*

5.8 Voting Procedure. Each institution that sponsors both men's and women's teams shall have two votes, one each for the men's and women's programs. Institutions sponsoring either men's or women's but not both shall have one vote.

5.9 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual conference call of the men's and women's cross country coaches conducted in December of each year. Participation by each head coach is mandatory. *(Revised December 2008)*

Regulation 6
FOOTBALL

6.1 General Rules. Football Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the Mountain West Handbook, the Mountain West Football Game Management Handbook and the Mountain West Football Championship Game Manual.

6.2 Championship Determination. The Conference champion shall be determined via the Mountain West Football Championship Game to be played annually between the winners of the Mountain Division and West Division, respectively. *(Adopted January 2013)*

> **6.2.1 Incomplete Championship Policy**. In the event the Football Championship Game cannot be started or cannot be completed as a result of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the divisional champion with the highest College Football Playoff (CFP) ranking (or composite CFP computer ranking if no MW teams are ranked in the final CFP Top 25) between the two divisional champions shall be declared the Conference champion for CFP purposes only. Otherwise, the two teams will be recognized as co-champions. *(Adopted January 2013)*

6.3 Host Determination. The Mountain West Football Championship Game shall be played at the site of the divisional champion with the highest winning percentage in Conference contests only. The host site will be determined no later than the Sunday following the conclusion of the regular season. Additional information regarding host determination and host tie-breaking procedures can be found in the Mountain West Football Championship Game Manual. *(Adopted January 2013; Revised October 2014, April 2018)*

6.4 Divisional Champions. A divisional champion shall be the team with the highest winning percentage in all Conference contests, both inter-divisional and intra-divisional, in the division. The divisional champions will be determined no later than the Sunday following the conclusion of the regular season. Additional information regarding divisional champions and divisional tie-breaking procedures can be found in the Mountain West Football Championship Game Manual. *(Adopted January 2013)*

6.5 Scheduling.

> **6.5.1 Divisions.** The Mountain Division shall consist of the following teams: Air Force, Boise State, Colorado State, New Mexico, Utah State & Wyoming. The West Division will consist of the following teams: Fresno State, Hawai‘i, Nevada, San Diego State, San José State & UNLV.
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> **6.5.2 Divisional Play.** Each member of a division will play each other member of its division on an annual basis (five contests) with alternating home and away designations. Each division member will play three crossover opponents from the other division on an annual basis, rotating over a four-year period. Each team will play the same three crossover opponents home and away in years one and two and then the remaining three crossover opponents home and away in years three and four. The cycle will then repeat.
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> **6.5.3 Scheduling Parameters.** Specific football scheduling parameters are distributed to the membership on an annual basis as the schedule is being constructed.

6.6 Arrival at Contest Site – Conference Competition. The visiting team shall arrive at the contest site prepared to compete at the scheduled start time. A visiting team that does not arrive at the contest site prepared to compete at the scheduled time shall incur the following penalties: (Revised October 2002, October 2003)

a. Forfeiture of the contest at the moment the scheduled start time is reached, subject to the approval of the Conference office. (**Note:** Approval by the Conference office shall consider extenuating circumstances beyond the control of a visiting team that has made an appropriate effort to arrive at the game site at the scheduled start time. Involved institutions should try to communicate as early as possible any concerns in this regard. "Extenuating circumstances" could be affected by whether or not contracted television is involved.)

b. A financial penalty equal to the amount of documented losses incurred by the host institution and the Conference, including, but not limited to, ticket refunds, concession losses, facility rental, personnel expenses, television contract rebates, officiating fees and game operations costs.

6.7 Artificial Noisemakers. The use of artificial noisemakers or other similar devices is prohibited during game action, particularly at a time that could disrupt the performance of a player. More detailed information regarding the definition and elimination of artificial noisemakers can be found in the Mountain West Football Championship Game Management Handbook.

The prohibition against artificial noisemakers does not preclude the use of institutionally-controlled traditions (e.g., cannons, train whistle). Such items, however, must not be activated during game action or at a time that could disrupt the performance of a team or player. For example, it would be permissible to fire a cannon as the ball was kicked off, but not permissible to fire a cannon as the receiver was attempting to receive the kick.

Cheerleader megaphones and amplified sound systems are also permissible, provided they are utilized in a positive and sporting fashion. Cheerleaders are not permitted to direct amplified sound toward the field and are required to discontinue use of the system when the team(s) breaks the huddle for the next play. Amplified sound may not be utilized during game action or at any time that is disruptive to the competitors.

6.8 Squad-Size Limitations. Football traveling squads shall be limited to 74 student-athletes for the visiting team in all Conference competition. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from-home regular-season Conference competition after the violation has been reported. The limit shall be 74 student-athletes for the Conference Championship. There shall be no limit on the squad-size for the home team or for non-conference contests. *(Revised April 2014, April 2015, June 2016, July 2019)*

6.9 Complimentary Tickets. The host institution shall provide 300 complimentary, maximum-priced tickets to the visiting institution.

6.10 Video Exchange Policies and Procedures. Each contest shall be videoed and exchanged electronically between member institutions according to Mountain West standards and guidelines. This shall include requirements related to the football officiating program. Video exchange arrangements for non-conference contests shall be determined on a case-by-case basis between

the two participating institutions. The video crews from visiting institutions (especially those in the Mountain West Conference) shall be afforded every possible courtesy and professional assistance with regard to moving equipment, camera positions and the like. For specifics on the video exchange process, please refer to the Mountain West Football Championship Game Management Handbook. *(Revised April 2007)*

6.11 Video/Scouting Report Exchange. An athletics department representative shall not send a film, video or scouting report or give a written scouting report on a Conference team to any non-conference institution.

6.11.1 Violations of Exchange Policy. A member institution that exchanges video or scouting reports in the sport of football with institutions outside the Conference shall be subject to the following:

a. **First Offense.** Private reprimand of the head coach and the individual who sent the items to the institution outside the Conference.

b. **Second Offense.** Written notice from the Conference of the second offense. A copy of the notice shall be kept in the personnel file of the individual in the office of the institution's director of athletics.

c. **Third Offense.** The Commissioner shall suspend the head coach for one contest. Such suspension shall occur immediately following receipt of notice by the Commissioner.

6.12 Visiting Bands and Spirit Squads. A visiting band and/or spirit squad (e.g., cheerleaders) shall notify its opponent no later than June 1 of its intent to perform at the football contest. Upon timely receipt of such notice, the band/spirit squad shall be admitted to the contest at no cost and shall be permitted to perform. The tickets for the band/spirit squad shall come from the visiting team's allotment of 300 complimentary tickets. Performance on the playing field shall be determined by the home team's game management. The host institution should endeavor to provide adequate seating for visiting band members, including flag and dance lines.

6.12.1 Homecoming. Visiting bands and spirit squads shall be permitted to perform at halftime of an opponent's Homecoming contest, only if the visiting team was invited by its opponent to participate in the Homecoming activities.

6.13 Band Performances. Bands are prohibited from playing during game action or at any time that is disruptive to the competitors. Pregame, postgame, timeouts, halftime, between quarters or other breaks in the action are permissible times for band activities. In the sport of football, bands must discontinue playing when the team with the ball breaks the huddle until the completion of the play. If a team plays a no-huddle offense, the band shall not play at any time during the offensive possession.

6.14 Public Address Announcers. Public address announcers must NOT be cheerleaders for the home team, exhorting the crowd or engaging in activities outside their responsibilities in reporting the pertinent facts of the game. Traditional inflections are permissible, but the PA announcers (as outlined in the Mountain West Championship Game Management Handbook) must be cognizant of not "crossing the line." Sound from the public address system must cease when the team with the ball breaks the huddle. If a team plays a no-huddle offense, the public

address announcer should ensure his/her announcements are not disruptive to the offensive team.

6.15 Coaches Television Shows – Video Reciprocity. Institutions may use highlight footage from Conference contests for their respective coaches shows, subject to the provisions agreed upon with the Conference broadcast partners. Institutions shall be responsible for making such arrangements with non-conference opponents.

6.16 Selection/Placement Procedures for Bowl Games. The Conference office shall coordinate the process for the selection and placement of bowl-eligible institutions in bowl games – either those with which the Mountain West is contracted or for at-large opportunities. The parameters for a member institution's participation in a bowl shall be negotiated and confirmed by the Conference (in accordance with existing agreements for those games with which the Mountain West is contracted).

6.16.1 Bowl Promotions. The Conference should not promote one institution over another. Institutions are responsible for promoting themselves and exchanges of telephone calls, emails, written materials, promotional items, videos, etc., between bowl officials and Mountain West institutional representatives are not limited. However, in-person, on-site (site of bowl officials) meetings by institutional staff members with officials of bowl games with which the Conference has a guaranteed relationship is prohibited. This does not preclude visits by the bowls to the institutions or to contests involving the institutions. Member institutions may also interact with bowl representatives away from their campus if they happen to be in the bowl's location for a regular-season contest or are involved in a function at some location in which a bowl representative is also in attendance.

6.16.1.1 Restrictions. Mountain West institutions may not attempt to "outbid" fellow Conference members for potential bowl slots by offering financial bonuses, ticket guarantees or other incentives to bowl officials. *(Revised April 2000, November 2005 and April 2006)*

6.16.2 Bowl Partners Selection. The Mountain West bowl partners are not bound by the final standings and may select participants at their discretion, except as specified in the contractual agreements, in consultation with the Conference office. Every effort shall be made to protect the league champion(s) in the bowl selection process. Co-champions and other ties in the standings will remain unchanged for Conference awards, records and revenue distribution purposes. *(Revised April 2006)*

6.16.3 Additional Bowl Selection Process.

Mountain West Bowl Placement Protection for Divisional Champions. The divisional champions in the MW Football Championship Game shall receive consideration for bowl placement over the remaining bowl-eligible teams, regardless of record. While not a prescribed selection for any bowl partner, these two teams must be placed and consideration given to destination/match-up.

Mountain West Bowl Eligibility Guidelines. The following criteria will be utilized to determine which teams at the lower end of the bowl eligibility pool shall have priority to be placed in bowl games in the event the number of bowl-eligible teams in a given year exceeds the number of available bowl slots. Said criteria will be applied in order, until the necessary

separation is achieved, to distinguish between eligible teams in a given year. (Revised August 2014)

a. Regular-season Conference record (with the stipulation that Mountain West records shall be considered directly comparable, even though teams may have played different opponents depending upon the crossover match-ups for that season).
b. Head-to-head results.
c. Common opponents (including all Mountain West and non-conference games for that season).

6.16.3.1 Exception. The bowl partners may select a team other than that identified via the above process, so long as the team distinguished by the criteria is placed in a bowl.
6.16.3.2 Exception. These guidelines shall be subject to review on an annual basis to facilitate the identification of any unintended consequences and/or to discuss necessary adjustments.

6.17 Awards. The Conference football coaches and media as selected by the Conference office shall select recipients for all awards.

6.17.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of 25 first-team and 25 second- team players. There shall be 11 offensive players by position, 11 defensive players by position, one place kicker, one punter and one special teams player on the first team and second team. Select players will be named honorable mention. Each shall be provided an award from the Conference except honorable mention.

6.17.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, the Offensive Player of the Year, the Defensive Player of the Year, the Special Teams Player of the Year and the Freshman of the Year.

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Special Teams Player of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman of the Year is voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman who is selected to an All-Conference team. (Clarified August 2017)

6.17.3 Championship Game Most Valuable Players. The outstanding offensive and defensive players from the Mountain West Football Championship Game shall be provided an award from the Conference at the conclusion of the contest.

6.18 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the head football coaches to be held at the site of the Mountain West Spring Meetings. Attendance by each head coach at the in-person meeting is mandatory.

Regulation 7

MEN'S GOLF

7.1 General Rules. Men's golf Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the United States Golf Association, the Mountain West Handbook and the Mountain West Men's Golf Championship Handbook.

7.2 Conference Schedule. There shall be no required regular season Conference schedule in the sport of men's golf.

7.3 Championship Tournament. A Conference tournament shall be conducted to determine the Mountain West champion.

7.3.1 Tournament Dates. The Conference championship shall be held the Thursday – Sunday one week prior to the NCAA Regionals. *(Revised June 2008, January 2011, July 2013, December 2013, April 2018)*

7.3.2 Automatic Qualification. The winner of the Conference championship shall be the Conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Regionals.

7.3.3 Cancellation of Championship. In the event the Conference championship cannot be completed, the team with the highest national GolfStat ranking at the end of the season shall be the Conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Regionals. Additional information and exceptions regarding the cancellation of the Championship can be found in the Mountain West Men's Golf Championship Handbook. *(Revised April 2004, June 2005)*

7.3.4 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of men's golf shall take a minimum of five participants to the Conference Men's Golf Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Men's Golf Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Men's Golf Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

7.3.5 Tie-Breaking Procedure. If at the conclusion of 54 holes of play there is a tie for both the team and individual championships, the team championship playoff shall be conducted first. Additional information regarding tie-breaking procedures can be found in the Mountain West Men's Golf Championship Handbook.

7.3.6 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship meeting shall be held the day prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to attend the meeting. A head coach who fails to attend the mandatory pre-championship meeting shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and

institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence at the meeting, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall be in attendance at the meeting. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised May 2017)*

7.4 Pin Placement Sheets. Pin placement sheets shall be provided prior to each day of competition to each participant and head coach. The depth of pin placements shall be identified in paces.

7.5 Playing Rules. All rules related to Conference championship play shall be conducted according to the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship and USGA Rules except as modified by local ground rules or Conference regulations.

7.6 Squad-Size Limitations. Squad-size for the Conference championship shall be limited to five student-athletes. However, teams may bring a sixth player as a substitute. *(Revised April 2019)*

7.7 Disqualification Penalties. A student-athlete who is disqualified for reasons other than misconduct shall be permitted to resume play in the next and subsequent rounds.

7.8 Awards. The Conference golf coaches shall select recipients for all men's golf awards. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or any of their student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Policies and procedures governing awards selection are outlined in the Mountain West Men's Golf Championship Handbook.

7.8.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of 10 players selected on regular-season and championship play.

7.8.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, the Golfer of the Year and the Freshman of the Year.

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Golfer of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman of the Year is voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman who is selected to an All-Conference team. *(Clarified August 2017)*

7.9 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the golf coaches to be held each year at a site and on a date to be determined in consultation with the administrative liaison. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory. *(Revised November 2019)*

Regulation 8

WOMEN'S GOLF

8.1 General Rules. Women's golf Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the United States Golf Association, the Mountain West Handbook and the Mountain West Women's Golf Championship Handbook.

8.2 Conference Schedule. There shall be no required regular season Conference schedule in the sport of women's golf.

8.3 Championship Tournament. A Conference tournament shall be conducted to determine the Mountain West champion.

8.3.1 Tournament Dates. The Conference championship shall be held Monday – Wednesday (or Friday – Sunday when course availability permits) two weeks prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regionals or earlier as course availability permits. *(Revised May 2011, July 2018)*

8.3.2 Automatic Qualification. The winner of the Conference Championship shall be the Conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regionals.

8.3.3 Cancellation of Championship. In the event the Conference championship cannot be completed, the team with the highest national GolfStat ranking at the end of the season shall be the conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regionals. Additional information and exceptions regarding the cancellation of the Championship can be found in the Mountain West Women's Golf Championship Handbook. *(Revised April 2004, June 2005)*

8.3.4 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of women's golf shall take a minimum of five participants to the Conference Women's Golf Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Golf Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Golf Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

8.3.5 Tie-Breaking Procedure. If at the conclusion of 54 holes of play there is a tie for both the team and individual championship, the team championship playoff shall be conducted first. Additional information regarding tie-breaking procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Golf Championship Handbook.

8.3.6 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship meeting shall be held the day prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to attend the meeting. A head coach who fails to attend the mandatory pre-

championship meeting shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence at the meeting, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall be in attendance at the meeting. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised May 2017)*

8.4 Pin Placement Sheets. Pin placement sheets shall be provided prior to each day of competition to each participant and head coach. The depth of pin placements shall be identified in paces.

8.5 Playing Rules. All rules related to Conference championship play shall be conducted according to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship and USGA Rules except as modified by local rules or Conference regulations.

8.6 Squad-Size Limitations. Squad-size for the Conference championship shall be limited to five student-athletes.

8.7 Disqualification Penalties. A student-athlete who is disqualified for reasons other than misconduct shall be permitted to resume play in the next and subsequent rounds.

8.8 Awards. The Conference golf coaches shall select recipients for all women's golf awards based on a predetermined set of criteria. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Policies and procedures governing awards selection are outlined in the Mountain West Women's Golf Championship Handbook.

8.8.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of five first-team and five second-team recipients for a total of 10 student-athletes. Each shall be provided an award from the Conference. *(Revised August 2012)*

8.8.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, the Golfer of the Year and the Freshman of the Year.

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Golfer of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman of the Year is voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman who is selected to an All-Conference team. *(Clarified August 2017)*

8.9 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the golf coaches held in conjunction with the Conference championship. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory.

Regulation 9

WOMEN'S SOCCER

9.1 General Rules. Women's soccer Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA and the Bylaws, the Mountain West Handbook, the Mountain West Women's Soccer Game Management Handbook and the Mountain West Women's Soccer Championship Handbook.

9.2 Format. The Conference regular-season champion shall be determined through a single round-robin schedule.

9.3 Regular-Season Team Champion. The regular-season team champion shall be the institution with the highest number of points accumulated in Conference competition (3 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss).

9.4 Championship Tournament. A six-team, single-elimination Conference tournament shall be held with the tournament champion representing the Conference as its automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship. However, for the 2020-21 academic year, the Championship Tournament will not be held due to COVID-19. *(Revised October 2005, December 2012, February 2014, July 2020)*

9.4.1 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of women's soccer shall take a minimum of 11 participants to the Conference Women's Soccer Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Soccer Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Soccer Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

9.4.2 Cancellation of Championship. In the event the Conference championship cannot be started or, if started, cannot be completed, the Conference regular-season champion shall represent the Conference as the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship. Additional information and exceptions regarding the cancellation of the Championship can be found in the Mountain West Women's Soccer Championship Handbook. However, for the 2020-21 academic year, the cancellation of championship will follow a different process due to COVID-19. *(Revised October 2001)*

9.4.3 Championship Game Ball. The official game ball for all Championship contests shall be determined by the Conference.

9.4.4 Tournament Date. The Conference championship shall be held the Tuesday – Saturday immediately preceding the day of selection for the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship *(Revised December 2010, February 2013, February 2014)*

9.4.5 Tournament Seeding. Tournament seeding shall be determined based on the final regular-season Conference results. Teams shall be seeded according to the number of Mountain West points accumulated (3 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss). Additional information regarding tournament seeding can be found in the Mountain West Women's Soccer Championship Handbook.

9.4.6 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship conference call shall be held on the Sunday prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to participate in the conference call. A head coach who fails to participate in the mandatory pre-championship conference call shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence from the conference call, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall participate in the conference call. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised December 2010, February 2013, February 2014, May 2017)*

9.5 Automatic Qualifier. The Conference tournament champion shall be the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship.

9.6 Playing Rules. All Conference soccer contests shall be conducted according to the NCAA Women's Soccer Rules except as modified by Conference regulations.

9.7 Video Exchange. The dissemination of game video and/or scouting information on member institutions to non-conference institutions is prohibited. Video, film or motion pictures shall not be taken for scouting purposes unless the team recording is one of the competing teams. Exchanging video among Conference teams shall be governed by the policies outlined in the Mountain West Women's Soccer Game Management Handbook. *(Revised October 2001, December 2007 and January 2009).*

9.7.1 Violations of Video/Scouting Report Exchange Policy. A member institution that exchanges video or scouting reports in the sport of soccer with institutions outside the Conference shall be subject to the following:

a. **First Offense.** Private reprimand of the head coach and the individual who sent the video/report to the institution outside the Conference.

b. **Second Offense.** Written notice to the Conference of the second offense. A copy of the notice shall be kept in the personnel file of the individual in the office of the institution's director of athletics.

c. **Third Offense.** The Commissioner shall suspend the head coach for one contest. Such suspension shall occur immediately following receipt of notice by the Commissioner.

9.8 Squad-Size Limitations. Traveling squad-size limits shall be 22 student-athletes for regular-season Conference competition and 22 for the Conference championship. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from-home regular-season Conference competition after the violation has been reported. There shall be no squad-size limit on the home team for regular-season contests. *(Revised February 2005, May 2010)*

9.9 Awards. The women's soccer coaches shall select recipients for Conference awards at the conclusion of the regular season. Nominees will be submitted by the coaches and distributed by the Mountain West media relations staff in conjunction with the final stats at the end of the season. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Awards shall be based on regular-season Conference-only performances. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes. Additional awards policies and procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Soccer Game Management and Championship Handbooks. *(Revised November 2014)*

9.9.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of 11 first-team student-athletes, 11 second-team student-athletes and 11 Newcomers-team student-athletes, regardless of position. There shall be a designated goalkeeper on each team. Each student-athlete shall be provided an award from the Conference. *(Revised January 2006, February 2013, December 2014, February 2016)*

9.9.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, the Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year and the Freshman of the Year.

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman of the Year is voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman and/or newcomer who is selected to an All-Conference team. *(Clarified August 2017)*

9.9.3 All-Tournament Awards. An all-tournament team shall consist of 11 student-athletes, regardless of position. In addition, a tournament Most Valuable Player shall be chosen.

The all-tournament team shall be selected by the coaches as follows: the coaches of the teams losing in the semifinals shall select two student-athletes each from their respective teams, the coach of the runner-up team shall select three student-athletes from its team and the winning coach shall select four student-athletes from its team, including a Most Valuable Player. *(Revised March 2006)*

9.10 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be a bi-annual in-person meeting to be held on the second Monday of January at the Conference office in Colorado Springs, Colorado with the non in-person meeting being a conference call. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory. *(Revised December 2014, January 2018)*

Regulation 10
SOFTBALL

10.1 General Rules. Softball Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the Mountain West Handbook and the Mountain West Softball Game Management Handbook.

10.2 Format. The Conference regular-season champion shall be determined through a single round-robin schedule. *(Revised December 2010)*

10.3 Regular-Season Champion. The regular-season champion shall be the institution with the highest regular-season winning percentage in Conference competition. In the event of a tie, there will be co-champions. *(Revised June 2008)*

10.4 Automatic Qualifier. The Conference regular-season champion shall be the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Softball Championship. *(Revised April 2006)*

> **10.4.1 Regular-Season Champion/Automatic Qualifier Tiebreaker.** The regular-season champion shall be based on regular-season winning percentage in Conference competition. Additional information regarding tiebreaking procedures can be found in the Mountain West Softball Game Management Handbook.

10.5 Playing Rules. All Conference softball contests shall be conducted according to NCAA Softball Rules, including rules adopted for NCAA tournament competition, except as modified by Conference regulations.

10.6 Scouting of Opponents. Scouting of a Conference opponent is prohibited. Coaches and/or administrators may attend contests versus a Conference opponent that involves a member of the coach's or administrator's immediate family provided no scouting activities take place. *(Revised July 2002, June 2008)*

10.7 Video/Scouting Report Exchange. A coach shall not send film, video or give a written or verbal scouting report on a Conference team to any institution outside the Conference.

> **10.7.1 Violations of Video/Scouting Report Exchange Policy.** A member institution that exchanges video or scouting reports in the sport of softball with institutions outside the Conference shall be subject to the following:
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> a. **First Offense.** Private reprimand of the head coach and the individual who sent the video/report to the institution outside the Conference.
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> b. **Second Offense.** Written notice to the Conference of the second offense. A copy of the notice shall be kept in the personnel file of the individual in the office of the institution's director of athletics.
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> c. **Third Offense.** The Commissioner shall suspend the head coach for one contest. Such suspension shall occur immediately following receipt of notice by the Commissioner.

10.8 Squad-Size Limitations. Traveling team squad sizes shall be limited to 20 student-athletes for regular-season Conference competition. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from-home regular-season Conference competition after the violation has been reported. There shall be no squad-size limit on the home team.

10.9 Time Between Contests. The time between contests of a doubleheader shall be a minimum of 15 minutes and a maximum of 30 minutes. The host institution shall inform the umpires as to the time between contests.

10.10 Awards. The softball coaches shall select recipients for each Conference award. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes for any of the awards. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Policies and procedures governing awards selection are outlined in the Mountain West Softball Game Management Handbook.

10.10.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of 30 student-athletes (15 first-team and 15 second-team members). Each student-athlete shall be provided an award from the Conference. *(Revised July 2013)*

10.10.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Pitcher of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year. *(Revised July 2013)*

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Player and Pitcher of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman of the Year is voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman who is selected to an All-Conference team. *(Clarified August 2017)*

10.11 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the softball coaches to be held each year at a site and on a date to be determined in consultation with the administrative liaison. Any changes shall be subject to approval by the Joint Council. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory. *(Revised April 2006)*

Regulation 11

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

11.1 General Rules. Women's swimming and diving Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the Mountain West Handbook and the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championship Handbook.

11.2 Championship Meet. The team Conference champion and individual event champions in women's swimming and diving shall be determined at a Conference championship meet. *(Revised December 2010)*

11.2.1 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of women's swimming and diving shall take a minimum of 11 participants to the Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner. *(Revised December 2010)*

11.3 Conference Swimming and Diving Championship Policies.

11.3.1 Date and Site. The Conference championship shall be held a minimum of four weeks prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Swimming and Diving Championship. It is recommended that the Conference championship be conducted only in indoor facilities that provide adequate length and width as well as adequate competition areas for all events in both swimming and diving. Additionally, it is recommended that the facility have locker rooms as well as spectator facilities. *(Revised October 2001, October 2006; November 2018)*

11.3.2 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship meeting shall be held the day prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to attend the meeting. A head coach who fails to attend the mandatory pre-championship meeting shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence at the meeting, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall be in attendance at the meeting. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised May 2017)*

11.4 Site Responsibilities. The Conference office, in conjunction with the Championship site, shall notify the participating institutions of the time schedule for the meet, giving details on the meet and related information regarding hotel headquarters and the coaches meeting. This shall be done at least one month in advance of the Championship.

11.5 Playing Rules. The Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship shall be conducted according to the NCAA Division I Women's Swimming and Diving Rules except as modified by Conference regulations. *(Revised December 2010)*

11.6 Squad-Size Limitations. There shall be a limit of 24 student-athletes from each institution for the Conference championship. An entrant who swims and dives shall be counted as one competitor in the total of 24 student-athletes allowed each institution. An entrant who only swims shall be counted as one competitor. An entrant who only dives shall be counted as one-half of a competitor. Failure to comply with the squad-size limitations shall result in Conference sanctions. *(Revised April 2011)*

11.6.1 Additional Student-Athletes at Swimming Championships. Student-athletes who are not a part of the championship squad shall not travel to the site of the Conference championship at their own expense to compete in time trials in an effort to qualify for the NCAA championships. Participation in the Conference championship by student-athletes who are not a part of the institution's championship squad is prohibited.

11.7 Awards. The Conference women's swimming and diving coaches shall select recipients for all women's swimming and diving awards. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for any of their student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Co-awards for the individual awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients. Additional information regarding awards policies and procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championship Handbook. *(Revised December 2010)*

11.7.1 Coach of the Year. The Swimming Coach of the Year and the Diving Coach of the Year will be voted upon during the week following the NCAA championships. *(Revised April 2016; Clarified August 2017)*

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers.

11.7.2 Outstanding Performer of the Meet. The Outstanding Swimmer, Diver and Freshman of the Meet shall be awarded at the conclusion of the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championship. *(Revised April 2016; Clarified August 2017)*

11.7.3 Individual Awards. The Swimmer of the Year and Diver of the Year will be voted upon during the week following the NCAA championships. The Senior Recognition Award shall be based on performance during the entire academic year and will be presented at the conclusion of the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championship. Additional information regarding awards policies and procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championship Handbook. *(Revised October 2001, December 2010, October 2013, April 2016; Clarified August 2017)*

11.7.4 All-Conference Team – Individual. The All-Conference team shall consist of the top eight finishers in each event. *(Revised April 2005)*

11.7.5 All-Conference Team – Relays. The All-Conference team shall consist of the top three finishers in each relay. *(Revised April 2005)*

11.8 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual meeting of the women's swimming and diving coaches held in September via conference call. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory. *(Revised December 2010, May 2017)*

Regulation 12

MEN'S TENNIS

12.1 General Rules. Men's tennis Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, Intercollegiate Tennis Association, the Mountain West Handbook, the Mountain West Men's Tennis Game Management Handbook and the Mountain West Men's Tennis Championship Handbook.

12.2 Format. The Conference regular-season champion shall be determined through a single round-robin schedule. *(Revised February 2013)*

12.3 Championship Tournament. A Conference tournament shall be held to determine the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship.

12.3.1 Regular-Season Tiebreaker. Conference tournament seeding shall be based on regular-season winning percentage in Conference competition. Additional information regarding tie-breaking procedures can be found in the Mountain West Men's Tennis Championship Handbook.

12.3.2 Championship Tournament Dates. The men's tennis championship shall be conducted the Friday – Sunday two weeks prior to the start of NCAA postseason competition. *(Revised December 2010, August 2013, May 2018)*

12.3.3 Automatic Qualification. The winner of the Conference tournament champion shall be the Conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship.

12.3.4 Cancellation of Championship. In the event the Conference championship cannot be completed, the Conference regular-season champion shall be the Conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship. Additional information and exceptions regarding the cancellation of the Championship can be found in the Mountain West Men's Tennis Championship Handbook. *(Revised April 2004, July 2013)*

12.3.5 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of men's tennis shall take a minimum of five participants to the Conference Men's Tennis Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Men's Tennis Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Men's Tennis Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

12.3.6 Championship Game Ball. The official game ball for all Championship contests shall be determined by the Conference.

12.3.7 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship conference call shall be held prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to participate in the conference call. A head coach who fails to participate in the mandatory pre-championship conference call shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence from the conference call, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall participate in the conference call. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised May 2017)*

12.4 Playing Rules. All Conference men's tennis contests shall be conducted according to the rules of the NCAA and ITA except as modified by Conference regulations.

12.5 Squad-Size Limitations.

12.5.1 Regular Season. Traveling squads shall be limited to eight student-athletes for all Conference regular-season competition. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from-home regular-season Conference competition after the violation has been reported. There shall be no squad-size limitation for the home team. *(Revised May 2010)*

12.5.2 Conference Championship. Squad sizes shall be limited in the Conference championship to eight student-athletes for each institution. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next Conference championship contest after the violation has been reported.

12.6 Awards. The Conference men's tennis coaches shall select recipients for all men's tennis awards. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or any of their student-athletes for any of the awards. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Additional information regarding awards policies and procedures can be found in the Mountain West Men's Tennis Championship Handbook.

12.6.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of 12 singles student-athletes and six doubles teams selected on the basis of Conference and non-conference results. *(Revised May 2005)*

12.6.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, and the Freshman of the Year.

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Player of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman of the Year is voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman and/or newcomer who is selected to an All-Conference team. *(Clarified August 2017)*

12.7 Meeting of the Coaches. There shall be an annual conference call of the men's tennis coaches to be held each year on the Tuesday following Memorial Day. Any changes shall be subject to approval by the Joint Council. Participation by each head coach is mandatory. *(Revised July 2006, July 2008, July 2012)*

Regulation 13

WOMEN'S TENNIS

13.1 General Rules. Women's tennis Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, Intercollegiate Tennis Association, the Mountain West Handbook, the Mountain West Women's Tennis Game Management Handbook and the Mountain West Women's Tennis Championship Handbook.

13.2 Format. The Conference regular-season champion shall be determined through a single round-robin pod schedule. *(Revised July 2015, November 2018)*

13.3 Championship Tournament. A Conference tournament shall be held to determine the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championship.

13.3.1 Championship Tournament Seeding. Conference tournament seeding shall be based on Conference winning percentage. Additional information regarding seeding can be found in the Mountain West Women's Tennis Championship Handbook. *(Revised February 2013, July 2014, November 2019)*

13.3.2 Championship Tournament Dates. The women's tennis championship shall be conducted the Thursday – Sunday or Wednesday-Saturday if no indoor back-up courts are available, two weeks prior to the start of NCAA postseason competition. *(Revised December 2010, August 2013, November 2018)*

13.3.3 Automatic Qualification. The Conference tournament champion shall be the Conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Tournament.

13.3.4 Cancellation of Championship. In the event the Conference championship cannot be completed, the number one seeded team at the Conference championship shall be the Conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Women's Tennis tournament. Additional information and exceptions regarding the cancellation of the Championship can be found in the Mountain West Women's Tennis Championship Handbook. *(Revised April 2004, July 2013)*

13.3.5 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of women's tennis shall take a minimum of five participants to the Conference Women's Tennis Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Tennis Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Tennis Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

13.3.6 Championship Game Ball. The official game ball for all Championship contests shall be determined by the Conference.

13.3.7 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship conference call shall be held prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to participate in the conference call. A head coach who fails to participate in the mandatory pre-championship conference call shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence from the conference call, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall participate in the conference call. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised May 2017)*

13.4 Playing Rules. All Conference women's tennis contests shall be conducted according to the rules of the NCAA and ITA except as modified by Conference regulations.

13.5 Squad-Size Limitations.

13.5.1 Regular Season. Traveling squads shall be limited to eight student-athletes for all Conference regular-season competition. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from-home regular-season Conference competition after the violation has been reported. There shall be no squad-size limitation for the home team. *(Revised May 2010)*

13.5.2 Conference Championship. Squad sizes shall be limited in the Conference championship to eight student-athletes for each institution. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next Conference championship contest after the violation has been reported.

13.6 Awards. The Conference women's tennis coaches shall select recipients for all women's tennis awards. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or any of their student-athletes for any of the awards. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Additional information regarding awards policies and procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Tennis Championship Handbook.

13.6.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of 16 singles student-athletes and eight doubles teams selected on the basis of Conference and nonconference results. *(Revised May 2005, June 2007, June 2013)*

13.6.2 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year. *(Revised May 2004)*

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Player of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman of the Year is voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman who is selected to an All-Conference team. *(Clarified August 2017)*

13.7 Meeting of the Coaches. There shall be an annual conference call of the women's tennis coaches to be held each year on the Wednesday following Memorial Day. Any changes shall be subject to approval by the Joint Council. Participation by each head coach is mandatory. *(Revised July 2006, July 2008, July 2012, July 2014)*

Regulation 14

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

14.1 General Rules. Conference track and field competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the Mountain West Handbook, the Mountain West Indoor Track and Field Championships Handbook and the Mountain West Outdoor Track and Field Championships Handbook.

14.2 Conference Schedule. There shall be no required regular-season Conference schedule in the sports of men's and women's track and field.

14.3 Championship Determination. The team and individual Conference champion in men's and women's track and field shall be determined at a Conference championship meet. Indoor track and field and outdoor track and field shall be considered separate sports and a Conference championship shall be held in each sport.

14.4 Conference Championship.

14.4.1 Date and Site.

14.4.1.1 Indoor. The Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships shall be conducted the Thursday – Saturday two weeks prior to the start of NCAA postseason competition. Additional information regarding hosting requirements can be found in the Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships Hosting Guidelines.

14.4.1.2 Outdoor. The Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships shall be conducted the Wednesday – Saturday two weeks prior to the start of NCAA postseason competition. The site shall rotate among member institutions with facilities of sufficient quality to host the Conference championships as outlined in the Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships Hosting Guidelines.

14.4.2 Minimum Number of Participants.

14.4.2.1 Indoor. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of indoor track and field shall take a minimum of 14 participants to the Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championships site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championships site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

14.4.2.2 Outdoor. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of outdoor track and field shall take a minimum of 14 participants to the Conference Outdoor Track and Field

Championships. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of $5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championships site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championships site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

14.4.3 Pre-Championship Meeting. A mandatory pre-championship meeting shall be conducted on Thursday three hours prior to the start of combined events in indoor and outdoor track. It is necessary to have at least one representative from each institution participate in the meeting. Should an institution fail to participate in the mandatory pre-championship meeting, the head coach shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall participate in the meeting. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised February 2008, April 2009, January 2012, September 2015, May 2017)*

14.5 Playing Rules. The Conference championships shall be conducted according to the NCAA Men's and Women's Track & Field/Cross Country Rules except as modified by Conference regulations.

14.6 Squad-Size Limitations. The squad size shall be limited for the track and field championships to a maximum of 28 male student-athletes and 28 female student-athletes for each institution. Failure to comply with the squad-size limitations shall result in Conference sanctions.

14.7 Awards.

14.7.1 Coach of the Year. The Coach of the Year shall be voted on by the coaches at the conclusion of the Championships. A coach shall not vote for himself or herself. Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. *(Clarified August 2017*)

14.7.2 Outstanding Performer of the Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The Outstanding Performer of the Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field Championships shall be voted on by the coaches at the conclusion of the Championships. In the event of a tie, co-outstanding performer of the meet will be awarded. *(Revised February 2013, November 2019)*

14.7.3 Student-Athlete of the Year. The Student-Athlete of the Year shall be selected by Mountain West track and field coaches. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the three to get to one or two recipients. Additional information regarding awards policies and procedures can be found in the applicable Mountain West Indoor Track and

Field Championships Handbook or Mountain West Outdoor Track and Field Championships Handbook. *(Revised December 2004, January 2007; Clarified August 2017)*

14.7.4 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference team shall consist of the top three finishers in each event.

14.7.5 All-Conference Team – Relays. The All-Conference team shall consist of the top three finishers in each relay.

14.8 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the men's and women's track and field coaches held on the first Monday of September at the Mountain West office. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory. *(Revised July 2006, July 2012, November 2014)*

Regulation 15

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

15.1 General Rules. Women's volleyball Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the Mountain West Handbook and the Mountain West Women's Volleyball Game Management Handbook.

15.2 Format. The Conference regular-season champion shall be determined through a modified double round-robin schedule.

15.3 Regular-Season Champion. The regular-season champion shall be the institution with the highest regular-season winning percentage in Conference competition. In the event of a tie, there will be co-champions.

15.4 Automatic Qualifier. The Conference regular-season champion shall be the automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship. Other Conference teams may accept invitations to participate in postseason tournaments only when conducted or approved by the NCAA. *(Revised March 2007)*

> **15.4.1 Regular-Season Champion/Automatic Qualifier Tiebreaker.** The regular-season champion shall be based on regular-season winning percentage in Conference competition. Additional information regarding tiebreaking procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Volleyball Game Management Handbook.

15.5 Playing Rules. All Conference volleyball contests shall be conducted according to NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules except as modified by Conference regulations.

15.6 Scheduling. In order to continue to improve institutional and conference RPI, each team shall schedule and play no non-Division I opponents and no more than two provisional or reclassifying Division I opponents per year.

> **15.6.1 Penalty – Exceeding Maximum Number of Non-Conference Opponents.** If a team schedules and plays any non-DI opponents or more than two provisional or reclassifying Division I opponents per year in a given year, the institution shall be assessed a penalty of $50,000 per occurrence. *(Revised October 2004, August 2004)*

15.7 Complimentary Admissions. Twenty-four complimentary tickets shall be provided for the visiting team. The official party size entering without tickets shall be 18 individuals.

> **15.7.1 Ticket Distribution.** Complimentary tickets shall be distributed according to the policies of the host institution's ticket office. These policies must be included in the event management information.

15.8 Squad-Size Limitations. Traveling team squad-sizes shall be limited to 15 student-athletes for regular-season Conference competition. If a team exceeds the squad-size limitation, the team shall decrease its travel party size by one full-time coach for the next away-from-home regular-season Conference competition after the violation has been reported. There shall be no squad-size limit on the home team. *(Revised January 2002, October 2006, March 2007, December 2010)*

15.9 Video/Scouting Report Exchange. The dissemination of game video and/or scouting information on member institutions to non-conference institutions is prohibited. Only representatives of the competing teams may record the contest. Exchanging video among Conference teams shall be governed by the policies outlined in the Mountain West Women's Volleyball Game Management Handbook.

15.9.1 Violations of Video/Scouting Report Exchange Policy. A member institution that exchanges video or scouting reports in the sport of volleyball with institutions outside the Conference shall be subject to the following:

a. **First Offense.** Private reprimand of the head coach and the individual who sent the video/report to the institution outside the Conference.

b. **Second Offense.** Written notice from the Conference of the second offense. A copy of the notice shall be kept in the personnel file of the individual in the office of the institution's director of athletics.

c. **Third Offense.** The Commissioner shall suspend the head coach for one contest. Such suspension shall occur immediately following receipt of notice by the Commissioner.

15.10 Awards. The Conference volleyball coaches shall select recipients for all awards. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Additional information regarding awards policies and procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Volleyball Game Management Handbook. *(Revised February 2016)*

15.10.1 All-Conference Team. The All-Conference Team shall consist of 18 student-athletes. Each student-athlete shall receive an award from the Conference. *(Revised February 2007, April 2014)*

15.10.2 All-Conference Honorable Mention. Up to six student-athletes may receive All-Conference Honorable Mention recognition. *(Revised April 2014)*

15.10.3 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year and Freshman of the Year.

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There may not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches will be asked to re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches will be asked to re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

The Player of the Year must be a first-team All-Conference selection. If the Freshman and/or Newcomer of the Year are voted to one of the All-Conference teams, they must rank higher than any other freshman and/or newcomer who is selected to an All-Conference team. *(Revised January 2010; Clarified August 2017)*

15.11 Meetings of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the volleyball coaches held at the Conference office in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Any changes shall be subject to approval by the Joint Council. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory (*Revised November 2018*).

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APPENDIX A

BYLAWS

OF

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

A Colorado Nonprofit Corporation

ARTICLE I
MEMBERS

1.01 Members: Qualifications.

(a) Initial Members. Mountain West Conference (the "Conference") shall have eight regular members, hereinafter referred to as the "Member Institutions," which shall be those academic institutions identified in Article V of the Conference's articles of incorporation (as amended from time to time, the "Articles of Incorporation").

(b) Qualifications. Each Member Institution shall be an institution of higher education which includes within its educational programs intercollegiate athletics under the same or substantially similar administrative and academic controls as exist in its other educational programs.

(c) Compliance with Rules. All Member Institutions and all future members of the Conference agree to abide by and fully comply with the rules and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association ("NCAA") and the Mountain West Conference Handbook (as described in Section 2.15 and hereinafter called the "Handbook").

1.02 Admission of New Members. Upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) or more of the members of the Conference's board of directors (the "Board of Directors"), an institution of higher education which meets the qualifications set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and these bylaws may be admitted as a new Member.

(a) Entrance Fee. Upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) or more of the members of the Board of Directors, an entrance fee (as determined by the Board of Directors) may be assessed to a new member. (Adopted June 2011)

1.03 Voting Rights of Members. Each Member Institution shall be entitled to appoint one (1) director to the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 2.03. Member Institutions shall be entitled to vote with respect to the dissolution of the Corporation pursuant to C.R.S. § 7-134-102. The affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Member Institutions shall be required to dissolve the Conference. Member Institutions shall have no other voting rights.

1.04 Resignation.

(a) Any Member Institution may resign from membership in the Conference effective June 30 of each year (the "Effective Date") by delivering written notice to the Conference and the other Members on or before the preceding June 30th (the "Notice Date"). The period from a Notice Date to an Effective Date is referred to herein as the "Interim Period." The resignation of a Member Institution does not relieve the Member Institution from any obligations such Member Institution may have to the Conference as a result of obligations incurred or commitments made prior to resignation. (Revised June 2011)

(b) Effective June 6, 2011 and thereafter any notice of resignation given by any member shall be subject to the notice dates referenced in subparagraph (a) above and the following: (i) the resigning member shall forfeit its final year of revenue payable no later than the Effective Date; (ii) if the resigning member gives notice after the established "Notice Date", the resigning member shall forfeit its final year of revenue and shall pay to the Conference a sum of five million dollars ($5,000,000) OR double the amount of the final year's revenue, whichever is greater. All monies shall be paid no later than the Notice Date. (Revised June 2011, January 2013, July 2016)

(c) A resigning Member shall play all athletic competitions included in the Conference schedules until the Effective Date of the resignation.

(d) On the Notice Date a director appointed by a resigning Member shall be deemed to have resigned as a director effective on the Notice Date.

(e) During the Interim Period,

(i) the Board of Directors shall be deemed to be reduced by the number of resigning Members and shall be fully empowered to act, as then constituted, to manage the business and affairs of the Conference; and

(ii) a resigning Member shall be neither obligated nor entitled to appoint a representative to the Board of Directors.

1.05 Expulsion, Suspension, and Probation. By the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors, taken not less than fifteen (15) days after written notice to the Member Institution of the proposed action and the reasons for it and not less than five (5) days after the Member Institution has had an opportunity to be heard by the Board of Directors, the Conference may expel or suspend a Member Institution, or place such Member Institution on probation, for any violation of any of the provisions of the Code. Expulsion means a permanent and complete severance from the Conference in all sports. Suspension means a temporary severance from the Conference in one (1) or more sports. Probation means that a Member Institution has been informed by the Conference that it has violated one or more provisions of the Handbook and that continuation or recurrence of such violation(s) will be grounds for suspension or expulsion. During any period of suspension or probation, the Member Institution shall continue to be represented on the Board of Directors.

1.06 Reinstatement of Members. By the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors, any Member Institution who has resigned or has been expelled or suspended may be restored to full membership.

1.07 Assessments and Distribution.

(a) Assessments. Each Member Institution will pay an equal share of any assessment approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, to fund the operations of the Conference.

(b) Distributions. Each Member Institution will share equally in all of the Conference's net revenues, except for revenues which the Board of Directors determines (by the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors) will be distributed on a performance basis and/or other criteria established by the Board of Directors. A copy of the Conference revenue distribution parameters shall be kept on file in the Conference office. (Revised January2013)

1.08 No Annual Meeting. No annual meeting of the Member Institutions shall be required.

1.09 Affiliate Members. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, establish one or more classes of affiliate members for such purposes, with such designations, manner of election or appointment, qualifications, tenure and terms of membership as the Board of Directors may determine. Except as may otherwise be permitted by the Mountain West Conference Handbook, the affiliate members shall have no voting rights.

1.10 Member Institutions. Member Institutions that are governmental agencies of their respective states or the United States do not, and shall not be deemed to, expressly or impliedly, waive the sovereign immunity (including, but not limited to, immunity under the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States) of their respective states or the United States, and shall not be deemed to consent to suit or to consent to the jurisdiction of the state of Colorado or any other state in which the Conference is located or to the jurisdiction of their courts. All Member Institutions that are state or federal governmental agencies expressly disclaim any authority or intent to waive the sovereign immunity of their respective governments.

ARTICLE II
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.01 General Powers. All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Conference shall be managed under the direction of, the Board of Directors.

2.02 Number. Subject to subparagraph 1.04(e)(I), the number of members of the Board of Directors shall equal the number of Member Institutions in the Conference.

2.03 Manner of Appointment: Authority. Subject to subparagraph 1.04(e)(ii), each Member Institution shall be entitled to appoint one (1) representative to the Board of Directors. The representative appointed must be the Chief Executive Officer (President, Superintendent, Chancellor or similar position) of the Member Institution.

2.04 Term. Each Director shall hold office until the earlier of:

(a) the effective of his or her actual resignation as a director or his or her deemed resignation by virtue of paragraph 1.04(d);

(b) the effective date of his or her removal by the Member Institution which appointed him or her;

(c) the date he or she ceases to be the CEO of the Member Institution that appointed him or her;

(d) the Notice Date of the withdrawal of the Member Institution which appointed him or her from membership in the Conference; or

(e) the effective date of expulsion of the Member Institution which appointed him or her from membership in the Conference.

2.05 Compensation. Directors shall not receive compensation from the Conference for their services as members of the Board of Directors, but they shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred by them in attending meetings of the Board of Directors.

2.06 Regular Meetings. A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in May or June of each year at the time and place determined by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution for the holding of additional regular meetings.

2.07 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Chairperson of the Board or fifty percent (50%) or more of the members of the Board of Directors then in office. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may determine the place as the place, within or outside Colorado, for holding any special meeting of the board called by them.

2.08 Notice. Notice of each meeting of the Board of Directors stating the place, date and time of the meeting shall be delivered in accordance with Section 7.03, to all directors at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. The method of notice need not be the same for each director. The business to be transacted at and the purpose of any special meeting of the Board of Directors must be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

2.09 Waiver of Notice. A director may waive any notice of a meeting required by these bylaws before, at or after the date or time of the meeting stated in the notice. Except as provided in the next sentence, any such waiver must be in writing, signed by the director entitled thereto and delivered to the Conference for filing with the corporate records, but such delivery and filing shall not be conditions to its effectiveness. A director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice to such director of the meeting unless, at the beginning of the meeting or promptly upon the director's later arrival, the director objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting because of lack of notice or defective notice and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting.

2.10 Quorum and Voting. Three-fourths (3/4) of members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, and the vote of a majority of the directors present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except where the vote of a specified percentage of the members of the Board of Directors is required for approval. The Chairperson shall be counted for purposes of determining a quorum and shall be entitled to vote. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time and shall give absent directors notice of each such adjournment. Except as otherwise requested by a director, the vote of individual directors on any matter shall not be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The individual votes of directors shall not be divulged in press announcements. For

purposes of determining a quorum with respect to a particular proposal, and for purposes of casting a vote for or against a particular proposal, a director may be deemed to be present at a meeting and to vote if the director has granted a signed written proxy to another director who is present at the meeting, authorizing the other director to cast the vote that is directed to be cast by the written proxy with respect to the particular proposal that is described with reasonable specificity in the proxy. Except as provided in this Section 2.10 and as permitted by C.R.S. section 7-128-202, no director may vote or otherwise act by proxy.

2.11 Presumption of Assent. A director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any corporate matter is taken is deemed to have assented to all action taken at the meeting unless the director (a) objects at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon the director's arrival, to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to any action taken at the meeting; (b) contemporaneously requests that his or her dissent or abstention as to any specific action taken be entered in the minutes of the meeting; or (c) causes written notice of such dissent or abstention as to any specific action to be received by the presiding officer of the meeting before adjournment of the meeting or by the corporation within 24 hours after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention pursuant to this section as to specific action is not available to a director who votes in favor of the action taken.

2.12 Delegation of Authority. To the extent permitted by law, the Board of Directors may delegate any of its duties to such committees or other advisory councils, auxiliaries or other bodies appointed by it for any designated purpose and any such committee shall have and may exercise all of the powers and authority granted to them by the Board of Directors. The members, terms and authority of such bodies shall be established by resolution of the Board of Directors; except that, if any such committee or other body has one or more members thereof who are entitled to vote on committee matters and who are not then also directors, such committee or other body may not exercise any power or authority reserved to the Board of Directors under the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act as it now exists or may hereafter be amended (the "Act"), in the Articles of Incorporation or in these bylaws.

2.13 Action Without a Meeting. Any action which is required to be or may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if Consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken are signed by all of the directors or committee members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. Such consents (which may be signed in counterparts) shall have the same force and effects as a unanimous vote of the directors or committee members.

2.14 Other Authorized Action. To the extent permitted by law, members of the Board or of any committee created by the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all directors participating may hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

2.15 Adoption, Approval of Mountain West Conference Handbook. The Board of Directors shall promulgate, adopt and approve a Handbook of rules, policies and procedures to govern and control the day-to-day operations of the Conference. The Handbook may be amended only by the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors. Any provision of the Handbook which is contrary to these bylaws shall be treated as being superseded by these bylaws.

2.16 Actions Requiring Board Approval. The approval of a majority of a quorum of the Board of Directors, or such higher vote as may be specified by other provisions of these bylaws, shall be required to:

(a) Employ the Commissioner and other Conference officers, prescribe their duties and fix the compensation, terms and conditions of their employment.

(b) Approve the terms of major contracts and agreements for the purchase, sale or lease of real property, and television or radio broadcast and bowl contracts.

(c) Initiate, determine, or repeal any rules, regulations or policies of or pertaining to the Conference.

(d) Review, approve, revise or disapprove any action taken by any committee, advisory council, auxiliary or other bodies established by it.

(e) Approve the budget of the Conference and established annual dues for each fiscal year.

(f) Determine to initiate, defend and settle litigation involving the Conference or submit any such matters to arbitration or mediation.

(g) Approve the admission of a Member.

(h) Expel, suspend or place on probation a Member Institution as provided in Section 1.05.

(i) Authorize the Conference to incur indebtedness for borrowing money.

ARTICLE III
OFFICERS

3.01 Officers. The elected officers of the Conference shall consist of a Chairperson of the Board (the "Chairperson") and President, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Board may also elect or the President may appoint, one or more Vice Presidents, one or more Assistant Secretaries, one of more Assistant Treasurers, and one or more subordinate officers. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person.

3.02 Authority and Duties. All officers of the Conference shall have the authority and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties specified below and as may be additionally specified by the Board of Directors or these bylaws, except that in any event each officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be required by law or as are established by resolution of the Board of Directors.

(a) Chairperson of the Board and President. The Chairperson and President shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall be the chief executive officer of the Conference. Each Chairperson shall serve for a term of one year but may be elected to additional one-year terms provided at least one year elapses between terms. The initial Chairperson and President shall be elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to the Chairpersonship and Presidency. The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors,

and, as President, shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

(b) Vice Chairperson of the Board. The Vice-Chairperson shall be elected annually from the members of the Board of Directors. In the absence of the Chairperson at a meeting, the Vice-Chairperson or other member of the Board of Directors designated by the Chairperson shall preside at such meeting. The vice Chairperson shall be chairperson-elect for the next fiscal year.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Board of Directors; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Conference; and in general shall perform all duties customarily incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors.

(d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall serve as the chief financial officer of the Conference and shall have supervision of the funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the Conference; cause all moneys and other valuable effects of the Conference to be deposited in its name and to its credit in such depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors or pursuant to authority conferred by the Board of Directors; cause to be kept correct books of count, proper vouchers and other papers pertaining to the Conference's business at the accounting office of the Conference; render to the Board of Directors annually an audited account of the financial condition of the Conference; and perform any other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

(e) Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer (or in the event there be more than one Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer, in the order of their seniority, designation or election) shall, in the absence or disability of the Secretary or Treasurer, respectively, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Secretary or Treasurer and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors or the President shall prescribe.

3.03 Election and Term of Office. The elected officers of the Conference shall be elected by the Board of Directors at a regular annual meeting. If the election of officers is not held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon as convenient thereafter. Each officer shall hold office until the officer's successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified, or until the officer's earlier death, resignation or removal.

3.04 Compensation. The salaries or other compensation of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The power to establish salaries of officers, other than the President, may be delegated by the Board of Directors to the President, or a committee of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV
COMMISSIONER

4.01 Commissioner. The administrative head of the Conference shall be its Commissioner, who shall report to the Board of Directors. Subject to the direction and under the supervision of the

Board of Directors, and in a manner consistent with these bylaws as they may be amended from time to time, the Commissioner shall:

(a) Serve as the Commissioner and chief operating officer of the Conference and have general charge
of the business, affairs and property of the Conference and control over its agents and employees.

(b) Be responsible for general supervision of the operations of The Conference and employ such support personnel as are necessary, consistent with the bylaws and the Handbook.

(c) Serve as the principal enforcement officer of the Handbook, with responsibility for and authority to provide rulings and interpretations of the Handbook and to conduct such investigations of Member Institutions as may be necessary.

(d) Exercise such power and authority as may be reasonably necessary to discharge the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner's office in the resolution of a controversy or violation of immediate urgency.

(e) Serve as the principal enforcement officer of the Conference.

(f) Have charge of the Conference offices and authority to employee office personnel and procure equipment as may be necessary and proper for efficient operation.

(g) Be empowered to enter into contracts and legal documents affecting routine and day-to-day operations and duties of the Conference and the Conference office. Significant contracts and legal documents that constitute major matters (i.e., television contracts, bowl contracts) shall require approval of a majority of the Directors then in office and the signatures of the President and the Commissioner.

(h) At all times devote best efforts to advance the affairs of the Conference in a manner consistent with the aims, purposes and principles of the Conference, and perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by these bylaws or by the Board of Directors.

4.02 Employment Contract: Term. Employment of the Commissioner shall be by employment contract. The affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors shall be required to approve such contract or any modification or renewal thereof. The Board of Directors, in its discretion, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all directors then in office may determine not to approve any annual automatic extension provided for in the Commissioner's employment contract.

4.03 Termination. The Board of Directors may terminate the employment of the Commissioner at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors, but the Conference shall honor its financial obligations, if any, set forth in the Commissioner's employment contract.

ARTICLE V
INDEMNIFICATION

5.01 Indemnification. Pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation, the Conference has undertaken an obligation to indemnify members, directors and officers of the Conference to the maximum extent permitted by law. Such indemnification obligation shall be subject to the following understandings:

(a) Advance of Expenses. In the event of any proceeding in which a party is involved or which may give rise to a right of indemnification under the Articles of Incorporation, following written request to the Conference by the party, the Conference shall pay to the party, to the fullest extent permitted by law (including without limitation in circumstances in which, in the absence of this Section (a), advance of expenses would be discretionary under the laws of Colorado or limited or subject to particular standards of conduct under such laws), amounts to cover expenses incurred by the party in, relating to or as a result of such proceeding in advance of its final disposition.

(b) Settlements. The Conference shall not be liable under this Article for any amounts paid in settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent.

(c) Burden of Proof. If under applicable law the entitlement of a party to be indemnified or advanced expenses pursuant to this Article depends upon whether a standard of conduct has been met, the burden of proof of establishing that the party did not meet such standard shall rest with the Conference. A party shall be presumed to have acted in accordance with such standard and to be entitled to indemnification or advance of expenses (as the case may be) unless, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, it shall be determined that the party has not met such standard. Such determination and any evaluation as to the reasonableness of amounts claimed by a party shall be made by the Board of Directors or such other body or persons as may be permitted by law.

(d) Notification and Defense of Claim. Promptly after receipt by a party of notice of the commencement of any proceeding, the party shall, if a claim for indemnification in respect thereof may or will be made against the Conference under this Article, notify the Conference in writing of the commencement thereof; provided, however, that delay in so notifying the Conference shall not constitute a waiver or release by the party of any rights under this Article. With respect to any such proceeding: (a) the Conference shall be entitled to participate therein at its own expense; (b) any counsel representing the party to be indemnified in connection with the defense or settlement thereof shall be counsel mutually agreeable to the party and to the Conference; and (c) if the Conference admits that such party would be entitled to indemnification under this Article in connection with such proceeding, the Conference shall have the right, at its option, to assume and control the defense or settlement thereof, with counsel satisfactory to the party. If the Conference assumes the defense of the proceeding, the party shall have the right to employ its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel incurred after notice from the Conference of its assumption of the defense of such proceeding shall be at the expense of the party unless (I) the employment of such counsel has been specifically authorized by the Conference, (ii) the party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be a conflict of interest between the Conference and the party in the conduct of the defense of such proceeding, or (iii) the Conference shall not in fact have employed counsel to assume the defense of such proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an insurance carrier has supplied directors and officers liability insurance covering a proceeding and is entitled to retain counsel for the defense of such proceeding, then the insurance carrier shall retain counsel to conduct the defense of such proceeding to the extent the terms of the insurance policy so provide.

(e) Payment Procedures: Enforcement. The Conference shall promptly act upon a party's written request for indemnification or advance of expenses. The right to indemnification and advance of expenses granted by this Article shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction if the Conference denies the claim, in whole or in part, or if no disposition of such claim is made within sixty days after the written request for indemnification or advance of expenses is made. If successful in whole or in part in such suit, the party's expenses incurred in bringing and prosecuting such claim shall also be paid by the Conference.

(f) Other Payments. The Conference shall not be liable under this Article to make any payment in connection with any proceeding against or involving a party to the extent the party has otherwise actually received payment (under any insurance policy, agreement or otherwise) of the amounts otherwise indemnifiable hereunder. A party shall repay to the Conference the amount of any payment the Conference makes to the party under this Article in connection with any proceeding against or involving the party, to the extent the party has otherwise actually received payment (under any insurance policy, agreement or otherwise) of such amount. In the event of any payment under this Article, the Conference shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of the indemnified party, who shall execute all papers and do everything that may be necessary to assure such rights of subrogation to the Conference.

(g) Other Rights and Remedies. The right to indemnification and advance of expenses provided by this Article shall be in addition to, and shall not be in limitation of, any other rights a party may have or hereafter acquire under any law, provision of the Articles of Incorporation, any other or further provision of these bylaws, vote of the directors, agreement or otherwise.

(h) Applicability: Effect. The rights to indemnification and advance of expenses provided by the Articles of Incorporation shall be applicable to acts or omissions undertaken on the Conference's behalf or with a view to furthering the Conference's interests that occurred prior to the formation of the Conference, shall continue as to any party entitled to indemnification under this Article during the period such party occupies or serves in any one or more the capacities covered by this Article, shall continue thereafter so long as the party may be subject to any possible proceeding by reason of the fact that the party occupied or served in any one or more of the capacities covered by this Article, and shall inure to the benefit of the successors, assigns, estates and personal representatives of such parties. Any repeal or modification of this Article or of any Section or provision hereof shall not adversely affect any rights or obligations then existing. All rights to indemnification under the Articles of Incorporation shall be deemed to be provided by a contract between the Conference and each party covered thereby.

(i) Severability. If any provision of this Article shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever (a) the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Article shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby, and (b) to the fullest extent possible, the remaining provisions of this Article shall be construed so as to give effect to the intent of this Article that each party covered hereby is entitled to the fullest protection permitted by law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the Conference shall neither indemnify any person nor purchase any insurance in any manner or to any extent that would jeopardize or be inconsistent with the qualification of the Conference as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of

the Internal Revenue Handbook, or that would result in the imposition of any liability under section 4941 of the Internal Revenue Handbook.

(j) Liability. Liability for indemnification shall be limited to the assets of the Conference and no Member, officer or director of the Conference shall have any liability whatsoever with respect to indemnification.

ARTICLE VI
AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws or amendments to the bylaws may be approved at any annual meeting or special meeting of the Board of Directors, called for that purpose, by the vote of three-fourth (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also adopt emergency bylaws as provided by law.

ARTICLE VII
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

7.01 Books and Records. The Conference shall keep correct and complete books and records of its accounts and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and of any other duly appointed and authorized body or committee when exercising any of the powers of the Board of Directors. The books and records of the Conference may be in written form or in any other form which can be converted within a reasonable time into written form for visual inspection. Minutes shall be recorded in written form but may be maintained in the form of a reproduction.

7.02 Fiscal Year. Except as from time to time otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, the fiscal year of the Conference shall extend from July 1 to June 30 of each year, both dates inclusive.

7.03 Manner of Giving Notice: Effectiveness. Whenever notice is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws to be given to any Member or director, such notice shall be in writing (unless oral notice is reasonable under the circumstances) and may be given in person or by telephone, telegraph, teletype, electronically transmitted facsimile or other form or wire or wireless communication, first class, certified or registered mail, private courier or in any other manner permitted by law. If written, notice shall be effective as to each such Member or director, as the case may be made, as follows: (a) in the case of notice mailed by the Conference to the Members, upon deposit in the United States mail, addressed to the Member at the address as it appears in the Conference's current record of Members and with first class postage prepaid; and (b) in all other cases, the earliest of (I) the date received, (ii) five days after deposit in the United States mail (properly addressed and with first class postage prepaid), and (iii) the date shown on the return receipt, if mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the addressee. Oral notice is effective when communicated.

7.04 Reference to Statute. Except where a bylaw provision permissibly overrides the default language of the statute, in the event of a conflict between these bylaws and the Act, the Members hereby adopt and agree to abide by the provisions of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, C.R.S. § 7-121-101, et seq., as it may be amended from time to time.

7.05 Corporate Seal. The corporate seal of the Conference shall be circular in form and shall contain the name of the Conference and the words "Seal, Colorado." The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed, affixed, manually reproduced or rubber-stamped with indelible ink.

7.06 Litigation. In any proceeding against the Conference commenced by a Member, the nonprevailing party shall pay the attorneys' fees and costs of the prevailing party.

7.07 Limited Use of Names, Marks, and Logos. By becoming a member of the Conference, each Member Institution agrees that it grants the Conference a world-wide fully paid-up right and license

to use and to authorize the use of the name, marks and logos associated with the athletic programs of the Member Institution, which conform to the configuration and color officially approved by the trademark licensing office of the Member Institution, for so long as the Member Institution is a member of the Conference, for the following and only the following purposes:

(a) As a component of a Conference mark or logo approved in writing by the Member Institution.

(b) For material advertising and promoting a Conference contest, tournament, play-off or championship and for display during the course of such tournament, play-off or championship.

(c) As an integral part of any television or other media broadcast of a Conference contest, tournament, play-off or championship.

The Conference shall not use or authorize the use of the name, marks, or logos of a Member Institution on any commercial product or merchandise, or for advertising or promoting any commercial product, merchandise, or service of any person, partnership, association, corporation, or other entity; except that the Conference shall not be prohibited from licensing the use of an approved Conference mark or logo that include the name, marks or logos of all of the Member Institutions.

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CONSENT OF DIRECTORS

OF

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Section 7-128-202 of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, the undersigned, being all of the directors of Mountain West Conference, a Colorado nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby consent to, vote in favor of and adopt the following resolutions:

I.
Adoption of Bylaws

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws for the regulation of the affairs of the Corporation, as circulated to the board of directors on November 16, 1998 and containing such amendments as were adopted by the board of directors on December 3, 1998 in substantially the form attached hereto, are hereby approved and adopted as the Bylaws of the Corporation, and that a copy of such Bylaws be certified by the Secretary of the corporation and placed in the Corporation's minute book.

II.
Counterpart Execution

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Consent of Directors may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one original, to be effective as of the date of first signature.

RESOLUTIONS OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Mountain West Conference (the "Corporation") desires that Boise State University ("BSU") be admitted as a voting member of the Corporation;

WHEREAS, the Board now accepts the admission of BSU (Effective July 1, 2011).

WHEREAS, Brigham Young University (BYU) (effective Jun 30, 2011), Texas Christian University (TCU) (effective June 30, 2012) and the University of Utah (Utah) (effective June 30, 2011) resigned from the Corporation in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby accepts the resignations of BYU, TCU and Utah.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Mountain West Conference (the "Corporation") desires that California State University, Fresno ("FSU") be admitted as a voting member of the Corporation;

WHEREAS, the Board now accepts the admission of FSU (effective July 1, 2012).

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Mountain West Conference (the "Corporation") desires that the University of Nevada ("Nevada") be admitted as a voting member of the Corporation;

WHEREAS, the Board now accepts the admission of Nevada (effective July 1, 2012).

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Mountain West Conference (the "Corporation") desires that San Jose State University ("SJSU") be admitted as a voting member of the Corporation;

WHEREAS, the Board now accepts the admission of SJSU (effective July 1, 2013).

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Mountain West Conference (the "Corporation") desires that Utah State University ("USU") be admitted as a voting member of the Corporation;

WHEREAS, the Board now accepts the admission of USU (effective July 1, 2013).

FURTHER RESOLVED, the voting members of the Corporation shall be as follows:

1. United States Air Force Academy
2. Boise State University
3. California State University Fresno
4. Colorado College (women's soccer only)
5. Colorado State University
6. University of Nevada
7. University of Hawaii (football only)
8. University of New Mexico
9. San Diego State University
10. San Jose State University
11. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
12. Utah State University
13. University of Wyoming

EXHIBIT A

AMENDMENT TO THE

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

Article V(c) of the articles of incorporation of the Mountain West Conference, a Colorado nonprofit corporation, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(c) The voting members of the Corporation shall be as determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation from time to time. Any action by the Board of Directors to admit or remove a voting member of the Corporation must be approved by the vote of at least three fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Chair of the Board of Directors

The President of a Mountain West (MW) institution shall serve as the chair of the Board of Directors and Board of Directors Executive Committee each academic year and shall rotate as listed below. A president new to the MW shall not begin service on the Board of Directors Executive Committee or serve as chair of the Board of Directors until his or her respective institution has been a member of the MW for at least one academic year. A newly appointed president shall not begin service on the Board of Directors Executive Committee or serve as chair of the Board of Directors until at least one academic year has passed since the beginning of his or her tenure. If the new president's tenure begins during a year in which the former president was scheduled to rotate onto the Board of Directors Executive Committee (and ultimately into the Board of Directors chair position), the Board of Directors shall adjust the rotation accordingly to allow the new president sufficient time to acclimate. In the event the current chair is unable to complete his or her term as chair, the incoming chair shall move into the chair position and the remainder of the rotation shall be moved upward for that academic year. At the conclusion of that academic year, the Board of Directors shall review the Board of Directors Executive Committee composition and the chair position to determine the Board of Directors Executive Committee and chair rotation for the next and subsequent academic years.

2020-2022:	San José State
2022-2024:	New Mexico
2024-2026:	UNLV
2026-2028:	Wyoming
2028-2030:	Air Force
2030-2032:	Colorado State
2032-2034:	Nevada
2034-2036:	Boise State
2036-2038:	San Diego State
2038-2039:	Fresno State
2039-2040:	Utah State

Committee terms shall be a minimum of two years.

Effective July 1, 2020 the composition of MW Board of Directors committees is as follows:

Executive Committee
Mary Papazian – Chair
Noelle Cockett – Recent past chair
Garnett Stokes – Incoming chair

Legal and Finance Committee
Joyce McConnell
Joseph Castro
Edward Seidel

Competition, Ethics and Sportsmanship
Jay Silveria
Adela de la Torre
David Lassner

Student-Athlete Welfare, Academics and Leadership
Marta Meana
Marc Johnson
Marlene Tromp

APPENDIX C

Joint Council Executive Committee Rotation

2020-21	FAR – San Diego State AD – Utah State SWA – Wyoming
2021-22	FAR – Air Force AD – San Diego State SWA – Colorado State
2022-23	FAR – New Mexico AD – San José State SWA – UNLV
2023-24	FAR – Colorado State AD – UNLV SWA – New Mexico
2024-25	FAR – Fresno State AD – Wyoming SWA – Nevada
2025-26	FAR – Boise State AD – Air Force SWA – San José State
2026-27	FAR – Nevada AD – Boise State SWA – Fresno State
2027-28	FAR – San José State AD – Colorado State SWA – Boise Sate
2028-29	FAR – Utah State AD – Fresno State SWA – San Diego State
2029-30	FAR – UNLV AD – New Mexico SWA – Utah State
2030-31	FAR – Wyoming AD – Nevada SWA – Air Force

APPENDIX D

Committees

Joint Council Executive Committee		**(Rule 1.3.7.1)**	**Institution**
FAR	Patrick Papin (Chair)		SDSU
AD	John Hartwell		USU
SWA	China Jude		WYO
FAR	Meg Martin *(ex officio)*		AFA

Conference Liaisons – Carolayne Henry/Bret Gilliland

Directors of Athletics Competition Committee (Rule 1.3.7.3.5)	**Institution**
John Hartwell	USU
Tom Burman	WYO
Terry Tumey	FS
Doug Knuth	NEV
Eddie Nuñez	UNM
John David Wicker	SDSU

Conference Liaison – Bret Gilliland

Directors of Athletics Media Rights Committee (Rule 1.3.7.3.6)	**Institution**
Joe Parker	CSU
Nate Pine	AFA
Curt Apsey	BSU
David Matlin	HAW
Marie Tuite	SJSU
Desiree Reed-Francois	UNLV

Conference Liaison – Bret Gilliland

Nominating Committee	**(Rule 1.3.7.5)**	**Institution**
Doug Knuth		NEV
Eddie Nunez		AFA
Alyson Hagy		WYO
Patrick Papin		SDSU
John Hartwell		USU
China Jude		WYO

Conference Liaison – Carolayne Henry

Recognition Committee	**(Rule 1.3.7.6)**	**Institution**
Doug Knuth		NEV
Eddie Nunez		UNM

Alyson Hagy	WYO
Eileen Daley	SJSU
Mallory Poole	UNLV
Ed Heath	USU

Conference Liaison – Gary Walenga

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee	**(Rule 1.3.7.7)**	**Institution**
Jessica Kirkpatrick		AFA
Kylie Stronko*		
Donte Harrington		BSU
Malia Pivec		
Jordan Acosta		CSU
Marcus McElroy^		
Delana Basanisi		FS
Sydney Fox		
Emma Dern		NEV
Julia Jensen		
Raissa Gavino		UNM
Kamie Hamada		
Quentin Hill		SDSU
Asia Smith		
Isabella Bowers		SJSU
Caleb Simmons		
Jozee De Cunzo		UNLV
Catherine Brennan		
Kyle Brost		USU
Maia Garren		
Hannah Lee (NCAA Division I SAAC Representative)		WYO
Jacqueline McBride		
Patrick Papin (Co-Mountain West Joint Council Liaison)		SDSU
Kyle Saunders (Co-Mountain West Joint Council Liaison)		CSU

*MW SAAC Chair
^MW SAAC Vice-Chair

Conference Liaisons – Akanni Turner, Lydia Adeosun, Justine France

APPENDIX E

Recognition Committee Rotation

	2020-21	
NEV AD	SJSU SWA	USU FAR
UNM AD	UNLV SWA	WYO FAR
	2021-22	
UNM AD	UNLV SWA	WYO FAR
SDSU AD	USU SWA	AFA FAR
	2022-23	
SDSU AD	USU SWA	AFA FAR
SJSU AD	FS SWA	BSU FAR
	2023-24	
SJSU AD	FS SWA	BSU FAR
UNLV AD	WYO SWA	CSU FAR
	2024-25	
UNLV AD	WYO SWA	CSU FAR
BSU AD	NEV SWA	UNM FAR
	2025-26	
BSU AD	NEV SWA	UNM FAR
USU AD	AFA SWA	FS FAR
	2026-27	
USU AD	AFA SWA	FS FAR
CSU AD	UNM SWA	SDSU FAR
	2027-28	
CSU AD	UNM SWA	SDSU FAR
WYO AD	BSU SWA	NEV FAR
	2028-29	
WYO AD	BSU SWA	NEV FAR
FS AD	SDSU SWA	SJSU FAR
	2029-30	
FS AD	SDSU SWA	SJSU FAR
AFA AD	CSU SWA	UNLV FAR
	2030-31	
AFA AD	CSU SWA	UNLV FAR
NEV AD	SJSU SWA	USU FAR

APPENDIX F

Sport Committees

Baseball	**Institution**
Mike Kazlausky	Air Force
Mike Batesole	Fresno State
T.J. Bruce	Nevada
Ray Birmingham	New Mexico
Mark Martinez	San Diego State
Brad Sanfilippo	San José State
Stan Stolte	UNLV

Conference Liaison – John Sullivan
Joint Council Administrator – Jenny Bramer

Men's Basketball	**Institution**
Joe Scott	Air Force
Leon Rice	Boise State
Niko Medved	Colorado State
Justin Hutson	Fresno State
Steve Alford	Nevada
Paul Weir	New Mexico
Brian Dutcher	San Diego State
Jean Prioleau	San José State
T.J. Otzelberger	UNLV
Craig Smith	Utah State
Jeff Linder	Wyoming

Conference Liaison – Carolayne Henry/John Sullivan
Joint Council Administrator – John David Wicker

Women's Basketball	**Institution**
Chris Gobrecht	Air Force
Gordy Presnell	Boise State
Ryun Williams	Colorado State
Jaime White	Fresno State
Amanda Levens	Nevada
Mike Bradbury	New Mexico
Stacie Terry	San Diego State
Jamie Craighead	San José State
Lindy La Rocque	UNLV
Kayla Ard	Utah State
Gerald Mattinson	Wyoming

Conference Liaison – Carolayne Henry
Joint Council Administrator – Doug Knuth

Football	**Institution**
Troy Calhoun	Air Force
Brian Harsin	Boise State
Steve Addazio	Colorado State
Kalen DeBoer	Fresno State
Todd Graham	Hawaii

Jay Norvell	Nevada
Danny Gonzales	New Mexico
Brady Hoke	San Diego State
Brent Brennan	San José State
Marcus Arroyo	UNLV
Gary Andersen	Utah State
Craig Bohl	Wyoming

Conference Liaison – Jamie Hixson
Joint Council Administrator – Tom Burman

Men's Golf	**Institution**
George Koury	Air Force
Dan Potter	Boise State
Christian Newton	Colorado State
Chad Spencer	Fresno State
Jacob Wilner	Nevada
Glen Millican	New Mexico
Ryan Donovan	San Diego State
John Kennaday	San José State
Dwaine Knight	UNLV
Dean Johansen	Utah State
Joseph Jensen	Wyoming

Conference Liaison – John Sullivan
Joint Council Administrator – Amy Crosbie

Women's Golf	**Institution**
Nicole Bird	Boise State
Laura Cilek	Colorado State
Emily Loftin	Fresno State
Kathleen Takaishi	Nevada
Jill Trujillo	New Mexico
Leslie Spalding	San Diego State
Dana Dormann	San José State
Amy Bush-Herzer	UNLV
Josey Stender	Wyoming

Conference Liaison – Kevin Rorke
Joint Council Administrator – Janice Ruggiero

Women's Soccer	**Institution**
Larry Friend	Air Force
Jim Thomas	Boise State
Geoff Bennett	Colorado College
Bill Hempen	Colorado State
Brian Zwaschka	Fresno State
Erin Otagaki	Nevada
Heather Dyche	New Mexico
Mike Friesen	San Diego State
Lauren Hanson	San José State
Jenny Ruiz Williams	UNLV
Heather Cairns	Utah State
Pete Cuadrado	Wyoming

Conference Liaison – Kevin Rorke
Joint Council Administrator – China Jude

Softball	**Institution**
Maggie Huffaker	Boise State
Jen Fisher	Colorado State
Linda Garza	Fresno State
Josh Taylor	Nevada
Paula Congleton	New Mexico
Kathy Van Wyk	San Diego State
Peter Turner	San José State
Kristie Fox	UNLV
Steve Johnson	Utah State

Conference Liaison – Parker Jacobs
Joint Council Administrator – Shalini Shanker

Women's Swimming and Diving	**Institution**
Colleen Murphy	Air Force
Chris Woodard	Colorado State
Jeanne Fleck	Fresno State
Brendon Bray	Nevada
Keegan Ingelido	New Mexico
Mike Shrader	San Diego State
Sage Hopkins	San José State
Ben Loorz	UNLV
Dave Denniston	Wyoming

Conference Liaison – Kevin Rorke
Joint Council Administrator – Jen Block

Men's Tennis	**Institution**
Dan Oosterhous	Air Force
Kristian Widen	Boise State
Luke Shields	Fresno State
Sylvain Malroux	Nevada
Ben Dunbar	New Mexico
Gene Carswell	San Diego State
Owen Hambrook	UNLV
Aaron Paajanen	Utah State

Conference Liaison – Justine France
Joint Council Administrator – Rhonda Bennett

Women's Tennis	**Institution**
Kim Gidley	Air Force
Beck Roghaar	Boise State
Jarod Camerota	Colorado State
TBA	Fresno State
Guillaume Tonelli	Nevada
Vickey Maes	New Mexico
Peter Mattera	San Diego State
Chad Skorupka	San José State
Kevin Cory	UNLV

Sean McInerney	Utah State
Dean Clower	Wyoming

Conference Liaison – Parker Jacobs
Joint Council Administrator – Christina Van Tol

Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country	**Institution**
Ralph Lindeman (T&F)	Air Force
Ryan Cole (CC)	Air Force
Corey Ihmels (T&F/CC)	Boise State
Brian Bedard (T&F)	Colorado State
Art Siemers (CC)	Colorado State
Jason Drake (T&F/CC)	Fresno State
Shantel Twiggs (T&F)	Nevada
Kirk Elias (CC)	Nevada
Joe Franklin (T&F/CC)	New Mexico
Shelia Burrell (T&F/CC)	San Diego State
Kendra Reimer-Gonzales (T&F)	San José State
Brad Wick (CC)	San José State
Yvonne Wade (T&F)	UNLV
Angelina Ramos (CC)	UNLV
Matt Ingebritsen (T&F)	Utah State
Artie Gulden (CC)	Utah State
Bryan Berryhill (T&F)	Wyoming
Scott Dahlberg (CC)	Wyoming

Conference Liaisons – Parker Jacobs
Joint Council Administrator – Mallory Poole/Eileen Daley

Volleyball	**Institution**
Keith Barnett	Air Force
Shawn Garus	Boise State
Tom Hilbert	Colorado State
Jonathan Winder	Fresno State
Lee Nelson	Nevada
Jon Newman-Gonchar	New Mexico
Brent Hilliard	San Diego State
Trent Kersten	San José State
Dawn Sullivan	UNLV
Rob Neilson	Utah State
Chad Callihan	Wyoming

Conference Liaison – John Sullivan
Joint Council Administrator – Carrie Coll

APPENDIX G

National Letter of Intent Signing Dates for Division I Student-Athletes Enrolling 2021-22

Sport(s)	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Division I Basketball (Early Period)	November 11, 2020	November 18, 2020
Division I Basketball (Regular Period)	April 14, 2021	May 19, 2021
Division I Football (Early Period)	December 16, 2020	December 18, 2020
Division I Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 16, 2020	January 15, 2021
Division I Football (Regular Period)	February 3, 2021	Division I: April 1, 2021
All Other Division I and II Sports	November 11, 2020	August 1, 2021

APPENDIX H

MOUNTAIN WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

2020-21

October 30, 2020	**Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships** **Hosted by San José State – San Jose, CA**
December 5, 2020	**Football Championship** **TBD**
February 18-20, 2021	**Women's Swimming Championship** **Hosted by UNLV – Las Vegas, NV**
February 18-20, 2021	**Women's Diving Championship** **Hosted by Air Force – U.S. Air Force Academy, CO**
February 26-27, 2021	**Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships** **Hosted by New Mexico – Albuquerque, NM**
March 7-13, 2021	**Men's and Women's Basketball Championships** **Thomas & Mack Center – Las Vegas, NV**
April 20-21, 2021	**Women's Golf Championship** **Mission Hills CC – Rancho Mirage, CA**
May 1-2, 2021	**Men's Golf Championship** **Tucson National Golf Resort – Tucson, AZ**
May 13-15, 2021	**Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships** **TBD**

APPENDIX I

Air Force Academy Third Verse

Mountain West Policy Regarding Air Force Academy Third Verse

All teams visiting the Air Force Academy in the following Mountain West sponsored sports are encouraged to participate as outlined below in the Third Verse ceremony at the conclusion of the contest. During its December 10, 2018, meeting, the MW Board of Directors reaffirmed its support for the Air Force Academy Third Verse (which was originally endorsed by the Mountain West Joint Council).

Basketball (Men's), Basketball (Women's), Football, Soccer (Women's) & Volleyball –
Air Force team will form and hold hands in front of the Cadet Drum and Bugle Corp (band) or, if the band is not present, in front of the Air Force cheering section.

Swimming & Diving (Women's) – Air Force team will line-up on the Western bulkhead of the natatorium.

Tennis (Men's), Tennis (Women's) – Air Force team will line-up on Court Two.

At the present time, teams in the sports of baseball, men's and women's track and field, men's and women's cross country and men's and women's golf do not sing the Third Verse after competitions.

In each case where the Third Verse is played, the visiting team should line up behind the Air Force team (or in an appropriate location if that is not possible) while the song is being played/sung. Information will be provided by Air Force in its game management documents and an Air Force representative will work with visiting teams to further explain the process and specifics for each sport.

After the song is finished, the Air Force team will raise arms as a final salute to those brave men and women who have fallen in the line of duty.

[NOTE: The Air Force football team is the only team which participates in the singing of the Third Verse at away games. When this occurs, fellow Conference teams are encouraged to take the same approach as they would for a game at the Air Force Academy. The respective administrators should communicate in advance to confirm plans – including if there is a home team fight song/alma mater which may be played first.]

Participation by opposing teams in the Third Verse ceremony is not required nor is this policy intended to be prescriptive. How each fellow Conference member chooses to approach the Third Verse shall be determined via guidance from the institution's administration (e.g., president, director of athletics). Those teams or individuals who choose not to participate are asked to exit the competition venue immediately or, at a minimum, provide two minutes of quiet for the completion of the song. If fellow Conference member institutions have similar traditions for which they would like to experience reciprocation, they are encouraged to communicate this with Air Force and other league opponents.

Finally, during the Mountain West Men's & Women's Basketball Championships **no alma maters (including the Third Verse) will be permitted**.

Background and Context for The Third Verse: A Toast to the Host

In order to facilitate education and understanding, the following background information is provided regarding the Third Verse.

Singing the Third Verse of the Air Force Song is a time-honored tradition at many Air Force home sporting events. The Third Verse is part of the original Air Force Song and is sung as a separate piece. The verse honors those who have fallen in service to our great nation. It's not a song to honor the game that Air Force just played, but to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect freedoms everyone in our great nation enjoys.

Verse Three
Here's a toast to the host
Of those who love the vastness of the sky.
To a friend we send a message of his brother men who fly.
We drink to those who gave their all of old,
Then down we roar to score the rainbow's pot of gold.
A toast to the host of men we boast, the U.S. Air Force!

History of the Air Force Song

In 1938, Liberty magazine sponsored a contest for a spirited, enduring musical composition to become the official Army Air Corps song. Robert Crawford's song was selected from 757 scores submitted. The song was officially introduced at the Cleveland Air Races on September 2, 1939. Fittingly, Crawford sang it in its first public performance. The first page of the score, which Crawford submitted to the selection committee in July 1939, was carried to the surface of the moon on July 30, 1971, aboard the Apollo 15 "Falcon" lunar module by Colonel David R. Scott and Lieutenant Colonel James B. Irwin.

Interestingly, at the moment the "Falcon" blasted off the surface of the moon with Scott and Irwin on board, a rendition of the "Air Force Song" was broadcast to the world by Major Alfred M. Worden, who had a tape recorder aboard the "Endeavor" command module which was in orbit around the moon. Scott, Irwin and Worden comprised the first and only "All-Air Force" Apollo crew and arranged to take the page of sheet music with them as a tribute to Crawford and the United States Air Force.

This video link provides additional context: Air Force Third Verse

APPENDIX J

Conference Office Holiday Schedule

The Conference office will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Friday

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

Day After Christmas

1. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the office will be closed the preceding Friday.
2. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the office will be closed the following Monday.
3. The office will be closed on the workday immediately preceding and the workday immediately following Christmas; this action results in the following Christmas holiday schedule:

    a. 2020 – December 24, 25, 26, 27

    b. 2021 – December 24, 25, 26

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I. MANUAL FORMAT

GENERAL PRINCIPLES
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DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS
Following the general principles in most articles is a section in which definitions and applications are provided for a number of the more important words or terms used in that article.

DECIMAL NUMBERING WITH TOPIC HEADINGS
The decimal numbering system provides efficiency and flexibility. Section headings, to at least the fourth subsection level, and for further subsections where appropriate, assist the user in identifying the section content, thus facilitating ready access to pertinent regulations. This system also facilitates a "hanging indention" presentation, which helps the reader relate the subsections to the basic section.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5

Legislative Authority and Process

5.01 General Principles. [*]

5.01.1 Basis of Legislation. [*] All legislation of the Association that governs the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics programs of its member institutions shall be adopted by the membership in Convention assembled, or by the divisional governance structures as set forth in Constitution 4, as determined by the constitution and bylaws governing each division, and shall be consistent with the purposes and fundamental policy set forth in Constitution 1, and shall be designed to advance one or more principles such as those set forth in Constitution 2. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.01.2 Approaches to Legislative Process. [*] The membership of the Association recognizes that certain fundamental polices, practices and principles have applicability to all members, while others are applicable to division groupings of members, based on a common philosophy shared among the individual members of the division and on special policies and concerns that are common to the nature and purposes of the institutions in the division. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.02 Definitions and Applications.

5.02.1 Legislative (Constitution and Bylaw) Provisions.

5.02.1.1 Dominant. [*] A dominant provision is a regulation that applies to all members of the Association and is of suffi cient importance to the entire membership that it requires a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting in joint session at an annual or special Convention. Dominant provisions are identified by an asterisk (*).

5.02.1.2 Division Dominant. [*] A division dominant provision is a regulation that applies to all members of a division and is of suffi cient importance to the division that it requires a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting at a division's annual or special Convention. Division dominant provisions are identified by the diamond symbol (◆). *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

***5.02.1.3* Common. [*]** A common provision is a regulation that applies to more than one of the divisions of the Association. A common provision shall be adopted by each of the applicable divisions, acting separately pursuant to the divisional legislative process described in Constitution 5.3, and must be approved by all applicable divisions to be effective. Common provisions are identified by the pound sign (#). *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

***5.02.1.4* Federated. [*]** A federated provision is a regulation adopted by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting of one or more of the divisions or subdivisions of the Association, acting separately pursuant to the divisional legislative process described in Constitution 5.3. Such a provision applies only to the division(s) or subdivision(s) that adopts it. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

***5.02.1.5* Football Championship Subdivision Dominant. [FCSD]** A Football Championship Subdivision dominant provision is a regulation that applies only to the Football Championship Subdivision and is of suffi cient importance to the subdivision that it requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption or to be amended pursuant to the legislative process set forth in Constitution 5.3. Football Championship Subdivision dominant provisions are identified by the initialization FCSD. *(Adopted: 1/15/11)*

5.1 Conventions and Meetings.

5.1.1 Authorization.

5.1.1.1 Annual Convention. [*] There shall be an annual Convention of this Association during the second week of January or at such other time as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

***5.1.1.2* Special Convention. [*]** A special Convention of the Association may be called by the Executive Committee. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS
Symbols for voting requirements appear after the title of the bylaw. See page ix for a complete explanation of all symbols. Each division's Manual contains legislation specific to the applicable division and does not contain legislation pertaining only to one or both of the other divisions.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE NCAA MANUAL

Divisions I, II and III each have a separate Manual that contains legislation specific to the applicable division and does not contain legislation pertaining only to one or both of the other divisions. However, legislation that includes references to one or both of the other divisions will appear in its entirety. In addition, since each division's Manual does not contain legislation specific to the other division(s), some bylaws may have gaps in the numbering sequence.

Constitution

Articles 1 through 6 are the NCAA Constitution, which consists of information relevant to the purposes of the Association, its structure, its membership and legislative-process information, and the more important principles for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics.

Article 1 Name, Purposes and Fundamental Policy

Article 2 Principles for Conduct of Intercollegiate Athletics

Article 3 NCAA Membership

Article 4 Organization

Article 5 Legislative Authority and Process

Article 6 Institutional Control

Operating Bylaws

Articles 10 through 21 are the operating bylaws, which consist of legislation adopted by the membership to promote the principles enunciated in the constitution and to achieve the Association's purposes.

Article 10 Ethical Conduct

Article 11 Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

Article 12 Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

Article 13 Recruiting

Article 14 Academic Eligibility

Article 15 Financial Aid

Article 16 Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes

Article 17 Playing and Practice Seasons

Article 18 Championships and Postseason Football

Article 19 Enforcement

Article 20 Division Membership

Article 21 Committees

Administrative Bylaw

Article 31 is an administrative bylaw, which sets forth policies and procedures for the implementation of the NCAA championships and the business of the Association. Amendments to Article 31 may be adopted by the Division I Board of Directors or Division I Council for the efficient administration of the activities that they govern. The bylaw also may be amended through the regular legislative process. (See Constitution 5.2.3.2.)

Article 31 Executive Regulations

The legislation included in the Division I Manual is also available online via the NCAA Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) at www.NCAA.org. The LSDBi Manual is updated throughout the year to reflect any adopted legislation, modifications of wording, incorporations and editorial revisions. Therefore, the LSDBi Manual includes the most up-to-date legislation available and a mechanism for quickly searching and locating legislation through a variety of user-friendly methods.

Custom Manuals may be produced and printed from LSDBi. Users may select entire articles or specific constitutional provisions and bylaws to included in an abridged format. For example, a user may produce an abridged Manual that only includes legislation that is specific to a particular sport.

III. VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUAL

The Manual presents all regulations on a given subject in logical order. As a result, different paragraphs in the same sections may carry different voting requirements. The following terms define voting requirements currently in effect in the Manual:

- **Area of Autonomy—**An area of autonomy is a legislative provision that provides legislative flexibility to the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference and their member institutions. The abovementioned conferences are granted autonomy in these areas to permit the use of resources to advance the legitimate educational or athletics-related needs of student-athletes and for legislative changes that will otherwise enhance student-athlete well-being. The requirements for adoption, amendment and expansion of the areas of autonomy are set forth in Constitution 5.3.2.1. A legislative provision that is an area of autonomy is identified by a capital letter A in brackets and bold font immediately after the title of the provision.

- **Dominant provision—**Legislation that is derived from the constitution in the 1988-89 Manual (the Manual format that was employed until the membership approved the revised format at the 1989 Convention). All such legislation is identified by an asterisk **(*)** in brackets and bold font immediately after the title of the provision and requires a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership (present and voting) for adoption or amendment.

- **Common provision—**Legislation that is derived from the common bylaws (9, 10, 12 and 13) in the 1988-89 Manual. All such legislation is identified by a pound sign **(#)** in brackets and bold font immediately after the title of the provision and requires a majority vote of each of the three divisions, voting separately, for adoption or amendment.

- **Federated provision—**Legislation that is derived from divided bylaws in the 1988-89 Manual. Such legislation can be adopted or amended by a majority vote of one or more of the subdivisions voting separately.

- **Division Dominant—**A division dominant provision is one that applies to all members of a division and is of sufficient importance to the division that it requires a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting at a division's annual or special Convention. Division dominant provisions are identified by a diamond symbol **(◆)** in brackets and bold font immediately after the title of the provision.

- **Football Championship Subdivision Dominant—**A Football Championship Subdivision dominant provision is a regulation that applies only to the Football Championship Subdivision and is of sufficient importance to the subdivision that it requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption or to be amended pursuant to the legislative process set forth in Constitution 5.3. Football Championship Subdivision dominant provisions are identified by the initialization FCSD in brackets and bold font immediately after the title of the provision.

The Board of Governors is authorized to establish the voting requirement for any new section when the content or context does not clearly determine it. The authorization for this is set forth in Constitution 5.3.7.1.

Symbols Designating Voting Requirements and Subdivisions for Which Federated Legislation Is Applicable

Provision	Symbol
Area of Autonomy	**A**
Dominant	*****
Common	**#**
Federated	
Football Bowl Subdivision	**FBS**
Football Championship Subdivision	**FCS**
Bowl Subdivision and Championship Subdivision	**FBS/FCS**
Division Dominant	**◆**
Football Championship Subdivision Dominant	**FCSD**

IV. DE MINIMIS AND RESTITUTION VIOLATIONS

De Minimis – Violations of provisions designated by a capital letter D in brackets and bold font "**[D]**" at the end of the legislative language shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8; however, the involved prospective student-athlete's or student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected.

Restitution – For violations of provisions designated by a capital letter R in brackets and bold font "**[R]**" at the end of the legislative language, if the value of the benefit provided to the individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) is $200 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. A violation of such a provision remains an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff with the institution's self-report of the violation.

V. DIAGRAMS AND TABLES

Diagrams and tables are included as supplements to the text to help present the content of certain regulations in a clear and concise manner. They are presented as "Figures" and are listed on the page immediately before this user's guide.

VI. LEGISLATION THAT IS SHADED/SCREENED

Legislation, incorporations of interpretations, editorial revisions and modifications of wording approved or adopted after August 1, 2019, are set off by a gray background and include an adoption or revision date.

VII. NOTATION OF LEGISLATION WITH DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE

Legislation with a delayed effective date is enclosed in a box and set off by a gray background.

Commitments to the Division I Collegiate Model

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division I support the following commitments in the belief that these commitments assist in defining the nature and purposes of the division. These commitments are not binding on member institutions but serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.

The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation. Bylaws proposed and enacted by member institutions governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be designed to foster competition in amateur athletics, promote the Association's enduring values and advance the Collegiate Model as set forth in the NCAA Constitution. In some instances, a careful balancing of these values may be necessary to help achieve the purposes of the Association.

The Commitment to Amateurism. Member institutions shall conduct their athletics programs for students who choose to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a part of their educational experience and in accordance with NCAA bylaws, thus maintaining a line of demarcation between student-athletes who participate in the Collegiate Model and athletes competing in the professional model.

The Commitment to Fair Competition. Bylaws shall be designed to promote the opportunity for institutions and eligible student-athletes to engage in fair competition. This commitment requires that all member institutions compete within the framework of the Collegiate Model of athletics in which athletics competition is an integral part of the student-athlete's effort to acquire a degree in higher education. The commitment to fair competition acknowledges that variability will exist among members, including facilities, geographic locations and resources, and that such variability should not be justification for future legislation. Areas affecting fair competition include, but are not limited to, personnel, eligibility and amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, the length of playing and practice seasons, and the number of institutional competitions per sport.

The Commitment to Integrity and Sportsmanship. It is the responsibility of each member institution to conduct its athletics programs and manage its staff members, representatives and student-athletes in a manner that promotes the ideals of higher education and the integrity of intercollegiate athletics. Member institutions are committed to encouraging behavior that advances the interests of the Association, its membership and the Collegiate Model of athletics. All individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty, responsibility, academic integrity and ethical conduct. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics programs.

The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance. It is the responsibility of each member institution to monitor and control its athletics programs, staff members, representatives and student-athletes to ensure compliance with the Constitution and bylaws of the Association. Responsibility for maintaining institutional control ultimately rests with the institution's campus president or chancellor. It is also the responsibility of each member institution to report all breaches of conduct established by these bylaws to the Association in a timely manner and cooperate with the Association's enforcement efforts. Upon a conclusion that one or more violations occurred, an institution shall be subject to such disciplinary and corrective actions as may be prescribed by the Association on behalf of the entire membership.

The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be conducted in a manner designed to enhance the well-being of student-athletes who choose to participate and to prevent undue commercial or other influences that may interfere with their scholastic, athletics or related interests. The time required of student-athletes for participation in intercollegiate athletics shall be regulated to minimize interference with their academic pursuits. It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment in which student-athletes' activities, in all sports, are conducted to encourage academic success and individual development and as an integral part of the educational experience. Each member institution should also provide an environment that fosters fairness, sportsmanship, safety, honesty and positive relationships between student-athletes and representatives of the institution.

The Commitment to Sound Academic Standards. Standards of the Association governing participation in intercollegiate athletics, including postseason competition, shall be designed to ensure proper emphasis on educational objectives and the opportunity for academic success, including graduation, of student-athletes who choose to participate at a member institution. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be maintained as an important component of the educational program, and student-athletes shall be an integral part of the student body. Each member institution's admission and academic standards for student-athletes shall be designed to promote academic progress and graduation and shall be consistent with the standards adopted by the institution for the student body in general.

The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards. Recruiting bylaws shall be designed to promote informed decisions and balance the interests of prospective student-athletes, their educational institutions, the Association's member institutions and intercollegiate athletics as a whole. This commitment includes minimizing the role of external influences on prospective student-athletes and their families and preventing excessive contact or pressure in the recruitment process.

The Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion. The Division I membership believes in and is committed to the core values of diversity, inclusion and equity, because realization of those values improves the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhances excellence within the membership and in all aspects of intercollegiate athletics. The membership shall create diverse and inclusive environments, promote an atmosphere of respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person, and include diverse perspectives in the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence. Member institutions, with assistance from the national office, are expected to develop inclusive practices that foster positive learning and competitive environments for student-athletes, as well as professional development and opportunities for athletics administrators, coaches and staff from diverse backgrounds.

Name, Purposes and Fundamental Policy

1.1 Name. [*] The name of this organization shall be "The National Collegiate Athletic Association."

1.2 Purposes. [*] The purposes of this Association are:

(a) To initiate, stimulate and improve intercollegiate athletics programs for student-athletes and to promote and develop educational leadership, physical fitness, athletics excellence and athletics participation as a recreational pursuit;

(b) To uphold the principle of institutional control of, and responsibility for, all intercollegiate sports in conformity with the constitution and bylaws of this Association;

(c) To encourage its members to adopt eligibility rules to comply with satisfactory standards of scholarship, sportsmanship and amateurism;

(d) To formulate, copyright and publish rules of play governing intercollegiate athletics;

(e) To preserve intercollegiate athletics records;

(f) To supervise the conduct of, and to establish eligibility standards for, regional and national athletics events under the auspices of this Association;

(g) To cooperate with other amateur athletics organizations in promoting and conducting national and international athletics events;

(h) To legislate, through bylaws or by resolutions of a Convention, upon any subject of general concern to the members related to the administration of intercollegiate athletics; and

(i) To study in general all phases of competitive intercollegiate athletics and establish standards whereby the colleges and universities of the United States can maintain their athletics programs on a high level.

1.3 Fundamental Policy. [*]

1.3.1 Basic Purpose. [*] The competitive athletics programs of member institutions are designed to be a vital part of the educational system. A basic purpose of this Association is to maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the educational program and the athlete as an integral part of the student body and, by so doing, retain a clear line of demarcation between intercollegiate athletics and professional sports.

1.3.2 Obligations of Member Institutions. [*] Legislation governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics programs of member institutions shall apply to basic athletics issues such as admissions, financial aid, eligibility and recruiting. Member institutions shall be obligated to apply and enforce this legislation, and the infractions process of the Association shall be applied to an institution when it fails to fulfill this obligation. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

Principles for Conduct of Intercollegiate Athletics

2.01 General Principle. [*] Legislation enacted by the Association governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be designed to advance one or more basic principles, including the following, to which the members are committed. In some instances, a delicate balance of these principles is necessary to help achieve the objectives of the Association.

2.1 The Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility. [*]

2.1.1 Responsibility for Control. [*] It is the responsibility of each member institution to control its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Association. The institution's president or chancellor is responsible for the administration of all aspects of the athletics program, including approval of the budget and audit of all expenditures. *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

2.1.2 Scope of Responsibility. [*] The institution's responsibility for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletics interests of the institution.

2.2 The Principle of Student-Athlete Well-Being. [*] Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be conducted in a manner designed to protect and enhance the physical and educational well-being of student-athletes. *(Revised: 11/21/05)*

2.2.1 Overall Educational Experience. [*] It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete's educational experience. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

2.2.2 Cultural Diversity and Gender Equity. [*] It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among its student-athletes and intercollegiate athletics department staff. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

2.2.3 Health and Safety. [*] It is the responsibility of each member institution to protect the health of, and provide a safe environment for, each of its participating student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

2.2.4 Student-Athlete/Coach Relationship. [*] It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment that fosters a positive relationship between the student-athlete and coach. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

2.2.5 Fairness, Openness and Honesty. [*] It is the responsibility of each member institution to ensure that coaches and administrators exhibit fairness, openness and honesty in their relationships with student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

2.2.6 Student-Athlete Involvement. [*] It is the responsibility of each member institution to involve student-athletes in matters that affect their lives. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

2.3 The Principle of Gender Equity. [*]

2.3.1 Compliance With Federal and State Legislation. [*] It is the responsibility of each member institution to comply with federal and state laws regarding gender equity. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

2.3.2 NCAA Legislation. [*] The Association should not adopt legislation that would prevent member institutions from complying with applicable gender-equity laws, and should adopt legislation to enhance member institutions' compliance with applicable gender-equity laws. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

2.3.3 Gender Bias. [*] The activities of the Association should be conducted in a manner free of gender bias. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

2.4 The Principle of Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. [*] For intercollegiate athletics to promote the character development of participants, to enhance the integrity of higher education and to promote civility in society, student-athletes, coaches, and all others associated with these athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics program. It is the responsibility of each institution to: *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

(a) Establish policies for sportsmanship and ethical conduct in intercollegiate athletics consistent with the educational mission and goals of the institution; and

(b) Educate, on a continuing basis, all constituencies about the policies in Constitution 2.4-(a).

2.5 The Principle of Sound Academic Standards. [*] Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be maintained as a vital component of the educational program, and student-athletes shall be an integral part of the student body. The admission, academic standing and academic progress of student-athletes shall be consistent with the policies and standards adopted by the institution for the student body in general.

2.6 The Principle of Nondiscrimination. [*] The Association shall promote an atmosphere of respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person. It is the policy of the Association to refrain from discrimination with respect to its governance policies, educational programs, activities and employment policies, including on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, creed or sexual orientation. It is the responsibility of each member institution to determine independently its own policy regarding nondiscrimination. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/16/00)*

2.7 The Principle of Diversity Within Governance Structures. [*] The Association shall promote diversity of representation within its various divisional governance structures and substructures. Each divisional governing body must ensure gender and ethnic diversity among the membership of the bodies in the division's administrative structure. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

2.8 The Principle of Rules Compliance. [*]

2.8.1 Responsibility of Institution. [*] Each institution shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Association in the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics programs. It shall monitor its programs to ensure compliance and to identify and report to the Association instances in which compliance has not been achieved. In any such instance, the institution shall cooperate fully with the Association and shall take appropriate corrective actions. Members of an institution's staff, student-athletes, and other individuals and groups representing the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the applicable Association rules, and the member institution shall be responsible for such compliance.

2.8.2 Responsibility of Association. [*] The Association shall assist the institution in its efforts to achieve full compliance with all rules and regulations and shall afford the institution, its staff and student-athletes fair procedures in the consideration of an identified or alleged failure in compliance.

2.8.3 Penalty for Noncompliance. [*] An institution found to have violated the Association's rules shall be subject to such disciplinary and corrective actions as may be determined by the Association.

2.9 The Principle of Amateurism. [*] Student-athletes shall be amateurs in an intercollegiate sport, and their participation should be motivated primarily by education and by the physical, mental and social benefits to be derived. Student participation in intercollegiate athletics is an avocation, and student-athletes should be protected from exploitation by professional and commercial enterprises.

2.10 The Principle of Competitive Equity. [*] The structure and programs of the Association and the activities of its members shall promote opportunity for equity in competition to ensure that individual student-athletes and institutions will not be prevented unfairly from achieving the benefits inherent in participation in intercollegiate athletics.

2.11 The Principle Governing Recruiting. [*] The recruiting process involves a balancing of the interests of prospective student-athletes, their educational institutions and the Association's member institutions. Recruiting regulations shall be designed to promote equity among member institutions in their recruiting of prospective student-athletes and to shield them from undue pressures that may interfere with the scholastic or athletics interests of the prospective student-athletes or their educational institutions.

2.12 The Principle Governing Eligibility. [*] Eligibility requirements shall be designed to ensure proper emphasis on educational objectives, to promote competitive equity among institutions and to prevent exploitation of student-athletes.

2.13 The Principle Governing Financial Aid. [*] A student-athlete may receive athletically related financial aid administered by the institution without violating the principle of amateurism, provided the amount does not exceed the cost of education authorized by the Association; however, such aid as defined by the Association shall not exceed the cost of attendance as published by each institution. Any other financial assistance, except that received from one upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent, shall be prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Association.

2.14 The Principle Governing Playing and Practice Seasons. [*] The time required of student-athletes for participation in intercollegiate athletics shall be regulated to minimize interference with their opportunities for acquiring a quality education in a manner consistent with that afforded the general student body.

2.15 The Principle Governing Postseason Competition and Contests Sponsored by Noncollegiate Organizations. [*] The conditions under which postseason competition occurs shall be controlled to ensure that the benefits inherent in such competition flow fairly to all participants, to prevent unjustified intrusion on the time student-athletes devote to their academic programs, and to protect student-athletes from exploitation by professional and commercial enterprises.

2.16 The Principle Governing the Economy of Athletics Program Operation. [*] Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be administered in keeping with prudent management and fiscal practices to ensure the financial stability necessary for providing student-athletes with adequate opportunities for athletics competition as an integral part of a quality educational experience.

NCAA Membership

3.01 General Principles.

3.01.1 Classes of Membership. Division I offers two classes of membership: active and conference . Eligibility for and method of election to membership, obligations and conditions for continuing membership, voting rights and other membership privileges for each class are defined in this article. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19)*

3.01.2 Division Membership. Active and conference members of the NCAA may be divided into divisions for purposes of legislation and competition in NCAA championships. Criteria for membership in these divisions are defined in Bylaw 20.

3.01.3 Obligation to Meet Division Criteria. Division membership criteria constitute enforceable legislation. Each member institution shall comply with all applicable criteria of its division, and an institution that fails to do so shall be subject to the infractions process and to possible reclassification. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

3.01.4 Termination or Suspension of Membership. All rights and privileges of a member shall cease immediately upon termination or suspension of its membership.

3.02 Definitions and Applications.

3.02.1 Competitive Body. A competitive body is an athletics conference that conducts competition among its member institutions and determines a conference champion in one or more sports.

3.02.2 Legislative Body. A legislative body is an athletics conference that develops and maintains rules and regulations governing the athletics programs and activities of its member institutions.

3.02.3 Membership Categories.

3.02.3.1 Active Member. An active member is a four-year college or university that is accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.2.3). Active members have the right to compete in NCAA championships, to vote on legislation and other issues before the Association, and to enjoy other privileges of membership designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. (See Constitution 3.2.2.1.1 regarding restrictions on the privileges of for-profit institutions.) *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/14/17)*

3.02.3.1.1 Athletics Consortium. An athletics consortium consists of one member institution and neighboring member or nonmember institutions (but not more than one nonmember institution), recognized and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. The student-athletes of the combined institutions are permitted to compete on the NCAA member institution's athletics teams, provided they meet the eligibility requirements of the NCAA and the member institution (see Constitution 3.1.2). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

3.02.3.2 Member Conference. A member conference is a group of colleges and/or universities that conducts competition among its members and determines a conference champion in one or more sports (in which the NCAA conducts championships or for which it is responsible for providing playing rules for intercollegiate competition), duly elected to conference membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.3.3). A member conference is entitled to all of the privileges of active members except the right to compete in NCAA championships (see Constitution 3.3.2). Only those conferences that meet specific criteria as competitive and legislative bodies (see Constitution 3.02.1 and 3.02.2) and minimum standards related to size and division status are permitted to vote on legislation or other issues before the Association.

3.1 Eligibility for Membership.

3.1.1 General. Membership is available to four-year colleges and universities that are accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies and are located in the United States, its territories or possessions, and athletics conferences . Such institutions or organizations must accept and observe the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. *(Revised: 8/9/07, 11/1/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19)*

3.1.2 Athletics Consortiums. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve an athletics consortium involving a member institution and neighboring member or nonmember institutions (but not more than one nonmember institution) to permit the student-athletes of the combined

institutions to compete on the member institution's intercollegiate athletics teams, provided the student-athletes satisfy the eligibility requirements of the member institution and the NCAA. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

3.1.2.1 General Policy. In general, a consortium shall be approved on the basis of existing academic considerations with the understanding that there shall be no change in the basic recruitment, enrollment or financial aid policies of the involved institutions as a result of such approval. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

3.1.2.2 Combining Entire Athletics Programs. The institutions shall combine their entire athletics programs, and the consortium shall not be formed on a sport-by-sport basis. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

3.1.2.3 Conference Approval. An institution that belongs to an NCAA member conference first shall receive approval of its conference prior to instituting a consortium for its intercollegiate athletics program. If more than one institution holds such conference membership, all such conferences shall approve the consortium. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

3.1.2.4 Eligibility Requirements for Student-Athletes. Participating student-athletes shall meet all eligibility requirements of the member institution(s), the athletics conference(s) involved and the NCAA. The member institution(s) shall certify the eligibility of all student-athletes under those rules. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

3.1.2.5 Financial Assistance to Student-Athletes. Within a consortium: *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

(a) Each institution shall be responsible for the financial assistance awarded to its student-athletes. The financial arrangement between or among the institutions for the exchange of funds to cover the academic costs of student-athletes who take part in the exchange program shall apply to student-athletes in the same manner as it applies to those students not participating in the intercollegiate athletics program;

(b) One institution may not provide a scholarship or any other form of financial aid to a student-athlete enrolled in another institution or transmit a scholarship or grant-in-aid to another institution to be used by one or more of its student-athletes; and

(c) Financial aid limitations as set forth in Bylaw 15 shall be applicable to the consortium as one entity and shall include all countable student-athletes, regardless of the institution in which they are enrolled.

3.1.2.6 Length of Approval. NCAA approval shall be for a four-academic-year period, at the end of which the institutions shall submit a report on the program, setting forth its effect upon their academic and athletics operations. *(Revised: 8/4/89, 7/30/10)*

3.1.2.7 NCAA Division Membership. The institutions may be members of different NCAA divisions but shall select one division for legislative and competitive purposes. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

3.1.2.8 NCAA Member Involvement. At least one of the institutions already shall be a member of the NCAA, and not more than one nonmember institution shall be included. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

3.1.2.9 NCAA Membership Application. The institutions shall apply for NCAA membership as a consortium and shall be considered as one member of the Association, with their combined names included on the official NCAA membership list. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

3.1.2.10 Prior Academic Consortium Relationship. The institutions shall have had a prior academic consortium relationship. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

3.1.2.11 Recruitment. It is permissible for one institution to recruit prospective student-athletes with a view to their possible enrollment at another institution in the consortium, provided the individuals qualify for admission to that institution and the athletics interests of the member institution are not involved, directly or indirectly, in influencing the admission or award of financial assistance. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

3.2 Active Membership.

3.2.1 Eligibility Requirements.

3.2.1.1 Types of Institutions. Active membership is available to four-year colleges and universities, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and pursuant to Board of Governors policy, and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of Constitution 3.2.3. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/23/12, 10/30/14)*

3.2.1.2 Compliance With Association Rules. The institution shall administer its athletics programs in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association.

3.2.1.3 Standards. The institution's athletics programs shall reflect the establishment and maintenance of high standards of personal honor, eligibility and fair play.

3.2.2 Privileges.

3.2.2.1 Active Members. Active members shall be entitled to all of the privileges of membership under the constitution and bylaws of the Association and all privileges incidental thereto. A copy of NCAA Champion magazine shall be sent to each member of the NCAA.

3.2.2.1.1 Exception -- For-Profit Institutions. For-profit institutions shall be restricted, as follows: *(Adopted: 4/14/17)*

(a) A for-profit institution shall not have voting privileges at the annual NCAA Convention or any special Convention. The institution shall be entitled to three accredited delegates without voting privileges. Any of the accredited delegates shall be entitled to privileges of the floor and the right to active participation in the business proceedings;

(b) A representative of a for-profit institution shall not be permitted to serve as a voting institutional representative on an NCAA committee; and

(c) A for-profit institution shall not receive NCAA grants or financial distributions directly from the NCAA.

3.2.2.2 Use of Association's Registered Marks. Active members may use the registered marks of the Association (the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

3.2.3 Election Procedures.

3.2.3.1 Completion of Reclassification Process. An institution desiring to become an active member of Division I shall complete a reclassification period (see Bylaw 20.5). After the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee has determined that the institution has met the requirements of reclassification, its request for active membership will be referred to the Board of Directors for election. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 5/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

3.2.3.2 Accreditation. After the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee has determined that the institution is accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies, the application shall be referred to the Board of Directors for consideration. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

3.2.3.3 Election. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the Board of Directors members present and voting shall elect the applicant to membership effective the following August 1. When the vote of the Board of Directors has been completed, the applicant shall be notified. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.2.3.4 Resignation and Re-election to Membership. If an institution resigns its Division I membership and subsequently applies to re-establish its Division I membership, the institution shall complete the reclassification process (see Bylaw 20.5) before becoming eligible for re-election as an active member. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 1/26/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

3.2.4.1 General. An active member institution agrees to administer its athletics program in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association.

3.2.4.2 Obligation to Meet Division Criteria. Division membership criteria constitute enforceable legislation. Each member institution shall comply with all applicable criteria of its division, and an institution that fails to do so shall be subject to the infractions process and to possible reclassification. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

3.2.4.3 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Review. An active member institution shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office. Failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years shall subject an institution to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)*

3.2.4.4 Certification of Eligibility/Declaration of Ineligibility. An active member is responsible for certifying the eligibility of student-athletes under the terms of the constitution, bylaws or other legislation of the Association before permitting a student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. Procedures for eligibility certification shall be approved by the president or chancellor, who may designate an individual on the institution's staff to administer proper certification of eligibility. The institution shall be obligated immediately to apply all applicable rules and withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 12.11). See Bylaw 12.12 for procedures regarding restoration of eligibility. *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

3.2.4.5 Academic Performance Program. An active member institution is responsible for annually submitting documentation demonstrating its compliance with the academic performance program, including the submission of data for

the academic progress rate (APR), the academic performance census (APC) and the graduation success rate (GSR). The specific requirements of the academic performance program are set forth in Bylaw 14.8. *(Adopted: 4/29/04)*

3.2.4.6 Application of Rules to All Recognized Varsity Sports. The constitution, bylaws and other legislation of this Association, unless otherwise specified therein, shall apply to all teams in sports recognized by the member institution as varsity intercollegiate sports and that involve all-male teams, mixed teams of males and females, and all-female teams. To be recognized as a varsity sport, the following conditions must be met: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 3/8/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) The sport shall be one in which the Association conducts championships, except as provided in Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1 or an emerging sport for women per Bylaw 20.02.4;

(b) The sport officially shall have been accorded varsity status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics;

(c) The sport is administered by the department of intercollegiate athletics;

(d) The eligibility of student-athletes participating in the sport shall be reviewed and certified by a staff member designated by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy; and

(e) Qualified participants in the sport shall receive the institution's official varsity awards.

3.2.4.6.1 Intent to Sponsor a Varsity Sport. Once an institution evidences an intent or commitment to sponsor a sport on a varsity level (e.g., official announcement that competition will be conducted on a varsity basis, employment of individuals to coach the varsity team), the institution must begin applying NCAA recruiting regulations to the applicable sport. *(Adopted: 1/14/97)*

3.2.4.7 Student-Athlete Statement. An active member institution shall administer annually, on a form prescribed by the Legislative Committee, a signed statement for each student-athlete that provides information prescribed in Bylaw 12.7.2. *(Revised: 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

3.2.4.8 Drug-Testing Program and Consent Form. An active member institution shall administer annually, a drug-testing consent form for each student-athlete (per Bylaw 12.02.14) pursuant to Bylaw 12.7.3 and shall ensure compliance with the following elements of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program: **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 5/29/15)*

(a) Respond to the initial drug-testing notification from Drug Free Sport International by the date specified by the organization;

(b) Complete and forward to Drug Free Sport International a current and accurate institutional squad list (see Bylaw 15.5.11) by the date specified by the organization;

(c) Provide adequate and secure drug-testing facilities as specified by Drug Free Sport International;

(d) Notify student-athletes who have been selected for drug testing according to the timeline specified by Drug Free Sport International;

(e) Respond to additional requests for assistance in administering the NCAA drug-testing program as specified by Drug Free Sport International;

(f) Designate an individual (or individuals) as the athletics department resource for questions related to NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements; and

(g) Educate athletics department staff members who have regular interaction with student-athletes that:

(1) The NCAA maintains a list of banned drug classes and provides examples of banned substances in each drug class on the NCAA website;

(2) Any nutritional supplement use may present risks to a student-athlete's health and eligibility; and

(3) Questions regarding NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution's designated athletics department resource individual (or individuals).

3.2.4.9 Certification of Insurance Coverage. An active member institution must certify insurance coverage for medical expenses resulting from athletically related injuries sustained by the following individuals while participating in a covered event: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) A student-athlete participating in a covered event in an intercollegiate sport as recognized by the participating institution; and

(b) A prospective student-athlete participating in a covered event who has graduated from high school and signed a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid to participate in an intercollegiate sport at a participating institution.

3.2.4.9.1 Amount of Coverage Insurance. Such insurance coverage must be of equal or greater value than the deductible of the NCAA Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program and may be provided through the following sources: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) Parents' or guardians' insurance coverage;

(b) Participant's personal insurance coverage; or

(c) Institution's insurance program.

3.2.4.9.2 Athletically Related Injuries. For purposes of this provision, athletically related injuries are injuries that are a direct result of participation in a covered event. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

3.2.4.9.3 Covered Event. A covered event includes the following: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) Any intercollegiate sports activity, including team travel, competition, practices and conditioning sessions during the playing season (as defined in Bylaw 17.1.1);

(b) An NCAA-sanctioned competition in which the insured person is an official competitor; or

(c) Practice and conditioning sessions that are authorized, organized or directly supervised by athletics department personnel at the member institution other than during the playing season. Such sessions must occur on campus or at approved off-campus facilities as part of an intercollegiate athletics activity. For insured student-athletes or prospective student-athletes who compete in individual sports, off-campus intercollegiate athletics activities must be authorized by athletics department personnel at the participating school and take place at approved locations.

3.2.4.10 Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/ Buckley Amendment Consent Form -- Disclosure of Protected Health Information. An active member institution shall administer annually a statement for each student-athlete to voluntarily sign that provides information prescribed in Bylaw 12.7.4. *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

3.2.4.11 Discipline of Members. Pursuant to directions of the Board of Directors or the annual Convention, an active member institution shall refrain from athletics competition with designated institutions as required under the provisions of the Association's infractions process (see Bylaw 19). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14)*

3.2.4.12 Standards. An active member institution agrees to establish and maintain high standards of personal honor, eligibility and fair play.

3.2.4.13 Publication of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. An active member institution is obligated to publish its progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes (see Bylaw 14.4.1).

3.2.4.14 Missed Class-Time Policies. An active member institution is obligated to establish policies in all sports concerning student-athletes' missed class time due to participation in intercollegiate athletics and in athletics competition scheduled during final examination periods. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

3.2.4.15 President or Chancellor Attestation of Compliance Obligations. An active member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship and shall be subject to removal from and/ or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee unless its president or chancellor attests, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance). [See Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(d)]. *(Adopted: 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19)*

3.2.4.16 Compliance-Related Certification. A member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship and shall be subject to removal from and/or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee unless it certifies [see Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(e)] that the conditions of Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1 have been satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 3/8/06, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

3.2.4.17 Operating and Capital Financial Data Report. An institution shall submit financial data detailing operating revenues, expenses and capital related to its intercollegiate athletics program to the NCAA on an annual basis in accordance with the financial reporting policies and procedures. The required data shall include, but is not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

(a) All expenses and revenues for or on behalf of an institution's intercollegiate athletics program, including those by any affiliated or outside organization, agency or group of individuals;

(b) Salary and benefits data for all athletics positions. The data shall include base salary, bonuses, endorsements, media fees, camp or clinic income, deferred income and other income contractually guaranteed by the institution;

(c) Capital expenditures (to be reported in aggregate for athletics facilities), including capitalized additions and deletions to facilities during the reporting period, total estimated book value of athletically related plant and equipment net of depreciation, total annual debt service on athletics and university facilities and total debt outstanding on athletics and university facilities;

(d) Value of endowments at fiscal year-end that are dedicated to the sole support of athletics;

(e) Value of all pledges at fiscal year-end that support athletics; and

(f) The athletics department fiscal year-end fund balance.

3.2.4.17.1 Verification and Certification. The report shall be subject to annual agreed-on verification procedures approved by the membership (in addition to any regular financial reporting policies and procedures of the institution) and conducted by a qualified independent accountant who is not a staff member of the institution and who is selected by the institution's chancellor or president or by an institutional administrator from outside the athletics department designated by the chancellor or president. The independent accountant shall verify the accuracy and completeness of the data prior to submission to the institution's chancellor or president and the NCAA. The institution's chancellor or president shall certify the financial report prior to submission to the NCAA. *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

3.2.4.18 Designation of Team Physician. [A] An active member institution shall designate a team physician for all or each of its intercollegiate teams. The team physician shall be a doctor of medicine (MD) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) with a current license in good standing to practice medicine in the state in which the institution is located. The team physician shall be authorized to oversee the medical services for injuries and illnesses incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

3.2.4.19 Independent Medical Care. [A] An active member institution shall establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes. An active institution shall designate an athletics health care administrator to oversee the institution's athletic health care administration and delivery. *(Adopted: 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 10/7/16)*

3.2.4.19.1 Application to Nonautonomy Conferences. A member institution of a conference other than the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 shall apply the provisions of Constitution 3.2.4.19. *(Adopted: 10/30/19 effective 8/1/20)*

3.2.4.20 Concussion Management Plan. [A] An active member institution shall have a concussion management plan for its student-athletes. The plan shall include, but is not limited to, the following: **[D]** *(Adopted: 8/12/10)*

(a) An annual process that ensures student-athletes are educated about the signs and symptoms of concussions. Student-athletes must acknowledge that they have received information about the signs and symptoms of concussions and that they have a responsibility to report concussion-related injuries and illnesses to a medical staff member;

(b) A process that ensures a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions;

(c) A policy that precludes a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion from returning to athletics activity (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and

(d) A policy that requires medical clearance for a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion to return to the athletics activity (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) as determined by a physician (e.g., team physician) or the physician's designee.

3.2.4.20.1 Concussion Safety Protocol. An institution shall submit its Concussion Safety Protocol to the Concussion Safety Protocol Committee by May 1 of each year. The protocol shall be consistent with the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist and shall include: *(Adopted: 1/17/15, Revised: 5/23/17, 2/13/20)*

(a) Policies and procedures that meet the requirements of Constitution 3.2.4.20;

(b) Procedures for preparticipation baseline testing of each student athlete;

(c) Procedures for reducing exposure to head injuries;

(d) Procedures for education about concussion, including a policy that addresses return-to-learn;

(e) Procedures to ensure that proper and appropriate concussion management, consistent with best known practices and the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist, is made available to any student-athlete who has suffered a concussion;

(f) Procedures requiring that the process of identifying, removing from game or practice, and assessing a student-athlete for a possible concussion are reviewed annually; and

(g) A written certificate of compliance signed by the institution's athletics health care administrator.

3.2.4.20.1.1 Information to Concussion Safety Protocol Committee. [A] An institution shall provide information to the Concussion Safety Protocol Committee, as the committee may request, concerning any incident in which a student-athlete may have suffered a concussion. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/17/15)*

3.2.4.21 Concussion Reporting. An active member institution shall report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/22/20 effective immediately for the NCAA's establishment of a reporting process and system, and policies and procedures; institutions are required to report sport-related concussions diagnosed May 18, 2020 and thereafter, and their resolutions. Timing of reporting to be determined by CSMAS.)*

3.2.4.22 Catastrophic Sport Injury Report. An active member institution shall submit data detailing student-athlete catastrophic fatalities, near fatalities and catastrophic injuries (e.g., injuries and illnesses related to head, neck, spine, cardiac, pulmonary, heat, sickle cell trait, eyes) to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures that govern such data as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

3.2.4.23 Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey. An active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Failure to complete the student-athlete health and safety survey shall subject an institution to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)*

3.2.4.24 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness.

3.2.4.24.1 Contracts and Commercial Agreements. For agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness, an institution shall include language in all licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that outlines the commercial entity's obligation to comply with relevant NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.2.4.24.2 Written Policies. An institution shall maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. Such policies shall be made available for examination on request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.2.4.25 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. An active member institution shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information. *(Adopted: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)*

3.2.4.26 Degree Completion Program -- Basketball. [A] An active member institution shall provide a former basketball student-athlete with financial aid to complete his or her first baccalaureate degree, pursuant to the requirements of Bylaw 15.01.5.2.1. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

3.2.5 Loss of Active Membership.

3.2.5.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any active member failing to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for such membership or failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership may be suspended, terminated or otherwise disciplined by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at an annual Convention. Membership shall not be suspended or terminated unless: *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

(a) A notice of intention to suspend or terminate membership, stating the grounds on which such a motion will be based, is given in writing to the chair of the Board of Directors and to the president or chancellor of the member institution on or before the first day of November prior to the Convention;

(b) The Board of Directors approves the notification of intention to move for suspension or termination; and

(c) Such notice is included in the Official Notice of the annual Convention.

3.2.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the member shall cease upon any termination or suspension of active membership.

3.2.5.2 Removal of Accreditation. If an active member's accreditation is removed by its regional accrediting agency, it shall immediately forfeit its membership in the Association. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.2.5.3 Failure to Pay Dues. If an active member fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated.

3.2.5.4 Failure to Satisfy the Academic Performance Program. A member institution may be placed in a restricted membership category if the institution or its sports team(s) has failed to comply with the established requirements of the academic performance program. (See Bylaw 14.8.) *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond)*

3.2.5.5 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any active member whose membership has been terminated (see Constitution 3.2.5.1) may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

3.2.5.6 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any active member whose membership has been suspended may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

3.2.6 Discipline of Active Members. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be effected during the period between annual Conventions for violation of NCAA rules (see Bylaw 19). *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

3.2.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing in accordance with the terms of the disciplinary action taken, or may be restored to good standing at any time by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions or the Independent Resolution Panel. Disciplined members also may be restored to good standing at the annual Convention, by vote of a majority of the members present and voting. *(Revised: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

3.3 Member Conference.

3.3.1 Eligibility.

3.3.1.1 Competitive and Legislative Body. A member conference shall be both a competitive and a legislative body on the conference level (see Constitution 3.02.1 and 3.02.2). *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.1.2 Conference Competition Requirement. Conference membership is available to duly elected athletics conferences of colleges and universities that conduct conference competition and determine a champion in one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships or for which it is responsible for providing playing rules for intercollegiate competition.

3.3.1.3 Composition of Conference. All of the members of the conference shall be active members of Division I or be engaged in the reclassification process pursuant to Bylaw 20.5. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.2 Privileges.

3.3.2.1 Privileges of Member Conferences. Member conferences shall be entitled to all of the privileges of active members except the right to compete as such in NCAA championships. A copy of NCAA Champion magazine shall be sent to each member of the NCAA.

3.3.2.2 Voting Rights. Only those member conferences that meet the criteria of Bylaw 20.02.5 shall be permitted to vote on issues before the Association. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.2.2.1 Football Issues. Conference championship competition shall be conducted in football in order for the conference to vote on issues pertaining only to football. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.2.3 Use of Association's Registered Marks. Member conferences may use the registered marks of the Association (the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

3.3.3 Election Procedures.

3.3.3.1 Application. An athletics conference desiring to become a member conference shall make application on a form available from the national office by June 1 for membership effective August 1 of the following academic year. A check in

the appropriate amount for annual dues (see Constitution 3.6.2) shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded. *(Revised: 4/25/02, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.3.2 Election. An athletics conference may be elected as a member conference by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at an annual Convention or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, effective the following August 1. *(Revised: 4/25/02, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

3.3.4.1 General. The member conferences of this Association agree to administer their athletics programs in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association.

3.3.4.2 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Review. An active member conference shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review of its internal policies, procedures and programming at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office. Failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years shall subject a member conference to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 7/27/20 effective 8/1/20)*

3.3.4.3 Conference Competition. Member conferences shall conduct conference competition and determine a champion in one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships or for which it is responsible for providing playing rules for intercollegiate competition.

3.3.4.4 Officiating. A multisport conference shall provide oversight of the officiating programs for selecting, training and assigning officials for its men's and women's basketball programs. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.4.5 Compliance Program. A multisport conference shall have a comprehensive compliance program. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.4.6 Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Each conference shall establish a student-athlete advisory committee for its member institutions' student-athletes. The composition and duties of the committee shall be determined by the conference. *(Adopted: 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99)*

3.3.4.7 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness.

3.3.4.7.1 Contracts and Commercial Agreements. For agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness, a conference shall include language in all licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that outlines the commercial entity's obligation to comply with relevant NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.4.7.2 Written Policies. A conference shall maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. Such policies shall be made available for examination on request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

3.3.4.8 Academic Performance Program. A conference shall maintain a written policy regarding teams that are subject to a postseason restriction pursuant to the academic performance program (see Bylaw 14.8) with respect to the conference's automatic qualification for postseason/championships and revenue distribution. The policy shall be made available for examination upon request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 applicable to postseason competition occurring on or after 8/1/12)*

3.3.4.9 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. An active member conference shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information. *(Adopted: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)*

3.3.5 Loss of Member -- Conference Status.

3.3.5.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any member conference failing to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for membership or failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership may be suspended or terminated or the member conference otherwise disciplined by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at an annual Convention. Membership shall not be suspended or terminated unless: *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

(a) Notice of intention to suspend or terminate membership, stating the grounds on which such motion will be based, is given in writing to the secretary of this Association and to the president or chancellor of the member conference on or before the first day of November prior to the Convention;

(b) The Board of Directors approves the notification of intention to move for suspension or termination; and

(c) Such notice is included in the Official Notice of the annual Convention.

3.3.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the member shall cease upon any termination or suspension of conference membership.

3.3.5.2 Failure to Pay Dues. If a member conference fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated.

3.3.5.3 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any member conference whose membership has been terminated (see Constitution 3.3.5.1) may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

3.3.5.4 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any member conference whose membership has been suspended may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

3.3.6 Discipline of Member Conferences. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be effected during the period between annual Conventions for violation of NCAA rules (see Bylaw 19). *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

3.3.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing under the terms of disciplinary action taken or, at the annual Convention, by majority vote of the members present and voting. *(Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

3.6 Dues of Members.

3.6.1 Determination of Dues. The annual dues of the various classes of membership shall be recommended to the membership by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 12/5/06, 10/30/14)*

3.6.2 Current Annual Dues. The annual dues for various classes of membership shall be: *(Revised: 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19)*

Active Members	$ 1,800.00
Member Conferences	$ 900.00

3.6.3 Payment Deadline. Dues are payable September 1 of each year. A member shall not be permitted to vote at a Convention of the Association if its dues are not paid for that year. To be eligible to compete in NCAA championships, dues shall be paid in accordance with Bylaw 31.2.1.2. Membership is terminated if a member fails to pay dues for one year (see Constitution 3.2.5.3, 3.3.5.2 and 3.4.5.2).

Organization

4.01 General Principles.

4.01.1 Structure. [*] The Association's administrative structure shall include a Board of Governors comprised of institutional presidents or chancellors that oversees Association-wide issues and shall ensure that each division operates consistent with the basic purposes, fundamental policies and general principles of the Association (see Constitution 1 and 2). In addition, the administrative structure of each division shall empower a body of institutional presidents or chancellors to set forth the policies, rules and regulations for operating the division. Further, the administrative structure of each division shall empower a body of athletics administrators, student-athletes and faculty athletics representatives (and, in Division III, institutional presidents or chancellors and athletics direct reports) to make recommendations to the division's body of institutional presidents or chancellors and to handle responsibilities delegated to it. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 3/8/06, 10/30/14)*

4.01.2 Guarantees. [*] The Association's overall governance structure guarantees its members the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.1 Budget Allocations. [*] Members are guaranteed revenue through allocations made to each division from the Association's general operating revenue. Division II shall receive at least 4.37 percent of the Association's annual general operating revenue. Division III shall receive at least 3.18 percent of the Association's annual general operating revenue. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.1.1 General Operating Revenue. [*] General operating revenue, as used in this section, shall include at least all sources of revenue existing as of January 9, 1996, including revenue from contracts for these existing sources and revenue from any modified, extended or successor contract for such sources. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.2 Revenue Guarantee. All member institutions and conferences in good standing with Division I membership requirements shall receive revenue from all gross revenue sources received by the Association, unless specifically excluded, through the division's revenue distribution formulas. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/2/16)*

4.01.2.2.1 Revenue From New Subdivision Championship. [♦] This provision shall not apply to the distribution of revenue produced directly by a new subdivisional championship in a sport that has a subdivisional championship at the time of the adoption of this legislation. Any revenue produced by such a new subdivisional championship shall be distributed as determined by that subdivision. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.2.2 Revenue Distribution Formula. [♦] As used in this section, the components of the division's revenue distribution formulas as they existed at the time of the adoption of this legislation include the Academic Enhancement, Basketball, Conference Grant, Grants-in-Aid, Special Assistance, and Sports Sponsorship funds, and the supplemental and reserve funds intended for distribution to the membership. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.2.2.1 Proportion of Revenue. [♦] The revenue distributed through these funds shall be allocated among the funds in the same proportion as existed in the fiscal year 2001-02. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97)*

4.01.2.2.2.2 Formula for Allocation. [♦] The formula for allocating each such fund among the members shall be as it existed at the time of the adoption of this legislation. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.2.2.3 Waiver of Proportionality Requirement. The Board of Directors may waive the proportionality requirements of the revenue guarantee to permit uniform increases to all programs in the Academic Enhancement, Conference Grant and Special Assistance funds. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.2.3 Joint Ventures. All marketing joint ventures, involving sports (other than bowl subdivision football) in which the NCAA sponsored a championship as of January 15, 1997, between the Association (or the Association's representative or agent) and a member conference or member institution (or the representative or agent of a member institution or conference) shall be reviewed by the Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

4.01.2.2.3.1 Definition. A marketing joint venture is any marketing program that uses the Association's marks or logos in conjunction with those of a conference or member institution. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.2.3.2 Approval Process. The principles and overall program of any joint venture defined in Constitution 4.01.2.2.3.1 shall require the approval of the Council and Board of Directors to be enacted as an Association business operation. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

4.01.2.3 Championships. [*] Members are guaranteed access to national championships. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.3.1 Championships Access. [♦] Members are guaranteed access to national championships (including the play-in structure in certain championships, sizes of championship fields and the number and ratio of automatic qualifying conferences) at least at the level provided as of August 1, 2014. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/15/06, 1/18/15)*

4.01.2.3.2 Championships -- Sports Other Than Football. [♦] With the exception of football, not more than one national championship shall be conducted in each men's and women's sport. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.4 Membership Services. [*] Members are guaranteed services provided through the Association's national office at least at the level provided as of January 9, 1996 (e.g., membership services, statistics, research). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.5 Special Programs. [*] Members are guaranteed the continuation of Association programs operating at the time of the adoption of this legislation (e.g., the catastrophic-injury insurance program, the drug-testing program, the Division I institutional performance program). In addition, members are guaranteed the continuation of Association programs that were considered by the NCAA Council or Presidents Commission by the spring of 1995 and began operating after the adoption of this legislation. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/19/13)*

4.02 Definitions and Applications.

4.02.1 Association. The "Association," as used in this Manual, refers to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, a diverse, voluntary, unincorporated Association of four-year colleges and universities, conferences and other educational institutions. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19)*

4.02.2 Faculty Athletics Representative. A faculty athletics representative is a member of an institution's faculty or administrative staff who is designated by the institution's president or chancellor or other appropriate entity to represent the institution and its faculty in the institution's relationships with the NCAA and its conference(s), if any (see also Constitution 6.1.3). *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

4.02.3 "On the Staff." "On the staff," as it applies to individuals from member institutions or conferences who are eligible to serve on committees or as officers or representatives of the Association, is defined as those individuals who receive a regular salary from a member institution or organization for the performance of a regular staff function representing at least 50 percent of the normal workload for a staff member at that institution or conference, unless otherwise specified. In addition, a conference office staff member must be employed at a single or multisport conference that meets the requirements for automatic qualification and he or she must be nominated by a multisport conference set forth in Constitution 4.2.1. An individual on sabbatical or other temporary leave for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months may be considered to be "on the staff" of an institution or organization. An individual on terminal leave or on leave in excess of 12 consecutive months shall not be considered to be "on the staff." *(Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 1/8/07)*

4.02.4 Independent Member of the Board of Governors. [*] An independent member of the Board of Governors shall be an individual who is not salaried by an NCAA member institution, conference or affiliated member, and shall be verified as independent by the Board of Governors. *(Adopted: 1/24/19 effective 8/1/19)*

4.02.5 Senior Woman Administrator.

4.02.5.1 Institutional Senior Woman Administrator. [#] An institutional senior woman administrator is the highest-ranking female involved in the management of an institution's intercollegiate athletics program. An institution with a female director of athletics may designate a different female involved with the management of the member's program as a fifth representative to the NCAA governance structure. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/27/05)*

4.02.5.2 Conference Senior Woman Administrator. A conference senior woman administrator is the highest-ranking female involved with the conduct and policy processes of a member conference's office. A conference with a female commissioner may designate a different female involved with the management of the conference as a representative to the NCAA governance structure. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/27/05)*

4.02.6 Gender and Diversity Requirements. The Board of Directors membership shall include at least one person who is an ethnic minority and at least one person of each gender, and a single member shall not be considered to meet both minimums. The combined membership of the Council, Committee on Academics and other Division I governance entities (other than sport committees) shall include representatives who comprise at least 20 percent persons who are ethnic minorities and at least 35 percent persons of each gender. *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

4.02.7 Selection/Term of Office of Board of Directors and Council.

4.02.7.1 Selection. Members of the Board of Directors shall be selected by the constituencies that they represent. Each membership unit (e.g., conference) that is authorized to select or nominate individuals must have a plan to ensure diversity among these individuals. Members of the Council shall be selected by the Board of Directors or a committee designated by the Board of Directors. *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

4.02.7.1.1 Selection Process -- Board of Directors. In order to ensure that the requirements for diversity of membership (as set forth in Constitution 4.02.6) are met, the following process shall be used: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 10/30/14)*

(a) The conferences represented in each subdivision (as identified in Constitution 4.2.1), shall review the open positions in the subdivision and shall attempt to coordinate the conference selections to ensure adequate diversity in the subdivision's representatives.

(b) The Board of Directors shall review the selections from each subdivision to assess the diversity of those selections. If the Board of Directors does not approve the diversity of the selections of a subdivision, it shall ask the subdivision to reconsider the selections and report any changes.

(c) If, after reconsideration, the Board of Directors still does not agree that the selections of any subdivision are adequately diverse, it shall direct each conference that has made a selection in that subdivision to provide a report on the diversity, qualifications and willingness to serve of the chancellors or presidents in the conference. The report shall be forwarded to a subcommittee of the Board of Governors. The subcommittee shall analyze the availability and alter selections as warranted to achieve adequate diversity.

(d) In the event a conference fails to satisfy Football Bowl Subdivision membership criteria, the conference shall lose its designated seat on the Board of Directors and be removed from Football Bowl Subdivision classification in the governance structure. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to determine the manner by which the unallocated Football Bowl Subdivision position is assigned.

4.02.7.1.2 Selection Process -- Council. The following process shall be used for selection of members of the Council: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

(a) Each conference listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(a), 4.2.1-(b) and 4.2.1-(c) shall nominate at least three candidates to serve as its representative on the Council.

(b) The Board of Directors or a designated committee shall review the nominations to assess competency and ensure reasonable diversity of perspectives and shall make the selection for service.

4.02.7.2 Term of Office.

4.02.7.2.1 Board of Directors. The term of office for the members of the Board of Directors shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

(a) Football Bowl Subdivision members shall serve a four-year term. Football Bowl Subdivision members of the Board of Directors are not eligible for immediate re-election;

(b) The Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision conferences shall be authorized to determine the term of office of their members, not to exceed four consecutive years in length. Further, after completing a term, Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision members of the Board of Directors may not serve again for two years;

(c) A conference may remove its representative during a term of office;

(d) The terms of service of Board of Directors members shall expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. Members may be appointed for less than full terms; and

(e) Board of Directors members who serve more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term.

4.02.7.2.2 Council. The term of office for the Council shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

(a) Members shall serve a four-year term. Members are not eligible for immediate re-appointment;

(b) A conference may recommend to the Board of Directors or a designated committee to replace its representative during a term;

(c) The terms of office of Football Bowl Subdivision positions and Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision positions shall expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. Members may be appointed for less than full terms; and

(d) Members who serve more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term.

4.02.7.3 Institution's Membership in Different Subdivision. An institution's representative to the Board of Directors or Council is eligible to serve on behalf of the multisport conference in which the institution holds membership, even if the institution's NCAA membership is in a different subdivision. *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

4.1 Board of Governors. [*]

4.1.1 Composition. [*] The Board of Governors shall consist of 25 members. The NCAA president and the chairs of the Division I Council and the Division II and Division III Management Councils shall be ex officio nonvoting members, except that the NCAA president is permitted to vote in the case of a tie among the voting members of the Board of Governors present and voting. The other 21 voting members of the Board of Governors shall include: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 3/8/06, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 1/24/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Eight chancellors or presidents from the Division I Board of Directors from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions;

(b) Two chancellors or presidents from the Division I Board of Directors from Football Championship Subdivision institutions;

(c) Two chancellors or presidents from the Division I Board of Directors from Division I Subdivision institutions;

(d) Two Division II chancellors or presidents from the Division II Presidents Council;

(e) Two Division III chancellors or presidents from the Division III Presidents Council; and

(f) Five independent members (see Constitution 4.02.4).

4.1.2 Duties and Responsibilities. [*] The Board of Governors shall: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Adopted: 8/5/99, 11/1/01, 3/8/06, 1/12/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 1/24/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Provide final approval and oversight of the Association's budget;

(b) Employ the NCAA president, who shall be administratively responsible to the Board of Governors and who shall be authorized to employ such other persons as may be necessary to conduct efficiently the business of the Association;

(c) Provide strategic planning for the Association as a whole;

(d) Identify core issues that affect the Association as a whole;

(e) Act on behalf of the Association by adopting and implementing policies to resolve core issues and other Association-wide matters;

(f) Initiate and settle litigation;

(g) Convene at least one combined meeting per year of the three divisional presidential governing bodies;

(h) Convene at least one same-site meeting per year of the Division I Council and the Division II and Division III Management Councils;

(i) Forward proposed amendments to Constitution 1 and 2 and other dominant legislation to the entire membership for a vote;

(j) Call for a vote of the entire membership on the action of any division that it determines to be contrary to the basic purposes, fundamental policies and general principles set forth in the Association's constitution. This action may be overridden by the Association's entire membership by a two-thirds majority vote of those institutions voting;

(k) Call for an annual or special Convention of the Association;

(l) Review and coordinate the catastrophic-injury and professional career insurance (disabling injury/illness) programs;

(m) Compile the names of those individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics who died during the year immediately preceding the annual Convention;

(n) Issue a call for nominations when a vacancy for an independent member occurs on the Board of Governors; and

(o) Serve as the final authority for the selection of and additional duties assigned to independent members of the Board of Governors.

4.1.3 Election/Term of Office. [*]

4.1.3.1 Election. [*] Division I members of the Board of Governors shall be appointed by the Division I Board of Directors. Divisions II and III members of the Board of Governors shall be appointed by the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils, respectively. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

4.1.3.2 Term of Office. [*] *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14, 1/24/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) **President or Chancellor Members.** The terms of office of president or chancellor members of the Board of Governors shall coincide with their service on the applicable divisional presidential governing body, unless otherwise specified by that governing body.

(b) **Independent Members.** An independent member of the Board of Governors shall be appointed to a three-year term that is renewable for an additional three-year term. An independent member who has served two terms shall not serve further on the Board of Governors.

4.1.3.3 Committee Chair. [*] The Board of Governors shall elect one of its members to serve for a two-year period as chair. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

4.2 Division I Board of Directors.

4.2.1 Composition. Giving due weight to gender and ethnic diversity per Constitution 4.02.6, the Board of Directors shall include 24 members and shall be comprised of 20 presidents or chancellors, one director of athletics, one senior woman athletics representative, one faculty athletics representative and one student-athlete. The members of the Board shall include: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/99, 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 5/2/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

(a) One institutional president or chancellor from each of the following conferences:

(1) American Athletic Conference;
(2) Atlantic Coast Conference;
(3) Big 12 Conference;
(4) Big Ten Conference;
(5) Conference USA;
(6) Mid-American Conference;
(7) Mountain West Conference;
(8) Pac-12 Conference;
(9) Southeastern Conference; and
(10) Sun Belt Conference.

(b) Five institutional presidents or chancellors from among the following conferences (limited to one president or chancellor from any one conference):

(1) Big Sky Conference;
(2) Big South Conference;
(3) Colonial Athletic Association
(4) The Ivy League;
(5) Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference;
(6) Northeast Conference;
(7) Ohio Valley Conference;
(8) Patriot League;
(9) Southern Conference;
(10) Southland Conference; and
(11) Southwestern Athletic Conference.

(c) Five institutional presidents or chancellors from among the following conferences (limited to one president or chancellor from any one conference):

(1) America East Conference;
(2) Atlantic Sun (ASUN) Conference;
(3) Atlantic 10 Conference;
(4) Big East Conference;
(5) Big West Conference;
(6) Horizon League;
(7) Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference;
(8) Missouri Valley Conference;
(9) The Summit League;
(10) West Coast Conference; and
(11) Western Athletic Conference.

(d) The chair of the Council.

(e) An institutional Division I member of Women Leaders in College Sports, appointed by the Executive Committee of Women Leaders in College Sports.

(f) A Division I member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Athletic Representatives Association, selected by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association.

(g) The chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

4.2.1.1 Rotation of Representatives. The rotation of Board of Directors conference representatives among the conferences listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(b) and 4.2.1-(c), shall be developed, maintained and revised by those conferences. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/15/06, 8/7/14)*

4.2.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Board of Directors shall serve as the overall governing body for Division I, with responsibility for strategy, policy, legislative oversight and management oversight. Specifically, the Board shall: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 10/29/15, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Address future issues, challenges, opportunities and outcomes, focusing on strategic topics in intercollegiate athletics and its relationship to higher education;

(b) Review and set parameters that guide and determine present and future decisions, embracing general goals and acceptable procedures;

(c) Monitor legislation to ensure it does not conflict with basic policies and strategic goals;

(d) Ratify, amend or defeat academically related legislation adopted by the Council and, at its discretion, adopt academically related legislation otherwise addressed by the Council;

(e) Rescind or adopt other legislation addressed by the Council in order to prevent an extraordinary adverse impact on the Division I membership;

(f) Adopt legislation or grant relief from the application of legislation in circumstances in which significant values are at stake or the use of the regular legislative process is likely to cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or the Division I membership because of the delay in its effective date;

(g) Delegate to the Council responsibilities for specific matters it deems appropriate;

(h) Appoint members of the Committee on Infractions, Infractions Appeals Committee, the Independent Resolution Panel, Council and Committee on Academics;

(i) Review and approve policies and procedures governing the infractions program and revise the operating procedures of the independent accountability resolution structure in consultation with the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee;

(j) Determine whether legislation proposed as an area of autonomy is consistent with the scope and nature of the applicable area of autonomy as set for in Constitution 5.3.2.1.2;

(k) Ensure that there is gender and ethnic diversity among its membership and the membership of each of the other bodies in the administrative structure;

(l) Require bodies in the administrative structure to alter (but not expand) their membership to achieve diversity;

(m) Approve an annual budget;

(n) Approve regulations providing for the expenditure of funds and the distribution of income consistent with the provisions of Constitution 4.01.2.2;

(o) Collaborate with NCAA staff, as necessary, to determine how the national office can best to serve the Division I membership;

(p) Advise the Board of Governors concerning the employment of the NCAA president and concerning the oversight of his or her employment;

(q) Conduct biannual assessments to evaluate the operation of the governance structure and to monitor membership standards and criteria affecting Division I and subdivisional membership; and

(r) Elect institutions to active Division I membership.

4.2.3 Voting Method. The method of voting on issues considered by the Board of Directors shall be by roll call, except for those actions taken by the unanimous consent of the Board members present and voting. Roll-call vote results shall be reported to the membership. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.2.4 Administrative Committee. The Board of Directors Administrative Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Council to transact necessary and routine items of business as set forth in the Board of Directors' policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

4.2.5 Standing Committees. Standing committees may be formed by the Board of Directors as it deems necessary. Details related to such committees (e.g., composition, selection, duties) shall be set forth in the Board of Directors' policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 10/4/17)*

4.2.6 Executive Sessions. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct an executive session involving only presidents and chancellors. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

4.3 Division I Council.

4.3.1 Composition. Giving due weight to gender and ethnic diversity per Constitution 4.02.6, the Council shall include 40 members and shall be comprised of athletics administrators (e.g., athletics directors, senior woman administrators, conference administrators, compliance administrators and other senior level administrators), faculty athletics representatives and student-athletes. The members of the Council shall include: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/99, 4/24/03, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 5/2/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

(a) One athletics administrator or faculty athletics representative from each of the conferences listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(a), 4.2.1-(b) and 4.2.1-(c). At least 60 percent of these representatives shall be directors of athletics.

(b) One conference commissioner from one of the following five conferences:

(1) Atlantic Coast Conference;
(2) Big 12 Conference;
(3) Big Ten Conference;
(4) Pac-12 Conference; and
(5) Southeastern Conference.

(c) One conference commissioner from one of the following five conferences:

(1) American Athletic Conference;
(2) Conference USA;
(3) Mid-American Conference;
(4) Mountain West Conference; and
(5) Sun Belt Conference.

(d) One conference commissioner from one of the following 13 conferences:

(1) Big Sky Conference;
(2) Big South Conference;
(3) Colonial Athletic Association
(4) The Ivy League;
(5) Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference;
(6) Missouri Valley Football Conference;
(7) Northeast Conference;
(8) Ohio Valley Conference;
(9) Patriot League;
(10) Pioneer Football League;
(11) Southern Conference;
(12) Southland Conference; and
(13) Southwestern Athletic Conference.

(e) One conference commissioner from one of the following 11 conferences:

(1) America East Conference;
(2) Atlantic Sun (ASUN) Conference;
(3) Atlantic 10 Conference;
(4) Big East Conference;
(5) Big West Conference;
(6) Horizon League;
(7) Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference;
(8) Missouri Valley Conference;
(9) The Summit League;
(10) West Coast Conference; and
(11) Western Athletic Conference;

(f) Two faculty athletics representatives, one appointed by the 1A Faculty Athletics Representatives group and one appointed by the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association.

(g) Two members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, each of whom may serve on the Council up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility.

4.3.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Council shall: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

(a) Serve as the division's primary legislative authority, subject to review by the Board of Directors (see Constitution 5.3.2);

(b) Recommend nonacademic policies to the Board of Directors;

(c) Coordinate strategic planning activities;

(d) Identify and examine trends and issues of intercollegiate athletics;

(e) Take final action on matters delegated to it by the Board of Directors;

(f) Make interpretations of the bylaws;

(g) Review the recommendations of the substructure;

(h) Supervise qualification and/or selection procedures for National Collegiate Championships and Division I championships;

(i) Review recommendations from sports committees regarding the administration of championships; and

(j) Act as the final authority regarding championships matters in Division I or in a National Collegiate Championship that are subject to appeal to the Council;

(k) Oversee the appointment of the members of the substructure (e.g., subcommittees and committees);

(l) Oversee Division I membership requirements and processes;

(m) In conjunction with the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, review issues related to the interests of ethnic minority student-athletes, NCAA minority programs and NCAA policies that affect ethnic minorities; and

(n) In conjunction with the Committee on Women's Athletics, study and make policy recommendations concerning opportunities for women in athletics at the institutional, conference and national levels, and other issues directly affecting women's athletics.

4.3.3 Chair. The Council shall elect a member who is a director of athletics to serve for a period of not more than two years as chair. The chair shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position. At least once in every three chair rotations, a Football Championship Subdivision or Division I Subdivision representative shall serve as chair. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 11/1/01, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

4.3.4 Weighted Voting. Voting on matters other than football-specific issues or football-specific legislation shall be weighted as follows: *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

(a) Representatives [other than those noted in (d) and (e) below] from the following conferences and the conference commissioner representative of these conferences shall have four votes each:

(1) Atlantic Coast Conference;
(2) Big 12 Conference;
(3) Big Ten Conference;
(4) Pac-12 Conference; and
(5) Southeastern Conference.

(b) Representatives [other than those noted in (d) and (e) below] from the following conferences and the conference commissioner representative of these conferences shall have two votes each:

(1) American Athletic Conference;
(2) Conference USA;
(3) Mid-American Conference;
(4) Mountain West Conference; and
(5) Sun Belt Conference.

(c) Representatives from the following conferences and the conference commissioner representatives of these conferences shall have one vote each:

(1) America East Conference;
(2) Atlantic 10 Conference;
(3) Atlantic Sun (ASUN) Conference;
(4) Big East Conference;
(5) Big Sky Conference;
(6) Big South Conference;
(7) Big West Conference;
(8) Colonial Athletic Association;
(9) Horizon League;
(10) The Ivy League;
(11) Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference;
(12) Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference;
(13) Missouri Valley Conference;
(14) Northeast Conference;
(15) Ohio Valley Conference;
(16) Patriot League;
(17) Southern Conference;
(18) Southland Conference;
(19) Southwestern Athletic Conference;
(20) The Summit League;
(21) West Coast Conference; and
(22) Western Athletic Conference.

(d) The two designated faculty athletics representatives [see Constitution 4.3.1-(f)] shall have one vote each.

(e) Student-athlete representatives shall have one vote each.

4.3.4.1 Voting on Football Bowl Subdivision Issues and Legislation. Voting on Football Bowl Subdivision-specific issues and Football Bowl Subdivision-specific legislation other than legislation related to scholarship limitations shall be weighted as follows: *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

(a) Representatives from the following conferences shall have two votes each:

(1) Atlantic Coast Conference;
(2) Big Ten Conference;
(3) Big 12 Conference;
(4) Pac-12 Conference; and
(5) Southeastern Conference.

(b) Representatives from the following conferences shall have one vote each:

(1) American Athletic Conference;
(2) Conference USA;
(3) Mid-American Conference;

(4) Mountain West Conference; and

(5) Sun Belt Conference.

4.3.4.1.1 Voting on Scholarship Limitations. Voting on legislation related to scholarship limitations shall not be weighted. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

4.3.5 Football Championship Subdivision Representation and Voting. Members of the Council who represent Football Championship Subdivision conferences shall act on issues and legislation specific to the subdivision in accordance with Constitution 5.3.2.2.6 (see Constitution 5.1.4.3.4). A Football Championship Subdivision conference not listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(b), may appoint an individual to represent its interests and vote on issues and legislation related to championship subdivision football, provided the conference consists of at least six championship subdivision football-sponsoring members (regular or affiliate members of the conference) that play a single round-robin schedule that leads to the declaration of a conference football champion and the affairs of the conference are administered by a conference listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(b) or 4.2.1-(c). *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

4.3.6 Voting Method. The method of voting on issues considered by the Council shall be by roll call, except for actions taken by the unanimous consent of the members present and voting. Roll-call vote results of legislative actions shall be reported to the membership and shall include a record of each member's vote. The overall outcomes of votes on other matters shall be reported to the membership, but neither the vote count nor individual votes shall be reported. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 8/7/14)*

4.3.7 Council Coordination Committee.

4.3.7.1 Composition and Selection. The Council Coordination Committee shall consist of seven to nine members of the Council, including two representatives of Football Bowl Subdivision conferences, two representatives of Football Championship Subdivision conferences and two representatives of Division I Subdivision conferences. The process for selection to the Council Coordination Committee and the term of office of committee members shall be set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 8/10/00, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

4.3.7.2 Duties. The Council Coordination Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Council to transact necessary and routine items of business as set forth in the Council's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

4.3.7.3 Review of Actions. All actions of the Council Coordination Committee shall be reported to and subject to review by the full Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

4.4 Committee on Academics.

4.4.1 Composition. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee on Academics comprised of 20 members, including a minimum of two chancellors or presidents, one provost, four faculty athletics representatives, one director of athletics, one senior woman administrator, one conference administrator and one student-athlete. The Committee on Academics shall include at least two members from each of the three Division I membership subdivisions. A president or chancellor member shall serve as chair. After the chair has served two full terms, the Board of Directors may extend his or her term at two-year intervals. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

4.4.1.1 Student-Athlete Representation. One member of the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve as a voting member of the Committee on Academics up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

4.4.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Committee on Academics shall: *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

(a) Serve as the division's primary academic authority, subject to review by the Board of Directors;

(b) Manage all policy pertaining to academic matters, including academic eligibility standards and related policies;

(c) Recommend and review legislation pertaining to academic matters, including academic eligibility standards;

(d) Take final action on routine and noncontroversial matters of general academic policy and Academic Performance Program policy;

(e) Establish, oversee and support the work of the academic substructure as stipulated in Bylaw 21;

(f) Perform all duties directly related to the administration of the Academic Performance Program, including interpretations of Academic Performance Program legislation and policies, hearing appeals (or waivers) of institutions or teams subject to penalties and any other matters of appeal pursuant to the legislation and policies and procedures of the Academic Performance Program;

(g) Determine the appropriate standards on which Academic Performance Program penalties or rewards apply;

(h) Recommend changes to the Academic Performance Program based on research data analysis and practical experience;

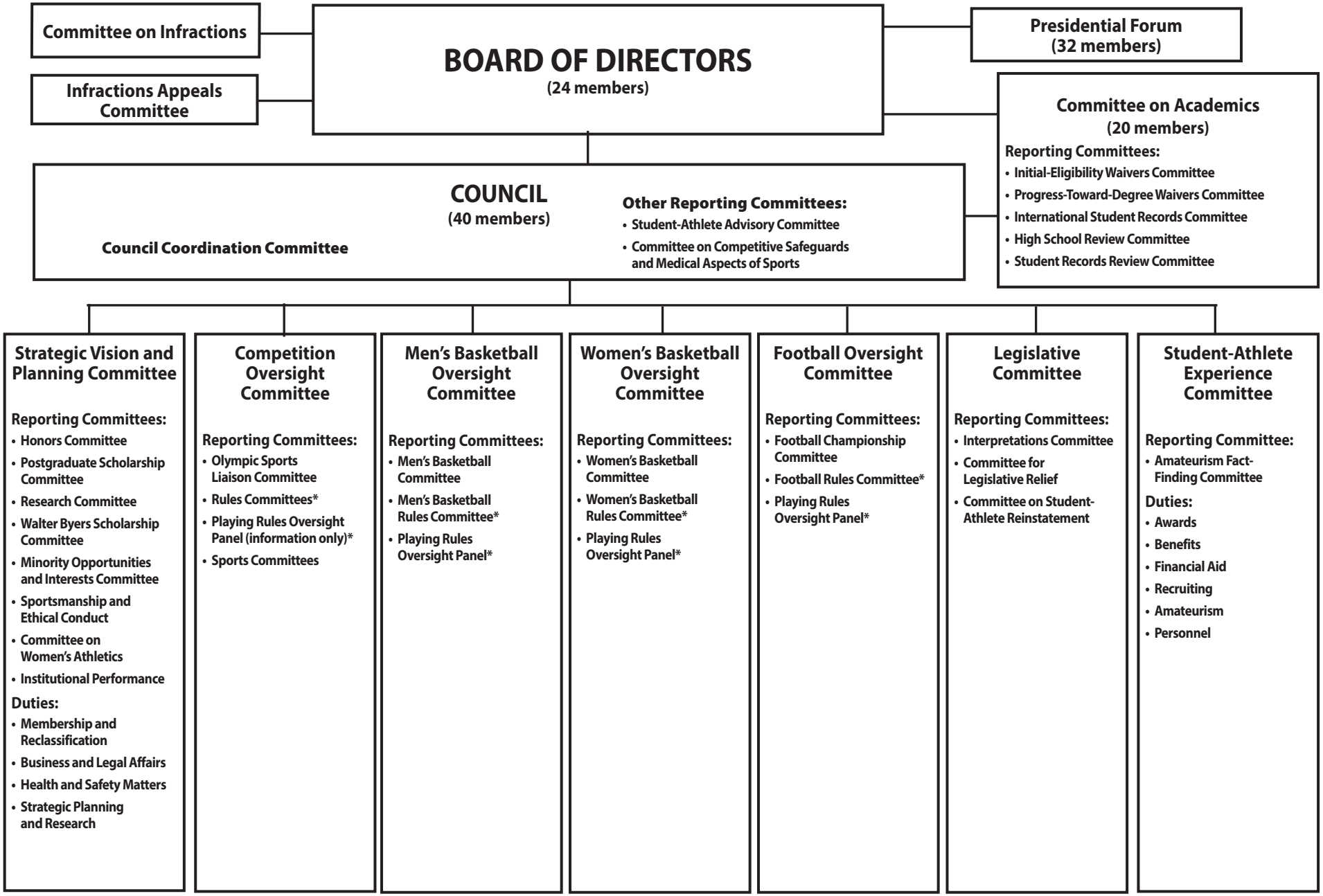
(i) Oversee administration of academic waivers as specified by legislation and/or policy;

(j) Study issues and make policy or legislative recommendations concerning relationships between the Association and the nation's two-year colleges as represented by established regional and national organizations; and

(k) Work with the Division II governance structure to ensure that consistent policies exist when possible, while maintaining each division's philosophy and legislative intent.

4.9 Committees/Cabinets. [*] The bylaws shall provide for the establishment of such a governance substructure (e.g., cabinets, committees) as each division considers necessary. The number of members and tenure of each division's governance substructure shall be stipulated in Bylaw 21. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

FIGURE 4-1
Division I Governance Structure



*For information purposes.

FIGURE 4-2

Association Governance Structure

ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
B. Honors Committee.
C. Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.
D. Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.
E. Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.
F. Research Committee.
G. Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.
H. Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.
I. Committee on Women's Athletics.
J. International Student Records (Divisions I and II).
K. High School Review (Divisions I and II).
L. Student Records Review (Divisions I and II).
M. NCAA Committees that have playing rules responsibilities.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Responsibilities

A. Approval/oversight of budget.
B. Appointment/evaluation of Association's president.
C. Strategic planning for Association.
D. Identification of Association's core issues.
E. To resolve issues/litigation.
F. To convene joint meeting of the three presidential bodies.
G. To convene same-site meeting of Division I Council and Division II and Division III Management Councils.
H. Authority to call for constitutional votes.
I. Authority to call for vote of entire membership when division action is contrary to Association's basic principles.
J. Authority to call Special/Annual Conventions.

Members

A. Eight FBS members from Division I Board of Directors.
B. Two FCS members from Division I Board of Directors.
C. Two Division I members from Division I Board of Directors.
D. Two members from Division II Presidents Council.
E. Two members from Division III Presidents Council.
F. Ex officio/nonvoting—NCAA President.[1]
G. Ex officio/nonvoting—Chairs of Division I Council and Division II and Division III Management Councils.

[1] May vote in case of tie.

DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Responsibilities

A. Set policy and direction of the division.
B. Monitor legislation.
C. Delegate responsibilities to Council.
D. Assess operation of the governance structure.

Members

A. Institutional Presidents or Chancellors.
B. Athletics Administrators.
C. Faculty Athletics Representative.
D. Student-Athlete.

DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Responsibilities

A. Set policy and direction of division.
B. Delegate responsibilities to Management Council.

Members

A. Institutional Presidents or Chancellors.

DIVISION III PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Responsibilities

A. Set policy and direction of division.
B. Delegate responsibilities to Management Council.

Members

A. Institutional Presidents or Chancellors.

DIVISION I COUNCIL

Responsibilities

A. Review recommendations of the substructure.
B. Final authority on championships matters.
C. Adopt legislation for the division.

Members

A. Athletics Administrators.
B. Conference Commissioners.
C. Faculty Athletics Representatives.
D. Student-Athletes.

DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Responsibilities

A. Recommendations to primary governing body.
B. Handle responsibilities delegated by primary governing body.

Members

A. Athletics Administrators.
B. Faculty Athletics Representatives.
C. Student-Athletes.

DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

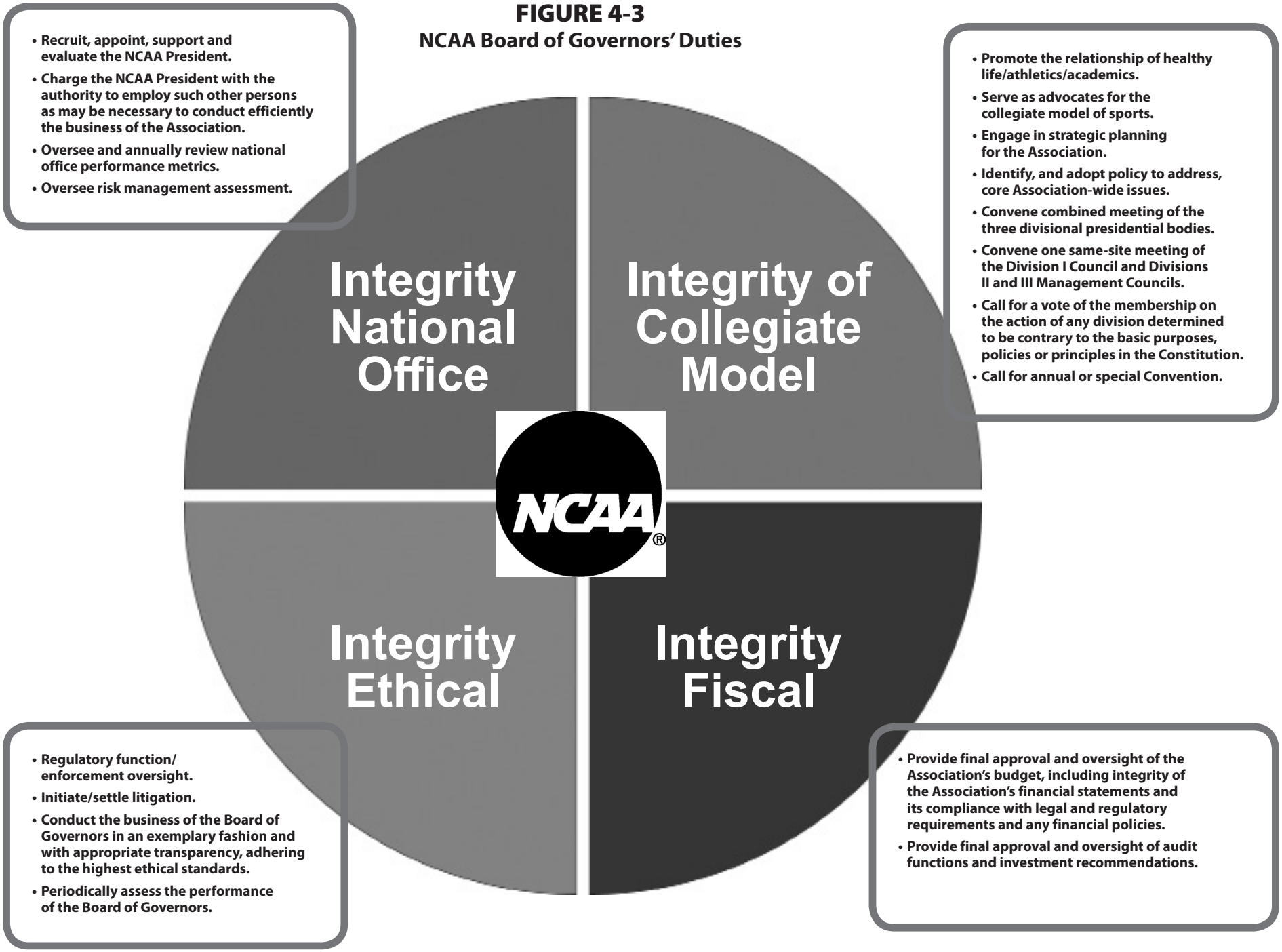
Responsibilities

A. Recommendations to primary governing body.
B. Handle responsibilities delegated by primary governing body.

Members

A. Presidents or Chancellors.
B. Athletics Administrators.
C. Faculty Athletics Representatives.
D. Student-Athletes.
E. Athletics Direct Reports.

FIGURE 4-3
NCAA Board of Governors' Duties



Legislative Authority and Process

5.01 General Principles. [*]

5.01.1 Basis of Legislation. [*] All legislation of the Association that governs the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics programs of its member institutions shall be adopted by the membership in Convention assembled, or by the divisional governance structures as set forth in Constitution 4, as determined by the constitution and bylaws governing each division, and shall be consistent with the purposes and fundamental policy set forth in Constitution 1, and shall be designed to advance one or more principles such as those set forth in Constitution 2. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.01.2 Approaches to Legislative Process. [*] The membership of the Association recognizes that certain fundamental polices, practices and principles have applicability to all members, while others are applicable to division groupings of members, based on a common philosophy shared among the individual members of the division and on special policies and concerns that are common to the nature and purposes of the institutions in the division. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.02 Definitions and Applications.

5.02.1 Legislative (Constitution and Bylaw) Provisions.

5.02.1.1 Area of Autonomy. An area of autonomy is a legislative provision that provides legislative flexibility to the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference and their member institutions. The abovementioned conferences are granted autonomy in these areas to permit the use of resources to advance the legitimate educational or athletics-related needs of student-athletes and for legislative changes that will otherwise enhance student-athlete well-being. The requirements for adoption, amendment and expansion of the areas of autonomy are set forth in Constitution 5.3.2.1. A legislative provision that is an area of autonomy is identified by a capital letter A.

5.02.1.2 Dominant. [*] A dominant provision is a regulation that applies to all members of the Association and is of sufficient importance to the entire membership that it requires a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting in joint session at an annual or special Convention. Dominant provisions are identified by an asterisk (*).

5.02.1.3 Division Dominant. [*] A division dominant provision is a regulation that applies to all members of a division and is of sufficient importance to the division that it requires a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting at a division's annual or special Convention. Division dominant provisions are identified by the diamond symbol (♦). *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.02.1.4 Common. [*] A common provision is a regulation that applies to more than one of the divisions of the Association. A common provision shall be adopted by each of the applicable divisions, acting separately pursuant to the divisional legislative process described in Constitution 5.3, and must be approved by all applicable divisions to be effective. Common provisions are identified by the pound sign (#). *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

5.02.1.5 Federated. [*] A federated provision is a regulation adopted by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting of one or more of the divisions or subdivisions of the Association, acting separately pursuant to the divisional legislative process described in Constitution 5.3. Such a provision applies only to the division(s) or subdivision(s) that adopts it. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.02.1.6 Football Championship Subdivision Dominant. [FCSD] A Football Championship Subdivision dominant provision is a regulation that applies only to the Football Championship Subdivision and is of sufficient importance to the subdivision that it requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption or to be amended pursuant to the legislative process set forth in Constitution 5.3. Football Championship Subdivision dominant provisions are identified by the initialization FCSD. *(Adopted: 1/15/11)*

5.1 Conventions and Meetings.

5.1.1 Authorization.

5.1.1.1 Annual Convention. [*] There shall be an annual Convention of this Association during the second week of January or at such other time as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

5.1.1.2 Special Convention. [*] A special Convention of the Association may be called by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 10/30/14)*

5.1.2 Annual or Special Convention Programs.

5.1.2.1 Establishment of Program -- Annual or Special Convention. [*] The program of the business session of an annual or special Convention of the Association shall be established by the Board of Governors, acting as the Convention program committee. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 10/30/14)*

5.1.2.1.1 Change in Program. [*] Once adopted by a majority vote of the Convention, the order of business established in the program may be changed or suspended only by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

5.1.2.2 Other Convention Arrangements. [*] All other arrangements for a Convention of the Association or for division legislative meetings shall be made by the NCAA president, subject to the direction and approval of the Board of Governors, which shall serve as the Convention arrangements committee. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

5.1.2.3 Business and Discussion Sessions.

5.1.2.3.1 General Business Session. [*] When determined necessary by the Board of Governors, an annual or special Convention shall include a general business session to enable all three divisions, meeting in joint session, to act on the dominant legislation specified in Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere, and on the actions of any division determined to be contrary to the Association's basic purposes, fundamental policies and general principles. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 10/30/14)*

5.1.2.3.2 Division Business Sessions. [*] An annual or special Convention shall include separate division business sessions to: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

(a) Enable a single division to act, in accordance with the constitution and bylaws, on federated legislation pertaining to that division;

(b) Discuss matters of interest to the members of each division; and

(c) Act upon division membership criteria waiver requests under the provisions of the bylaws.

5.1.2.3.3 Round-Table Discussions. [*] In addition to the division business sessions, a general round-table discussion may be held to enable the membership to discuss matters of general interest.

5.1.3 Annual or Special Convention Delegates.

5.1.3.1 Institutional and Conference Delegates.

5.1.3.1.1 With Voting Privileges. [*] Each active member and each member conference with voting privileges, as specified in Constitution 3.3.2.2, shall be entitled to one vote. Institutions and conferences designating both a male and a female as voting or alternate delegates on the Convention appointment form shall be allowed to appoint four official institutional delegates. In all other circumstances, institutions shall be limited to not more than three official delegates. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

5.1.3.1.2 Without Voting Privileges. [*] Each member conference without voting privileges shall be entitled to one accredited delegate without voting privilege.

5.1.3.2 Visiting Delegates. [*] Member and nonmember institutions and organizations are authorized to send visiting delegates, who shall not have voting privileges.

5.1.3.3 Certification and Voting of Delegates. [*] The certification and voting of delegates shall be conducted as follows: *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

(a) Delegates shall be certified to the NCAA national office as entitled to represent the member in question by the proper executive officers of their institutions or organizations;

(b) An active member or member conference represented by more than one delegate shall designate (on the proper form signed by the president or chancellor) the delegate entitled to cast its vote. Once the member has so designated its primary voting and alternate voting delegates, transferring the voting rights between or among them is a matter of institutional judgment, inasmuch as the voter and alternate(s) have been approved as voters;

(c) The same delegate may represent both an active member and a member conference;

(d) A delegate shall not represent any active member or member conference unless the delegate actually is identified with such member, and an institution's student may not serve as its voting or alternate voting delegate;

(e) Whenever the Association votes on any question by roll call, either written or via voice, on demand of any delegate, the names of delegates as they vote shall be checked by the Membership Committee in order to verify the authority of the voter; and

(f) Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

5.1.3.4 Delegate Participation in Conventions and Meetings.

5.1.3.4.1 Active Delegate. [*] Privileges of the floor and the right to active participation in the business proceedings of any annual or special Convention of the Association is accorded to the following: *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/30/14, 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Any of the accredited delegates authorized in Constitution 5.1.3.1.1 to represent an active member or member conference with voting privileges;

(b) The single accredited delegate authorized in Constitution 5.1.3.1.2 to represent a member conference without voting privileges ;

(c) Any member of the Board of Governors, the divisional governance entities per Constitution 4 and the chair (or a committee member designated to speak for the chair) of an NCAA committee listed in Bylaw 21; and

(d) Any member of a division's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

5.1.3.4.2 Visiting Delegate. [*] Visiting delegates authorized in Constitution 5.1.3.2 shall not actively participate in the business proceedings.

5.1.4 Operational Procedures.

5.1.4.1 Quorum. [*] One hundred (100) active members and member conferences represented as prescribed in this constitution shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the Association's business. For purposes of voting by membership divisions, 40 members of each division shall constitute a quorum.

5.1.4.2 Parliamentary Rules. [*] The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for the conduct of all meetings of the Association. Additionally, they shall be the deciding reference used in case of parliamentary challenge in all instances to which they apply and in which they are not superseded by this constitution, the bylaws or any special rule of order adopted by the Association in accordance with Constitution 5.4.3.

5.1.4.3 Consideration of Legislation. [*] Legislation shall be acted upon only at the Convention business sessions in accordance with the constitution and bylaws.

5.1.4.3.1 Order and Grouping of Legislation. [*] In the consideration of groupings of related amendments or amendments-to-amendments, the Convention shall consider first the proposal that contemplates the greatest modification of the present circumstance, followed by the other proposals in the order of decreasing modification. Once a proposal in such a grouping is adopted, those that follow ordinarily will become moot.

5.1.4.3.2 Legislation at General Session. [*] Dominant legislation per Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere, and federated legislation determined by the Board of Governors to be contrary to the Association's basic purposes, fundamental policies and general principles shall be acted on by the divisions meeting in joint session. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 10/30/14)*

5.1.4.3.3 Legislation at Division Sessions. [*] Legislation pertaining only to a single division of the Association may be acted on in a separate legislative session of that division. Federated legislation pertaining to more than a single division of the Association may be acted on by the appropriate divisions during the separate division business sessions. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.1.4.3.4 Football Classification, Voting. A member institution shall be entitled to vote on legislative issues pertaining only to football in the subdivision in which it is classified.

5.1.4.3.4.1 Restriction. An active member or member conference with no football program shall not be permitted to vote on issues affecting only football.

5.1.4.3.4.2 Football Championship Subdivision Member Applying Bowl Subdivision Football Legislation. A Football Championship Subdivision member that elects to be governed by the legislation pertaining to the Football Bowl Subdivision in accordance with Bylaw 20.7.1.1 shall be eligible to vote on issues pertaining to championship subdivision football. *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

5.1.4.3.4.3 Conference of Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision Members. A conference whose members are divided between the Football Bowl Subdivision and the Football Championship Subdivision shall vote in the subdivision in which the majority of its members are classified; or if the membership is divided equally between the two subdivisions, the subdivision in which it shall vote shall be determined by the Council Administrative Committee. *(Revised: 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.1.4.4 Voting Methods. [*] The methods of voting at an NCAA Convention shall be by voice, paddle, roll call and/or secret ballot, in accordance with the following procedures: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/3/07)*

(a) **Voice Vote.** The presiding officer shall determine whether to use voice voting. In the taking of a voice vote, if the presiding officer is in doubt, or on request for a division of the assembly by any member eligible to vote on the particular issue, the presiding officer shall retake the vote by a show of paddles.

(b) **Paddle Vote.** The presiding officer shall determine whether to use paddle voting, which may be accomplished through electronic collection. In the taking of a vote by show of paddles, if the presiding officer is in doubt, or on the request of any member eligible to vote on the particular issue, the presiding officer shall order the vote to be counted.

(c) **Secret Ballot.** Voting by secret ballot shall be conducted only when so ordered by a majority of the eligible delegates present and voting, after the making of an undebatable motion to vote in that manner.

(d) **Roll Call.** Voting by roll call, on issues other than those so designated by the Divisions II and III presidential administrative groups, shall be conducted only when so ordered by a majority of the eligible delegates present and voting, after the making of an undebatable motion to vote in that manner. If both a roll-call vote and a secret ballot are moved on a particular issue, the vote shall be taken first on whether to vote by roll call. Any interim or later vote to amend, postpone, reconsider, refer or table a proposal that has been designated by the presidential administrative groups for a roll-call vote during the Convention also must be conducted by roll-call vote.

5.2 Elements of Legislation.

5.2.1 Constitution. [*] The membership may adopt legislation to be included in the constitution of the Association, which sets forth basic purposes, fundamental policies and general principles that generally serve as the basis on which the legislation of the Association shall be derived and which includes information relevant to the purposes of the Association. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.2.2 Operating Bylaws. [*] Each division may adopt legislation to be included in the operating bylaws of the Association, which provide rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution and which shall include, but not be limited to, the following particulars: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

(a) The administration of intercollegiate athletics by members of the Association;

(b) The establishment and control of NCAA championships (games, matches, meets and tournaments) and other athletics events sponsored or sanctioned by the Association;

(c) The procedures for administering and enforcing the provisions of the constitution and bylaws; and

(d) The adoption of rules of play and competition in the various sports, and the delegation of authority in connection with such subjects to individuals, officers or committees.

5.2.3 Administrative Bylaws. [*] The administrative bylaws of the Association (administrative regulations and executive regulations) provide rules and regulations for the implementation of policy adopted by the membership as set forth in the constitution and operating bylaws. They are distinct from the operating bylaws in that, to provide greater flexibility and efficiency in the conduct of the affairs of the Association, they may be adopted or amended by the applicable divisional presidential administrative group, the Division I Council and the Division III Management Council. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/19/13, 7/31/14, 8/7/14)*

5.2.3.1 Administrative Regulations. [*] Each division is empowered to adopt or revise administrative regulations consistent with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws, subject to amendment by the Divisions II and III membership, for the implementation of policy established by legislation governing the general activities of each division. The administrative bylaws may be adopted or amended by the applicable division presidential administrative group, the Division I Council and the Division III Management Council or at any annual or special Convention by a majority vote of the delegates in Divisions II and III present and voting in accordance with the legislative process. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

5.2.3.2 Executive Regulations. [*] Each division is empowered to adopt or revise executive regulations consistent with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws, subject to amendment by the Divisions II and III membership. Executive regulations relate to the administration of the division's championships, the expenditure of the division's funds, the distribution of the income of the division and the general administration of the affairs of the division. The executive regulations may be adopted or amended by the applicable division presidential administrative group, the Division I Council and the Division III Management Council or at any annual or special Convention by a majority vote of the delegates in Divisions II and III present and voting in accordance with the legislative process. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

5.2.3.3 Enforcement Policies and Procedures. [*] The Committee on Infractions is empowered to adopt or revise policies and procedures for the conduct of the Association's infractions program, subject to approval by the Board of Directors for Division I and by the applicable Management Council for Division II and Division III. These policies and

procedures shall be developed by the Committee on Infractions, shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws and shall be subject to amendment by the membership. The Infractions Appeals Committee may adopt or revise policies and procedures that relate directly to the appeals process, subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors for Division I and by the applicable Management Council for Division II and Division III. Such policies and procedures shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws and shall be subject to amendment by the membership. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/5/10, 12/20/10, 7/31/14)*

5.2.3.4 Academic Performance Program Policies and Procedures. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to adopt or revise policies and procedures for the conduct of the academic performance program. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may review, amend and/or act on any academic performance program policy adopted by the Committee on Academics. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 11/5/14)*

5.2.4 Resolutions. [*] Legislation of a temporary character effective only for a specified time period may be enacted through resolutions not inconsistent with the constitution, bylaws (including administrative bylaws) and special rules of order (see Constitution 5.4.3).

5.2.5 Interpretations of Constitution and Bylaws. [*] The divisional presidential administrative groups, the Division I Council (or the Legislative Committee on behalf of the Council) and the Division II and Division III Management Councils, and the divisional interpretative committees, in the interim between meetings of the Division I Council (or Legislative Committee) and the Division II and Division III Management Councils, are empowered to make interpretations of the constitution and bylaws (see Constitution 5.4.1). *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 8/31/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

5.2.6 Special Rules of Order. [*] The Association may adopt special rules of order not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws. These special rules, with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, this constitution, and the bylaws, shall be the parliamentary authority for the conduct of all meetings of the Association and, together, shall be the deciding reference used in case of parliamentary challenge in all instances to which they apply (see Constitution 5.4.3).

5.2.7 Statements of Division Philosophy. [*] The membership of a division or subdivision, through appropriate deliberative processes, may prepare a statement of division philosophy relating to the development and operation of an intercollegiate athletics program in the division. Such a statement is not binding on member institutions but shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences (see Constitution 5.4.4).

5.3 Amendment Process.

5.3.1 Authorizing Legislation.

5.3.1.1 Amendment -- Dominant Provisions. [*] The dominant provisions of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere and the division dominant provisions may be amended only at an annual or special Convention. In Division I, federated provisions may be amended as specified in Constitution 5.3.2. In Divisions II and III, federated provisions may be amended at any annual or special Convention. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.1.2 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Dominant Provisions. [*] A proposed amendment to the dominant provisions of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15 through September 15, sponsors of proposed legislation may refine and change proposals in any manner that is germane to the original proposal. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.1.3 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Division Dominant Provisions. A proposed amendment to a division dominant provision may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15 through September 15, sponsors of proposed legislation may refine and change proposals in any manner that is germane to the original proposal. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.2 Division I Legislative Process.

5.3.2.1 Process for Areas of Autonomy.

5.3.2.1.1 Authority to Adopt or Amend Legislation. The Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference and their member institutions shall have the authority to adopt or amend legislation that is identified as an area of autonomy. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.1.2 Areas of Autonomy. The Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference and their member institutions are granted autonomy in the following areas

to permit the use of resources to advance the legitimate educational or athletics-related needs of student-athletes and for legislative changes that will otherwise enhance student-athlete well-being: *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

(a) **Athletics Personnel.** Definitions and limitations on athletics personnel and legislation to meet the support needs of student-athletes while properly managing the number of personnel directly or indirectly associated with a sport in a manner consistent with the need for competitive balance.

(b) **Insurance and Career Transition.** Legislation related to student-athletes securing loans to purchase career-related insurance products (e.g., disability, loss-of-value), institutions providing insurance-related expenses for student-athletes and the role of agents and advisors in assisting student-athletes with career planning and decision making.

(c) **Promotional Activities Unrelated to Athletics Participation.** Legislation related to promotional activities for careers and pursuits unrelated athletics participation.

(d) **Recruiting Restrictions.** Legislation designed to reduce the infringement on a prospective student-athlete's academic preparation.

(e) **Pre-enrollment Expenses and Support.** Legislation related to expenses and support provided in the recruiting process and the transition to college enrollment, including assistance to families to visit campus, medical expenses and academic support during the summer prior to enrollment, and transportation to enroll.

(f) **Financial Aid.** Legislation related to a student-athlete's individual limit on athletically related financial aid, terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid, and the eligibility of former student-athletes to receive undergraduate financial aid.

(g) **Awards, Benefits and Expenses.** Legislation related to awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes and their families and friends.

(h) **Academic Support.** Legislation related to the academic support of student-athletes.

(i) **Health and Wellness.** Legislation related to the health and wellness of student-athletes, including insurance and other items to permit appropriate and sufficient care.

(j) **Meals and Nutrition.** Legislation related to meals and nutritional demands for student-athletes.

(k) **Time Demands.** Legislation that establishes an appropriate balance between athletics and other student-athlete activities and fosters participation in educational opportunities outside intercollegiate athletics.

5.3.2.1.2.1 Additions to the Areas of Autonomy. Additions to the areas of autonomy may be recommended to the Board of Directors on support of three of the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1. An addition shall require a 60 percent majority vote of the president or chancellor members of the Board of Directors present and voting. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.1.2.1.1 Standard of Review. An addition to the areas of autonomy shall be subject to the standard that it must permit the use of resources to advance the legitimate educational or athletics-related needs of student-athletes, support legislative changes that will otherwise enhance student-athlete well-being, or complement and align with the values of higher education. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.1.2.2 Application to Other Conferences/Institutions. Legislation set forth as an area of autonomy may be applied by other member institutions at each conference's respective discretion, which may include delegation of such discretion to its member institutions. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.1.3 Sponsorship.

5.3.2.1.3.1 Amendment. An amendment to an area of autonomy may be sponsored by any conference listed in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1, subject to review by the other conferences listed in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 and approval by a presidential review group that includes at least one representative from each conference listed in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.1.3.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment of an area of autonomy may be sponsored by one of the conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.1.4 Submission Deadlines.

5.3.2.1.4.1 Concept. A concept under consideration for sponsorship as an amendment to an area of autonomy must be submitted to the national office by 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15. *(Adopted: 8/4/16)*

5.3.2.1.4.2 Amendment. An amendment to an area of autonomy must be submitted to the national office by 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1. The sponsor may refine and change its proposal in any manner that is germane to the original proposal until 5 p.m. Eastern time December 1. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16, 8/8/18)*

5.3.2.1.4.3 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment of an area of autonomy may be submitted to the national office until 5 p.m. Eastern time December 1. Any such amendment shall not increase the modification of the provision to be amended in the original proposal. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16, 8/8/18)*

5.3.2.1.5 Notification to Membership.

5.3.2.1.5.1 Notice of Autonomy Concepts. Proposed autonomy concepts shall be posted on the NCAA website for membership review and comment after September 15. *(Adopted: 8/4/16)*

5.3.2.1.5.2 Initial Notification. Proposed amendments shall be available on the NCAA website for membership review and comment not later than November 15. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16, 8/8/18)*

5.3.2.1.5.3 Official Notice. Proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments shall be available on the NCAA website for membership review and comment not later than December 15. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16, 8/8/18)*

5.3.2.1.6 Membership and Council Review.

5.3.2.1.6.1 Membership Review. All Division I members may provide comments related to proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments via the NCAA website from the date of the initial notification to the membership through December 15 (5 p.m. Eastern time). *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16)*

5.3.2.1.6.2 Council Review. The Council shall review proposed amendments. The review may include a position of support or opposition. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.1.6.3 Forum Review. The conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 shall review proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments during a forum that is conducted before a business session during which voting on the proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments occurs. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.1.7 Voting Process.

5.3.2.1.7.1 Business Session. Consideration of proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments shall occur during a business session involving the member institutions of the conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1. The president or chancellor of each institution shall appoint one representative and each of the five conferences shall appoint three student-athlete representatives to cast votes on proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.1.7.2 Adoption of Amendments and Amendments-to-Amendments. Adoption of proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments shall require: *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

(a) Approval of three of the five conferences based on a simple majority vote of the institutions within each conference and a 60 percent majority vote of the eligible institutions and student-athlete representatives; or

(b) Approval of four of the five conferences based on a simple majority vote of the institutions within each conference and a simple majority vote of the eligible institutions and student-athlete representatives.

5.3.2.1.7.3 Finality of Action. An amendment adopted during a business session shall be final upon adjournment of the business session. The concept of a defeated amendment may not be resubmitted as a new amendment for a two-year period. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

5.3.2.2 Process for Areas of Council-Governance and Football-Specific Legislation.

5.3.2.2.1 Authority to Adopt or Amend Legislation. Federated legislation applicable to Division I may be adopted or amended at any meeting of the Council. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.3.2.2.1.1 Emergency or Noncontroversial Legislation. The Council may adopt emergency or noncontroversial legislation during any meeting by at least a three-fourths majority vote of its members present and voting. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.3.2.2.2 Sponsorship.

5.3.2.2.2.1 Amendments and Amendments-to-Amendments. An amendment or an amendment-to-amendment in an area of Council governance may be sponsored by the Board of Directors, the Council or a conference listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(a), 4.2.1-(b) or 4.2.1-(c). A football-specific amendment or amendment-

to-amendment may be sponsored by a Football Bowl Subdivision conference or a Football Championship Subdivision conference. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.3.2.2.3 Submission Deadlines.

5.3.2.2.3.1 Concept. A conference must submit a concept under consideration for sponsorship as an amendment to the national office by 5 p.m. Eastern time July 15. *(Adopted: 1/24/19)*

5.3.2.2.3.2 Amendment. An amendment sponsored by the Council or a conference listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(a), 4.2.1-(b) or 4.2.1-(c) or a football-only conference as described in Constitution 4.3.5 must be submitted to the national office by 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1. A conference may sponsor an amendment only if it submitted a concept of the amendment by the preceding July 15 deadline. From the submission deadline until 5 p.m. Eastern time February 1, the sponsoring conference or Council may refine and change its proposal in any manner that is germane to the original proposal. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16, 4/18/18, 1/24/19)*

5.3.2.2.3.3 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment identified for a vote in January may be submitted to the national office until 5 p.m. Eastern time December 15. An amendment to an amendment identified for a vote in April may be submitted to the national office until 5 p.m. Eastern time February 1. Any such amendment shall not increase the modification of the provision to be amended in the original proposal. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16)*

5.3.2.2.4 Notification to Membership.

5.3.2.2.4.1 Initial Notification. Proposed amendments shall be available on the NCAA website for membership review and comment not later than November 15. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/24/19)*

5.3.2.2.4.2 Official Notice. Proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments shall be available on the NCAA website for membership review and comment not later than February 8. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16)*

5.3.2.2.5 Membership and Council Review.

5.3.2.2.5.1 Membership Review. All Division I members may provide comments related to proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments via the NCAA website until March 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time). *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16)*

5.3.2.2.5.2 Council Review. The Council shall review proposed amendments. The review may include a position of support or opposition. The Council may sponsor an amendment-to-amendment by majority vote of its members present and voting through February 8. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16)*

5.3.2.2.6 Voting Process.

5.3.2.2.6.1 Adoption of Amendments and Amendments-to-Amendments. Adoption of proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments submitted by the applicable deadline shall require a majority vote of representatives of the Council present and voting. An amendment-to-amendment that is proposed outside the legislated submission deadline and that does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended in the original proposal may be adopted by a three-fourths majority vote of the Council members present and voting. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16, 10/4/17)*

5.3.2.2.6.1.1 Bowl Subdivision and Championship Subdivision Football. Members of the Council who are representatives of conferences that are members of the Football Bowl Subdivision and the Football Championship Subdivision shall vote separately in their respective subdivisions on legislative issues that pertain only to football. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.3.2.2.6.1.1.1 Geographical Representation of Independents. An institution classified as a Football Bowl Subdivision independent or a Football Championship Subdivision independent shall have its views expressed on football issues by a predetermined Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision conference representative, respectively, within the institution's geographical region. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.3.2.2.6.2 Finality of Action. Legislation adopted by the Council, other than emergency or noncontroversial legislation, shall be considered final at the conclusion of the next Board of Directors meeting, subject to review by the Board of Directors as described in Constitution 4.2.2. Emergency or noncontroversial legislation adopted by the Council shall be considered final at the conclusion of the Council meeting during which it was adopted. If a proposal does not receive a majority vote of Council members present and voting, it shall be considered defeated.

The concept of a defeated amendment may not be resubmitted as a new amendment for a two-year period. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 10/4/17)*

5.3.2.2.7 Rescission Process. An amendment adopted with less than an 85-percent majority vote of Council members present and voting shall be subject to a 60-day rescission period. An amendment adopted with an 85-percent majority vote or greater of Council members present and voting shall not be subject to a rescission process. The concept of a rescinded amendment may not be resubmitted as a new amendment for a two-year period. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.3.2.2.7.1 Notification to Membership. Notification of the adoption of legislation by the Council shall be provided to the membership within 15 days of the date of the Board of Directors' meeting on which the adoption becomes final. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.3.2.2.7.2 Submission of Rescission Requests. A rescission request may be submitted through the NCAA website by an active member institution with voting privileges. A request must be received in the national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time within 60 days of the date of the Board of Directors meeting on which the adoption becomes final. A request must be approved by the institution's chancellor or president. The institution's chancellor or president or his or her designated representative may submit the rescission request to the national office. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.3.2.2.7.3 Threshold for Rescission. An amendment shall be rescinded upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Division I institutions that are eligible to submit a request. An amendment that pertains only to football shall be rescinded in the applicable subdivision upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision institutions that are eligible to submit a request. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15)*

5.3.2.2.8 Other Rules and Procedures. The Board of Directors or the Council may approve such additional rules and procedures governing the legislative process consistent with the provisions of this section (Constitution 5.3.2) as it determines are necessary to ensure an efficient process to meet the legislative needs of the membership. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/4/17)*

5.3.2.2.8.1 Sunset Provision. If the Council takes no action on a proposal within one year of its initial consideration, the proposal shall be considered defeated. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

5.3.3 Sponsorship -- Amendments to Dominant Provisions.

5.3.3.1 Amendment. [*] An amendment to a dominant provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may be sponsored by the Board of Governors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

5.3.3.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. [*] An amendment-to-amendment to a dominant provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may be sponsored by the Board of Governors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

5.3.3.3 Editorial Changes. [*] The presiding officer may permit changes in the wording of proposed amendments of a purely editorial nature or to correct typographical errors.

5.3.4 Sponsorship -- Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

5.3.4.1 Amendment. An amendment to a division dominant provision may be introduced to the Board of Directors by any one regular or alternate member of the Board. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.4.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment-to-amendment to a division dominant provision may be introduced to the Board of Directors by any one regular or alternate member of the Board. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.4.3 Editorial Changes. The presiding officer may permit changes in the wording of a proposed amendment of a purely editorial nature or to correct typographical errors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.5 Submission Deadline.

5.3.5.1 Dominant Provisions.

5.3.5.1.1 Amendments. [*] Amendments to dominant provisions of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere shall be sponsored by the Board of Governors in accordance with the following deadlines: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

(a) Annual Convention—September 1.

(b) Special Convention—Ninety days before a special Convention.

5.3.5.1.1.1 Exception. [*] The Board of Governors, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention when a special Convention is held after September 1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

5.3.5.1.2 Amendments-to-Amendments. [*] The Board of Governors must submit amendments to its original proposals in writing and such amendments-to-amendments must be submitted not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15, unless the amendment-to-amendment does not increase the modification specified in the original proposal. Any amendment to a proposed amendment submitted after September 15 shall not increase the modification of the original proposal and must be submitted in writing not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention. The Board of Governors may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention without meeting these procedural requirements, provided the proposed amendment-to-amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the Board of Governors and copies are distributed before or during the business session. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 3/1/06, 10/30/14)*

5.3.5.2 Division Dominant Provisions.

5.3.5.2.1 Amendments. Amendments to division dominant provisions shall be sponsored by the appropriate divisional presidential administrative group in accordance with the following deadlines: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

(a) Annual Convention -- September 1.

(b) Special Convention -- Ninety days before a special Convention.

5.3.5.2.1.1 Exception. A divisional presidential administrative group, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention when a special Convention is held after September 1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.5.2.2 Amendments-to-Amendments. The appropriate divisional presidential administrative group must submit amendments to its original proposals in writing and such amendments must be submitted not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15, unless the amendment-to-amendment does not increase the modification specified in the original proposal. Any amendment to a proposed amendment submitted after September 15 shall not increase the modification of the original proposal and must be submitted in writing not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention. A divisional presidential administrative group may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention without meeting these procedural requirements, provided the proposed amendment-to-amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the divisional presidential administrative group and copies are distributed before or during the appropriate business session. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 3/1/06)*

5.3.6 Notification to Membership.

5.3.6.1 Amendments to Dominant Provisions.

5.3.6.1.1 Initial Publication. [*] Amendments to dominant provisions of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere sponsored by the Board of Governors shall be published for the information of the membership as follows: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

(a) Not later than September 23 for an annual Convention.

(b) Not later than 75 days before a special Convention.

5.3.6.1.2 Official Notice. [*] A copy of the proposed amendments shall be mailed to all members of the Association not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days before a special Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.6.1.3 Delayed Date. [*] If the Board of Governors establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments to dominant provisions for an annual Convention, it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for publishing copies of the proposed amendments for information of the membership. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

5.3.6.1.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. [*] Copies of all amendments-to-amendments to dominant provisions submitted by the Board of Governors in accordance with the September 15 deadline shall be published by September 23. Copies of all other amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline shall be published in the Official Notice of the Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

5.3.6.2 Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

5.3.6.2.1 Initial Publication. Amendments to division dominant provisions sponsored by a divisional presidential administrative group shall be published for the information of the membership as follows: *(Adopted: 1/19/96 effective 8/1/97)*

(a) Not later than September 22 for an annual Convention.

(b) Not later than 75 days before a special Convention.

5.3.6.2.2 Official Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be made available not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days preceding a special Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.6.2.3 Delayed Date. If a divisional presidential administrative group establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments to division dominant provisions for an annual Convention, it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for publishing copies of the proposed amendments for information of the membership. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.6.2.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. Copies of all amendments-to-amendments to division dominant provisions submitted by a divisional presidential administrative group pursuant to the September 15 deadline shall be published by September 22. Copies of all other amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline shall be published in the Official Notice of the Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.7 Adoption of Amendment, Voting Requirements.

5.3.7.1 Voting Requirement Determination. [*] The Board of Governors shall be authorized to determine the voting requirement for an amendment when the voting requirement is not obvious from the content or context of the legislation. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 10/30/14)*

5.3.7.2 Dominant Provision. [*] Adoption of an amendment to a dominant provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting in joint session at an annual or special Convention of the Association. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.7.3 Division Dominant Provision. Adoption of an amendment to a division dominant provision shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates of the affected division present and voting at a division's annual or special Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/5/06)*

5.3.8 Adoption of Amendment-to-Amendment, Voting Requirements.

5.3.8.1 Dominant Provision. [*] A proposed amendment to an amendment of a dominant provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere shall be approved by a majority vote of all delegates present and voting. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.8.2 Division Dominant Provision. A proposed amendment to an amendment of a division dominant provision shall be approved by a majority vote of the delegates of the affected division present and voting. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.9 Special Voting Requirements. [*] The following topics are subject to special voting requirements.

5.3.9.1 National Collegiate Championship. [*] A National Collegiate Championship per Bylaw 18.02.1.1 may be established by action of all three divisions acting through each division's governance structure, subject to all requirements, standards and conditions prescribed in Bylaw 18.2. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.9.2 Division Championship. A division championship per Bylaw 18.02.1.2 may be established by a majority vote of the Board of Directors subject to all requirements, standards and conditions prescribed in Bylaw 18.2. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.9.3 Voting on Football Issues. An active member or voting member conference with no football program shall not be permitted to vote on issues affecting only football. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.9.4 Challenged Action. [*] The action of any specific division challenged by the Board of Governors as being contrary to the basic purposes, fundamental policies and general principles set forth in the Association's constitution may be overridden by the Association's entire membership by a two-thirds majority vote of those institutions voting. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

5.3.10 Intent and Rationale.

5.3.10.1 Amendments to Dominant Provisions. [*] All amendments to dominant provisions of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere shall include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale. The statement of rationale shall not exceed 200 words in length. All amendments-to-amendments shall include a statement of intent and, if applicable, a cost

estimate. An amendment-to-amendment also may include a statement of rationale that shall not exceed 50 words in length. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.10.2 Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions. All amendments to division dominant provisions shall include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale. The statement of rationale shall not exceed 200 words in length. All amendments-to-amendments shall include a statement of intent and, if applicable, a cost estimate. An amendment-to-amendment also may include a statement of rationale that shall not exceed 50 words in length. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.11 Effective Date.

5.3.11.1 Dominant Provisions. [*] All amendments to dominant provisions of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption by the Convention. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.11.1.1 Alternative to August 1 Effective Date. [*] If a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Those amendments specified as being effective immediately shall become effective upon adjournment of the Convention. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.11.2 Division Dominant Provisions. All amendments to division dominant provisions shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption by the Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.11.2.1 Alternative to August 1 Effective Date. If a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Those amendments specified as being effective immediately shall become effective upon adjournment of the Convention. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.12 Reconsideration.

5.3.12.1 Vote on Dominant Provisions. [*] Prior to the adjournment of any Convention, an affirmative or negative vote on an amendment to a provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may be subjected to one motion for reconsideration of that action by any member who voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.12.2 Vote on Division Dominant Provisions. Prior to adjournment of any Convention, an affirmative or negative vote on an amendment to a division dominant provision may be subjected to one motion for reconsideration of that action by any member who voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. Reconsideration of the vote must occur in the appropriate division business session. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4 Other Legislative and Amendment Procedures.

5.4.1 Interpretations of Constitution and Bylaws.

5.4.1.1 Authorization. The Board of Directors and the Council (or the Legislative Committee on behalf of the Council), and the Interpretations Committee in the interim between meetings of the Board of Directors and Council (or Legislative Committee), are empowered to make interpretations of the constitution and bylaws (see Constitution 5.2.5). *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/16/15, 10/4/17)*

5.4.1.1.1 Modification of Wording. In addition to its general authority to make binding interpretations of NCAA legislation, the Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may interpret legislation consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the legislation if sufficient documentation and testimony are available to establish clearly that the wording of the legislation is inconsistent with that intent. The Council shall initiate the legislative process to confirm any such interpretations. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

5.4.1.2 Interpretation Process.

5.4.1.2.1 Staff Interpretation (Determination). The academic and membership affairs staff shall respond to a request from a member institution for an interpretation of NCAA rules. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/04, 4/24/08)*

5.4.1.2.1.1 Appeal of Staff Interpretation. An institution may appeal a staff interpretation to the Interpretations Committee. Such a request must be submitted in writing by the institution's conference or by one of the five individuals who are authorized to request interpretations on behalf of the institution (president or

chancellor, faculty athletics representative, athletics director, senior woman administrator, senior compliance administrator, or a designated substitute for the president or chancellor and/or athletics director, as specified in writing to the national office). *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/04, 3/8/06, 4/24/08, 4/16/15)*

5.4.1.2.1.1.1 Institutional Participation. An institution may participate by teleconference in the appeal of an interpretation if the activity at issue already has occurred and the interpretative decision could result in an individual or institutional violation. The Interpretations Committee shall establish policies and procedures relating to an institution's participation. *(Adopted: 4/25/02, Revised: 8/5/04, 4/24/08, 4/16/15)*

5.4.1.2.1.2 Review of Staff Interpretations. The Interpretations Committee shall review all staff interpretations. *(Adopted: 4/24/08, Revised: 4/16/15)*

5.4.1.2.1.3 Publication and Notification. A staff interpretation shall be binding on the requesting institution on notification of the response to its interpretation request, unless the interpretation is modified or reversed on appeal or review by the Interpretations Committee. A staff interpretation that has been reviewed and approved by the Interpretations Committee shall be binding on all other institutions on publication to the membership (e.g., announced on the NCAA website or Legislative Services Database for the Internet). *(Adopted: 4/24/08, Revised: 4/16/15)*

5.4.1.2.2 Review of Interpretations Committee's Decision. The Legislative Committee shall review all interpretations issued by the Interpretations Committee and may approve, reverse or modify such interpretations. A member institution may appeal a decision of the Interpretations Committee to the Legislative Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution's president or chancellor, faculty athletics representative or director of athletics. The Legislative Committee shall establish the procedures for such an appeal. A decision of the Legislative Committee is final and no additional appeal opportunity shall exist for a member institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/04, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 8/7/14, 4/16/15, 10/4/17)*

5.4.1.2.2.1 Areas of Autonomy. The members of the Legislative Committee who are representatives from the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 shall act on behalf of the committee on matters that relate to the areas of autonomy listed in Constitution 5.3.2.1.2. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

5.4.1.2.3 Publication and Notification. Interpretations issued by the Interpretations Committee shall be binding on notification to affected institutions and on all member institutions after publication and notification to the membership. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/04, 4/16/15)*

5.4.1.2.4 Revision. Interpretations approved by the Legislative Committee may not be revised by the Interpretations Committee. The Interpretations Committee may only recommend to the Legislative Committee revisions of such interpretations. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/16/15, 10/4/17)*

5.4.1.3 Committee for Legislative Relief. An institution may appeal a decision of the NCAA staff regarding the application of NCAA legislation to a particular situation to the Committee for Legislative Relief when no other entity (other than the Board of Directors) has the authority to act. In reaching its decision, the committee shall review the complete record in order to determine whether there is sufficient basis to grant relief from the application of the legislation. The committee shall establish the process for such a review, subject to the review of the Legislative Committee. A decision of the Committee for Legislative Relief shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/00, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/29/15, 10/4/17)*

5.4.2 Resolutions.

5.4.2.1 Authorization. [*] Legislation pertaining to one or more divisions may be enacted through resolutions not inconsistent with the constitution, bylaws (including administrative bylaws) and special rules of order.

5.4.2.2 Scope and Application. [*] Legislation enacted through resolutions shall be of a temporary nature, effective only for a limited time as specified in the resolution itself.

5.4.2.3 Dominant Provisions.

5.4.2.3.1 Sponsorship. [*] A resolution related to the dominant provisions of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may be sponsored by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 10/30/14)*

5.4.2.3.2 Submission Deadline. [*] A proposed resolution related to the dominant provisions of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere must be submitted prior to November 1. The Board of Governors may sponsor resolutions at the

time of the Convention without meeting this deadline provided the proposed resolution has been approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors and copies are distributed during the business sessions. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 10/30/14)*

5.4.2.3.3 Voting Requirements.

5.4.2.3.3.1 Adoption -- Annual/Special Convention. [*] Adoption of a resolution shall require a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at an annual or special Convention. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.2.3.3.2 Mail Ballot. [*] If a majority of the delegates present and voting so direct, a resolution shall be referred to the entire membership for a mail vote conducted under conditions approved by the Board of Governors. A two-thirds majority of members voting in any such mail vote shall be required for the enactment of the legislation proposed in the resolution. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 10/30/14)*

5.4.2.4 Division Dominant Provisions.

5.4.2.4.1 Sponsorship. A resolution related to a division dominant provision may be sponsored by the appropriate divisional presidential administrative group. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.2.4.2 Submission Deadline. A proposed resolution related to a division dominant provision must be submitted prior to November 1. A divisional presidential administrative group may sponsor resolutions at the time of the Convention without meeting this deadline provided the proposed resolution has been approved by a two-thirds majority vote of that presidential administrative group and copies are distributed during the appropriate division business sessions. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.2.4.3 Voting Requirements.

5.4.2.4.3.1 Adoption -- Annual/Special Convention. Adoption of a resolution shall require a majority vote of the delegates of the applicable division present and voting at an annual or special Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.2.4.3.2 Mail Ballot. If a majority of the delegates of the applicable division present and voting so direct, a resolution shall be referred to the entire membership of that division for a mail vote conducted under conditions approved by the appropriate presidential administrative group. A two-thirds majority of members of the applicable division voting in any such mail vote shall be required for the enactment of the legislation proposed in the resolution. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.3 Special Rules of Order.

5.4.3.1 General Business Sessions. [*] The Association may adopt special rules of order not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present and voting at any annual or special Convention. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.3.2 Division Business Sessions. Each division may adopt special rules of order not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws by a two-thirds majority of the delegates of the applicable division present and voting at any annual or special Convention. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.3.3 Amendment Process. [*] Proposed special rules of order and amendments to existing special rules of order shall be subject to the same procedural requirements for previous notice and amendments as prescribed in Constitution 5.3.

5.4.4 Statements of Division Philosophy.

5.4.4.1 Authorization. Each division or subdivision, through appropriate deliberative processes, may prepare a statement of division philosophy relating to the development and operation of an intercollegiate athletics program in the division or subdivision.

5.4.4.2 Scope and Application. Such a statement is not binding on member institutions but shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division or subdivision and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.

5.4.4.3 Adoption Process. A statement of division philosophy may be adopted through the legislative process set forth in Constitution 5.3.2. If a statement of division philosophy is adopted, it shall be published in the NCAA Manual. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

Institutional Control

6.01 General Principle.

6.01.1 Institutional Control. The control and responsibility for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be exercised by the institution itself and by the conference(s), if any, of which it is a member. Administrative control or faculty control, or a combination of the two, shall constitute institutional control.

6.1 Institutional Governance.

6.1.1 President or Chancellor. A member institution's president or chancellor has ultimate responsibility and final authority for the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics program and the actions of any board in control of that program. The term "president or chancellor" refers to the individual with primary executive authority for an institution and does not include an individual who has executive responsibility over a system of institutions. *(Revised: 3/8/06, 5/22/13)*

6.1.2 Athletics Board. A board in control of athletics or an athletics advisory board, which has responsibility for advising or establishing athletics policies and making policy decisions, is not required. However, if such a board exists, it must conform to the following provisions.

6.1.2.1 Composition. Administration and/or faculty staff members shall constitute at least a majority of the board in control of athletics or an athletics advisory board, irrespective of the president or chancellor's responsibility and authority or whether the athletics department is financed in whole or in part by student fees. If the board has a parliamentary requirement necessitating more than a simple majority in order to transact some or all of its business, then the administrative and faculty members shall be of sufficient number to constitute at least that majority. *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

6.1.2.1.1 Administrator Defined. An administrator (for purposes of this legislation) is an individual employed by the institution as a full-time administrative staff member who holds an academic appointment, is directly responsible to the institution's president or chancellor or serves as a chief administrative official (e.g., admissions director, finance officer, department head, or athletics department head). Other nonacademic staff members and individuals who are members of an institution's board of trustees or similar governing body would not be considered to be administrators for purposes of this regulation. *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

6.1.2.1.2 Board Subcommittee. If a board subcommittee is appointed, it is not necessary for the subcommittee to have majority control by administration and/or faculty members (see Constitution 6.1.2.1), provided all actions of the subcommittee are approved by the entire board before becoming effective. However, if the subcommittee's actions are effective permanently or become effective immediately and remain in effect until reviewed by the entire board at a later date, the subcommittee's membership must satisfy the majority-control requirement.

6.1.2.1.3 Attendance. A parliamentary majority of administrators and faculty members of a board in control of athletics is not required to be present at any single meeting in order to conduct business.

6.1.2.2 Chair or Voting Delegate. Only an administrator or faculty member (as opposed to a student, alumnus or governing board member) may serve as chair of a member institution's board in control of intercollegiate athletics or represent the board as the institution's voting delegate at Conventions. Institutional representatives in these positions have responsibility for advising or establishing athletics policies and making policy decisions that require administrative and/or faculty control.

6.1.3 Faculty Athletics Representative. A member institution shall designate an individual to serve as faculty athletics representative. An individual so designated after January 12, 1989, shall be a member of the institution's faculty or an administrator who holds faculty rank and shall not hold an administrative or coaching position in the athletics department. Duties of the faculty athletics representative shall be determined by the member institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

6.1.4 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Each institution shall establish a student-athlete advisory committee for its student-athletes. The composition and duties of the committee shall be determined by the institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

6.2 Budgetary Control.

6.2.1 Normal Budgeting Procedures. The institution's annual budget for its intercollegiate athletics programs shall be controlled by the institution and subject to its normal budgeting procedures.

6.2.2 President or Chancellor Approval. The institution's president or chancellor or an institutional administrator designated by the president or chancellor from outside the athletics department shall approve the annual budget in the event that the institution's normal budgeting procedures do not require such action. *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

6.3 Exit Interviews. The institution's director of athletics, senior woman administrator or designated representatives (excluding coaching staff members) shall conduct exit interviews in each sport with a sample of student-athletes (as determined by the institution) whose eligibility has expired. Interviews shall include questions regarding the value of the students' athletics experiences, the extent of the athletics time demands encountered by the student-athletes, proposed changes in intercollegiate athletics and concerns related to the administration of the student-athletes' specific sports. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 8/7/14)*

6.4 Responsibilities for Actions of Outside Entities.

6.4.1 Independent Agencies or Organizations. An institution's "responsibility" for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program shall include responsibility for the acts of an independent agency, corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer) or other organization when a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration, or an athletics department staff member, has knowledge that such agency, corporate entity or other organization is promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program. *(Revised: 2/16/00)*

6.4.2 Representatives of Athletics Interests. An institution's "responsibility" for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program shall include responsibility for the acts of individuals, a corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer) or other organization when a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration or an athletics department staff member has knowledge or should have knowledge that such an individual, corporate entity or other organization: *(Revised: 2/16/00)*

(a) Has participated in or is a member of an agency or organization as described in Constitution 6.4.1;

(b) Has made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;

(c) Has been requested by the athletics department staff to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes or is assisting in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;

(d) Has assisted or is assisting in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes; or

(e) Is otherwise involved in promoting the institution's athletics program.

6.4.2.1 Agreement to Provide Benefit or Privilege. Any agreement between an institution (or any organization that promotes, assists or augments in any way the athletics interests of the member institution, including those identified per Constitution 6.4.1) and an individual who, for any consideration, is or may be entitled under the terms of the agreement to any benefit or privilege relating to the institution's athletics program, shall contain a specific clause providing that any such benefit or privilege may be withheld if the individual has engaged in conduct that is determined to be a violation of NCAA legislation. The clause shall provide for the withholding of the benefit or privilege from a party to the agreement and any other person who may be entitled to a benefit or privilege under the terms of the agreement. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

6.4.2.2 Retention of Identity as "Representative." Any individual participating in the activities set forth in Constitution 6.4.2 shall be considered a "representative of the institution's athletics interests," and once so identified as a representative, it is presumed the person retains that identity.

Ethical Conduct

10.01 General Principle.

10.01.1 Honesty and Sportsmanship. Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

10.02 Definitions and Applications.

10.02.1 Sports Wagering. [#] Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; Internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

10.02.2 Wager. [#] A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

10.1 Unethical Conduct. Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department even if he or she does not receive compensation for such work, may include, but is not limited to, the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96, 2/22/01, 8/4/05, 4/27/06, 1/8/07, 5/9/07, 10/23/07, 5/6/08, 1/16/10, 10/5/10, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of an NCAA regulation when requested to do so by the NCAA or the individual's institution;

(b) Knowing involvement in offering or providing a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefit or improper financial aid;

(c) Knowingly furnishing or knowingly influencing others to furnish the NCAA or the individual's institution false or misleading information concerning an individual's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of an NCAA regulation;

(d) Receipt of benefits by an institutional staff member for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or a representative of an agent or advisor (e.g., "runner");

(e) Knowing involvement in providing a banned substance or impermissible supplement to student-athletes, or knowingly providing medications to student-athletes contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state and federal law. This provision shall not apply to banned substances for which the student-athlete has received a medical exception per Bylaw 31.2.3.2; however, the substance must be provided in accordance with medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care and state or federal law;

(f) Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive; or

(g) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or the institution's athletics department regarding an individual's amateur status.

10.2 Knowledge of Use of Banned Drugs. A member institution's athletics department staff members or others employed by the intercollegiate athletics program who have knowledge of a student-athlete's use at any time of a substance within the banned-drug classes, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.1, shall follow institutional procedures dealing with drug abuse or shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.

10.3 Sports Wagering Activities. The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition: *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/22/20)*

(a) Staff members of an institution's athletics department;

(b) Nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);

(c) Staff members of a conference office; and

(d) Student-athletes.

10.3.1 Scope of Application. [#] The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

10.3.1.1 Exception. [#] The provisions of Bylaw 10.3 are not applicable to traditional wagers between institutions (e.g., traditional rivalry) or in conjunction with particular contests (e.g., bowl games). Items wagered must be representative of the involved institutions or the states in which they are located. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

10.3.2 Suspension by a Non-NCAA National or International Sports Governing Body. [#] A student-athlete under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body shall not participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

10.4 Disciplinary Action. [#] Prospective or enrolled student-athletes found in violation of the provisions of this regulation shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility. Institutional staff members found in violation of the provisions of this regulation shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.9, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual's previous employment at another member institution. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 7/31/14)*

Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

11.01 Definitions and Applications.

11.01.1 Bonus. A bonus is a direct cash payment over and above an athletics department staff member's institutional salary in recognition of a specific and extraordinary achievement (see Bylaw 11.3.2.3).

11.01.2 Coach, Head or Assistant. [A] A head or assistant coach is any coach who is designated by the institution's athletics department to perform coaching duties and who serves in that capacity on a volunteer or paid basis. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/7/14)*

11.01.3 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Football. In football, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and has either received his or her first baccalaureate degree or has exhausted athletics eligibility (whichever occurs later) within the previous seven years and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. The individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 5/25/06, 12/15/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/29/10 for new appointments, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12, 8/21/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 4/25/18, 5/1/19, 1/22/20)*

(a) The individual shall be enrolled in at least 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies, except that during his or her final semester or quarter of the degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. If the individual fails to complete all degree requirements during the term in which he or she is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, the result shall be an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. An institution may appoint a midyear replacement graduate assistant coach who is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies (or is not yet enrolled), provided the graduate assistant coach has been accepted for enrollment in a graduate program beginning with the next regular academic term;

(b) The individual may not receive compensation or remuneration in excess of the value of a full grant-in-aid for a full-time student, based on the resident status of that individual, and the receipt of four complimentary tickets to all the institution's intercollegiate athletics events;

(c) The individual may receive training table meals as provided to the institution's student-athletes without the value of the meals being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;

(d) Graduate and postgraduate financial assistance administered outside the institution (e.g., NCAA postgraduate scholarship) shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided such assistance is awarded through an established and continuing program to aid graduate students and the donor of the assistance does not restrict the recipient's choice of institutions;

(e) The individual may not serve as a graduate assistant coach for a period of more than two years except that if the individual successfully completes 24-semester or 36-quarter hours during the initial two-year period, the individual may serve as a graduate assistant coach for a third year;

(f) Compensation for employment from a source outside the institution during the academic year shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided the institution does not arrange such employment and the compensation is for work actually performed. The member institution may not arrange on- or off-campus employment opportunities except for summer employment, which is permissible regardless of whether the student remains enrolled in the graduate program during the summer;

(g) A graduate student coach may accept employment benefits available to all institutional employees (e.g., life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance), as well as expenses to attend the convention of the national coaches association in the coach's sport, without the value of those benefits being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;

(h) The individual may receive cash to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or postseason bowl contests in accordance with the parameters by which student-athletes may receive such expenses pursuant to Bylaw 16.8.1.1;

(i) The institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for the individual's significant other and children to attend a postseason football bowl game or an NCAA championship; and

(j) The individual may not evaluate or contact prospective student-athletes off campus, regardless of whether compensation is received for such activities. The individual may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2); however, it is permissible for a graduate assistant coach to make telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1.

11.01.3.1 Replacement of Graduate Assistant Coach. [FBS/FCS] The compensation or remuneration set forth in Bylaw 11.01.3 shall be charged against an academic year. Once the amount set forth in Bylaw 11.01.3-(b) is paid to a graduate assistant coach for that academic year, additional funds may not be spent on a replacement until the start of the next academic year, even though the graduate assistant coach leaves the institution's athletics program during the academic year. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/1/19)*

11.01.4 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Women's Rowing and Swimming and Diving. [A] In women's rowing and swimming and diving (see Bylaw 11.7.6.2.8), a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. The individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply: *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/25/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12, 8/21/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 8/7/14, 1/19/18, 1/16/19 effective 8/1/19, 1/15/20)*

(a) The individual shall be enrolled in at least 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies, except that during his or her final semester or quarter of the degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. If the individual fails to complete all degree requirements during the term in which he or she is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, the result shall be an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. An institution may appoint a midyear replacement graduate assistant coach who is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies (or is not yet enrolled), provided the graduate assistant coach has been accepted for enrollment in a graduate program beginning with the next regular academic term;

(b) The individual may not receive compensation or remuneration in excess of the value of a full grant-in-aid for a full-time student, based on the resident status of that individual, and the receipt of four complimentary tickets to all the institution's intercollegiate athletics events;

(c) The individual may receive meals incidental to organized team activities (e.g., pregame or postgame meals, occasional meals) without the value of the meals being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;

(d) Graduate and postgraduate financial assistance administered outside the institution (e.g., NCAA postgraduate scholarship) shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided such assistance is awarded through an established and continuing program to aid graduate students and the donor of the assistance does not restrict the recipient's choice of institutions;

(e) The individual may not serve as a graduate assistant coach for a period of more than two years except that if the individual successfully completes 24-semester or 36-quarter hours during the initial two-year period, the individual may serve as a graduate assistant coach for a third year;

(f) Compensation for employment from a source outside the institution during the academic year shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided the institution does not arrange such employment and the compensation is for work actually performed. The member institution may not arrange on- or off-campus employment opportunities except for summer employment, which is permissible regardless of whether the student remains enrolled in the graduate program during the summer;

(g) A graduate student coach may accept employment benefits available to all institutional employees (e.g., life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance), as well as expenses to attend the convention of the national coaches association in the coach's sport, without the value of those benefits being included;

(h) The individual may receive cash to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events in accordance with the parameters by which student-athletes may receive such expenses pursuant to Bylaw 16.8.1.1;

(i) The institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for the individual's significant other and children to attend the season-ending tournament(s) specified in Bylaw 17.16.5.3-(b); and

(j) The individual may not evaluate or contact prospective student-athletes off campus, regardless of whether compensation is received for such activities. The individual may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2); however, it is permissible for a graduate assistant coach to make telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1.

11.01.4.1 Replacement of Graduate Assistant Coach. [A] The compensation or remuneration set forth in Bylaw 11.01.4 shall be charged against an academic year. Once the amount set forth in Bylaw 11.01.4-(b) is paid to a graduate assistant coach for that academic year, additional funds may not be spent on a replacement until the start of the next academic year, even though the graduate assistant coach leaves the institution's athletics program during the academic year. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

11.01.5 Coach, Student Assistant. [A] A student assistant coach is any coach who is a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility in the sport or has become injured to the point that he or she is unable to practice or compete ever again, and who meets the following additional criteria: *(Revised: 1/9/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 3/10/04, 5/26/06, 8/11/09, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 8/7/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 2/7/20)*

(a) Is enrolled at the institution where he or she most recently participated in intercollegiate athletics;

(b) Is enrolled as a full-time graduate student within his or her five-year period of eligibility (see Bylaw 12.8) or is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in his or her first baccalaureate degree program, except that during his or her final semester or quarter of the degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than a full-time degree program of studies, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements;

(c) Is receiving no compensation or remuneration for coaching duties from the institution other than the financial aid that could be received as a student-athlete and expenses incurred on road trips that are received by individual team members; and

(d) Is not involved in contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus and does not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2).

11.01.6 Coach, Volunteer. [A] In sports other than bowl subdivision football and basketball, a volunteer coach is any coach who does not receive compensation or remuneration from the institution's athletics department or any organization funded in whole or in part by the athletics department or that is involved primarily in the promotion of the institution's athletics program (e.g., booster club, athletics foundation association). The following provisions shall apply: *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/26/06, 8/7/14, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18, 5/1/19, 2/7/20)*

(a) The individual is prohibited from contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus and may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2).

(b) The individual may receive a maximum of two complimentary tickets to home athletics contests in the coach's sport.

(c) The individual may receive complimentary admission to a home athletics event in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit.

(d) The individual may receive complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities (e.g., pre- or postgame meals, occasional meals, but not training table meals) or meals provided during a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit, provided the individual dines with the prospective student-athlete.

(e) The individual may receive reasonable entertainment (but may not receive cash for such entertainment) in conjunction with entertainment provided to student-athletes per Bylaw 16.7.

11.01.7 Manager. [A] A manager is an individual who performs traditional managerial duties (e.g., equipment, laundry, hydration) and meets the following additional criteria: *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 8/7/14, 6/12/19)*

(a) The individual shall be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student (see Bylaws 14.2.2 and 14.2.2.1.5) at the institution for which he or she serves as a manager, except that during his or her final semester or quarter of a degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements;

(b) The individual may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during practice (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice) or competition (e.g., assist with warm-up activities) involving student-athletes on a regular basis;

(c) The individual shall not provide instruction to student-athletes;

(d) The individual shall not participate in countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice player) except as permitted in Bylaw 11.01.7-(b); and

(e) In baseball, the individual shall forfeit any remaining eligibility in the sport at the institution at which the individual serves as a manager.

11.01.8 Significant Other. A significant other is a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse. *(Adopted: 1/19/18)*

11.1 Conduct of Athletics Personnel.

11.1.1 Responsibility for Violations of NCAA Regulations. Institutional staff members found in violation of NCAA regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.9, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual's previous employment at another member institution. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

11.1.1.1 Responsibility of Head Coach. An institution's head coach is presumed to be responsible for the actions of all institutional staff members who report, directly or indirectly, to the head coach. An institution's head coach shall promote an atmosphere of compliance within his or her program and shall monitor the activities of all institutional staff members involved with the program who report, directly or indirectly, to the coach. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 10/30/12, 7/16/14)*

11.1.2 Use of Association Name or Affiliation. Staff members of member institutions and others serving on the Association's committees or acting as consultants shall not use, directly or by implication, the Association's name or their affiliation with the Association in the endorsement of products or services.

11.1.3 Representing Individuals in Marketing Athletics Ability/Reputation. Staff members of the athletics department of a member institution shall not represent, directly or indirectly, any individual in the marketing of athletics ability or reputation to an agent, a professional sports team or a professional sports organization, including receiving compensation for arranging commercial endorsements or personal appearances for former student-athletes, except as specified in Bylaw 11.1.3.1, and shall not receive compensation or gratuities of any kind, directly or indirectly, for such services. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94)*

11.1.3.1 Exception -- Professional Sports Counseling Panel and Head Coach. An institution's professional sports counseling panel or a head coach in a sport may contact agents, professional sports teams or professional sports organizations on behalf of a student-athlete, provided no compensation is received for such services. The head coach shall consult with and report his or her activities on behalf of the student-athlete to the institution's professional sports counseling panel. If the institution has no such panel, the head coach shall consult with and report his or her activities to the president or chancellor [or an individual or group (e.g., athletics advisory board) designated by the president or chancellor]. *(Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 3/8/06)*

11.1.4 Use of Tobacco Products. The use of tobacco products is prohibited by all game personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers and game officials) in all sports during practice and competition. Uniform penalties (as determined by the applicable rules-making committees and sports committees with rules-making responsibilities) shall be established for such use. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

11.1.5 Strength and Conditioning Coach Certification. A strength and conditioning coach shall be certified and maintain current certification through a nationally accredited strength and conditioning certification program. *(Adopted: 4/24/14 effective 8/1/15)*

11.2 Contractual Agreements.

11.2.1 Stipulation That NCAA Enforcement Provisions Apply. Contractual agreements or appointments between a president or chancellor, director of athletics or any contracted or appointed athletics department staff member and an institution shall include the stipulation that: *(Revised: 3/10/04, 7/31/14, 8/8/18 for contracts or appointments executed on or after 8/8/18)*

(a) The individual has an affirmative obligation to cooperate fully in the infractions process, including the investigation and adjudication of a case (see Bylaw 19.2.3); and

(b) An individual who is found in violation of NCAA regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in the provisions of the NCAA infractions process (see Bylaw 19), including suspension without pay or termination of employment.

11.2.2 Athletically Related Income and Benefits. Contractual agreements, including letters of appointment, between a full-time or part-time athletics department staff member and an institution shall include the stipulation that an athletics department staff member who receives athletically related income or benefits from a source outside the institution (e.g., income from endorsement or consultation contracts with apparel companies, equipment manufacturers, television and radio programs; income from ownership, control or management of a foundation, organization or other entities; etc.) must report such earnings [other than cash or cash equivalent (as opposed to tangible items) if the total amount received is $600 or less] to the president or chancellor on an annual basis. (See Bylaw 11.3.2.1.1.) *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

11.3 Compensation and Remuneration.

11.3.1 Control of Employment and Salaries. The institution, as opposed to any outside source, shall remain in control of determining who is to be its employee and the amount of salary the employee is to receive within the restrictions specified by NCAA legislation.

11.3.2 Income in Addition to Institutional Salary.

11.3.2.1 Bona Fide Outside Employment. A staff member may earn income and receive benefits in addition to the institutional salary by performing services for outside groups consistent with the institution's policy related to outside income and benefits applicable to all full-time or part-time employees. The approval of such income and benefits shall be consistent with the institution's policy. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 8/8/18)*

11.3.2.1.1 Noninstituitonal Income and Benefits Disclosure. A full-time or part-time athletics department staff member who receives athletically related income or benefits from a source outside the institution (e.g., income from endorsement or consultation contracts with apparel companies, equipment manufacturers, television and radio programs; income from ownership, control or management of a foundation, organization or other entities; etc.) must report such earnings to the president or chancellor on an annual basis; however, the athletics staff member is not required to report any cash or cash equivalent (as opposed to tangible items) if the total amount received is $600 or less. (See Bylaw 11.2.2.) *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

11.3.2.2 Supplemental Pay. An outside source is prohibited from paying or regularly supplementing an athletics department staff member's annual salary and from arranging to supplement that salary for an unspecified achievement. This includes the donation of cash from outside sources to the institution earmarked for the staff member's salary or supplemental income. It would be permissible for an outside source to donate funds to the institution to be used as determined by the institution, and it would be permissible for the institution, at its sole discretion, to use such funds to pay or supplement a staff member's salary.

11.3.2.3 Bonuses for Specific and Extraordinary Achievement. An institution may permit an outside individual, group or agency to supplement an athletics department staff member's salary with a direct cash payment in recognition of a specific and extraordinary achievement (e.g., contribution during career to the athletics department of the institution, winning a conference or national championship, number of games or meets won during career/season), provided such a cash supplement is in recognition of a specific achievement and is in conformance with institutional policy.

11.3.2.4 Noninstitutional Publications That Report on Athletics Program. Athletics department staff members shall not endorse (either orally or in writing) any noninstitutional publication dedicated primarily to reporting on an institution's athletics activities, except as provided in this section, and shall not write for such publications. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

11.3.2.4.1 Educational Articles. Athletics department staff members may write educational articles related to NCAA rules and crowd control for noninstitutional publications dedicated primarily to reporting on an institution's athletics activities. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

11.3.2.5 Recruiting Service Consultants. Institutional athletics department staff members may not endorse, serve as consultants or participate on advisory panels for any recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

11.3.2.6 Quotations and Pictures Used to Promote a Camp. An institution's coaching staff member may not promote a noninstitutional camp or clinic by permitting the use of his or her quotations and/or pictures in the camp or clinic brochure, unless that coaching staff member is employed by the camp. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

11.3.2.7 Consultant for or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes and may not endorse or promote such an event. *(Adopted: 1/15/11)*

11.3.2.7.1 Exception -- Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms. An athletics department staff member may take actions (e.g., "like," "favorite," republish, etc.) on social media platforms that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution's athletics interests. (See Bylaw 11.3.2.5.) *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.3.2.8 Promotion or Endorsement of a Prospective Student-Athlete's Team, Coach or Athletics Facility. An athletics department staff member shall not promote or endorse a prospective student-athlete's team or coach, or an athletics facility that is primarily used by prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/15/11)*

11.3.2.8.1 Exception -- Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms. An athletics department staff member may take actions (e.g., "like," "favorite," republish, etc.) on social media platforms that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution's athletics interests. (See Bylaw 11.3.2.5.) *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.4 Employment of High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches, or Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

11.4.1 High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coach. An institution may not employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains a coach in the same sport at the high school, preparatory school or two-year college. This provision does not preclude employment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach in a different sport. Men's and women's teams in the same sport are considered different sports for purposes of this legislation. Men's and women's teams in the same sport are considered different sports even if an athlete from the opposite gender is playing on a high school, preparatory school or two-year college men's or women's team, provided the team is classified as a separate team (as opposed to a "mixed" team) by the appropriate institution or the state high school, preparatory school or two-year college governing body. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.2 for regulations relating to the employment of high school, preparatory school or two-year college coaches in institutional camps or clinics.) *(Revised: 1/10/91, 3/16/07, 1/16/10)*

11.4.1.1 Contract for Future Employment. An institution is permitted to enter into a contractual agreement with a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for an employment opportunity that begins with the next academic year, provided the employment contract with the member institution is not contingent upon the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete and the coach does not begin any coaching duties (e.g., recruiting, selection of coaching staff) for the member institution while remaining associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college.

11.4.2 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 a contract signed before 10/29/09 may be honored, Revised: 6/17/11)*

11.4.2.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.2 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.2 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 6/20/13)*

11.4.2.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two full seasons. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the institution's last regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/13/17)*

11.4.3 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

11.4.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1 and 13.02.18) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a recruited prospective student-athlete by which

the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

11.4.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two full seasons. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of institution's last regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

11.4.4 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored.)*

11.4.4.1 Application. [FBS] A violation of Bylaw 11.4.4 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.20) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.4 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

11.4.4.2 Exception -- Reassignment. [FBS] An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two academic years. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

11.5 Certification to Recruit Off Campus.

11.5.1 Annual Certification Requirement. Only those coaches who have been certified may contact or evaluate any prospective student-athletes off campus. Certification must occur on an annual basis. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.5.1.1 Certification Administration. Such certification procedures shall be established and administered for its member institutions by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the NCAA national office or the conference office that administers the National Letter of Intent for that institution. Such certification procedures shall include a requirement that the coaches shall have passed a standardized national test developed by the NCAA national office covering NCAA recruiting legislation, including Bylaw 13 and other bylaws [e.g., Bylaws 15.3 (institutional financial aid award) and 14.3 (freshman academic requirements)] that relate to the recruitment of prospective student-athletes as a condition for being permitted to engage in off-campus recruiting. Member conferences shall establish the procedures for administering and correcting the test within each conference. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 4/24/03)*

11.6 Scouting of Opponents.

11.6.1 Off-Campus, In-Person Scouting Prohibition. Off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season) is prohibited, except as provided in Bylaws 11.6.1.1 and 11.6.1.2. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/15/14)*

11.6.1.1 Exception -- Same Event at the Same Site. An institution's countable coaching staff (per Bylaw 11.7.6) may scout future opponents also participating in the same event at the same site. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 9/19/13, 2/7/20)*

11.6.1.2 Exception -- Conference or NCAA Championships. An institution's countable coaching staff (per Bylaw 11.7.6) may attend a contest in the institution's conference championship or an NCAA championship contest in which a future opponent participates (e.g., an opponent on the institution's spring nonchampionship-segment schedule participates in a fall conference or NCAA championship). *(Adopted: 1/15/14, Revised: 2/7/20)*

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

11.7.1 Designation of Coaching Category. [A] An individual who coaches and either is uncompensated or receives compensation or remuneration of any sort from the institution, even if such compensation or remuneration is not designated for coaching, shall be designated as a head coach, assistant coach, volunteer coach, graduate assistant coach or student assistant coach by certification of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

11.7.1.1 Countable Coach. An institutional staff member or any other individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) with whom the institution has made arrangements must count against coaching limits in the applicable sport as soon as the individual participates (in any manner) in any of the following: *(Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

(a) Provides technical or tactical instruction related to the sport to a student-athlete at any time;

(b) Makes or assists in making tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court or on-field practice or competition; or

(c) Engages in any off-campus recruiting activities.

11.7.1.1.1 Exception -- Postseason Practice Session -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an employee of a professional sports organization or team who conducts a postseason practice session per Bylaw 17.11.6.4 is not considered a countable coach. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

11.7.1.1.2 Replacement Due to Extenuating Circumstances. [A] An institution may replace temporarily or on a limited basis one of its countable coaches if the coach is unable to perform any or all of his or her duties because of extenuating circumstances (e.g., suspension, prolonged serious illness, pregnancy). The replacement coach may perform only those coaching, administrative or recruiting duties, including the telephoning of prospective student-athletes, that the replaced coach is unable to perform. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

11.7.1.1.3 Replacement for National, Olympic or Paralympic Team Coaches. [A] An institution may replace a coach temporarily or on a limited basis when that coach takes a leave of absence to participate on or to coach a national team, Olympic or Paralympic team, provided the replacement is limited to a one-year period and the coach who is replaced performs no recruiting or other duties on behalf of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/14/08, 1/15/20)*

11.7.1.2 Placement Within Categories. [A] If an institution has not reached its limit on the number of coaches in any category, any type of coach may be counted in that category. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

11.7.2 Recruiting Coordination Functions. [A] The following recruiting coordination functions (except related routine clerical tasks) must be performed by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6: *(Revised: 1/12/06, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/26/12, 8/7/14, 1/19/18, 1/16/19)*

(a) Activities involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes other than on-campus evaluations of video and on-campus activities involving the selection of prospective student-athletes; and

(b) Making telephone calls to prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' family members or coaches).

11.7.2.1 Exception -- Graduate Assistant Coach -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a graduate assistant coach may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(a) (on campus only) and 11.7.2-(b) if the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. [See Bylaw 11.01.3-(i).] *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06, 5/1/19)*

11.7.2.2 Exception -- Graduate Assistant Coach -- Women's Rowing and Swimming and Diving. [A] In women's rowing and swimming and diving, a graduate assistant coach may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(a) (on campus only) and 11.7.2-(b) if the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. [See Bylaw 11.01.4-(j).] *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 8/7/14, 1/19/18)*

11.7.2.3 Exceptions -- Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches. [A] *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/8/08, 9/24/09, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/13/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12, 11/7/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment.** A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(b) after the prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

(b) **After Receipt of Financial Deposit.** A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(b) after the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

(c) **Telephone Calls in Conjunction With Official Visit.** A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the five days immediately preceding the official visit and during the official visit.

(d) **Telephone Calls in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit.** A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit.

(e) **Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues.** A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or his or her family members or coach) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information), provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs during such calls.

11.7.3 Noncoaching Staff Member with Sport-Specific Responsibilities. [A] A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) is prohibited from participating in on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice, signal plays) and is prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport who are engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pick-up games). *(Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

11.7.4 Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] There shall be a limit of one head coach, 10 assistant coaches and four graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football. *(Revised: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/12, 4/26/17 effective 1/9/18)*

11.7.4.1 Exceptions to Number Limits. [FBS] No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching categories set forth in Bylaw 11.7.4 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any football game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:

11.7.4.1.1 Weight or Strength Coach. [FBS] A weight (strength and conditioning) coach may conduct flexibility, warm-up and physical conditioning activities prior to any game and prior to or during any practice or other organized activities without being included in the limitations on number of coaches. Not more than five weight or strength coaches are permitted to work with a football program in any capacity, including all workouts (required and voluntary), practices and game-related activities. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/12)*

11.7.4.1.2 Student Assistant Coach. [FBS] The limits on the number of coaches in this section do not apply to student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.01.5). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.4.1.3 Sprint Football. [FBS] The limits on the number of coaches in this section do not apply to sprint football programs. Sprint football coaches are prohibited from off-campus recruiting.

11.7.4.1.4 Additional Coaches -- National Service Academies. [FBS] National service academies may employ four additional coaches. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/23/05)*

11.7.4.1.5 Special Attrition Provision. [FBS] The institution is permitted to meet these limitations through normal attrition only if the institution had in effect prior to September 15, 1990, a written obligation to the assistant coach through academic tenure, an enforceable contract or a formal security-ofemployment commitment. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.4.2 Contact and Evaluation of Prospective Student-Athletes. [FBS] Only those coaches who are counted by the institution within the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

11.7.5 Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, there shall be a limit of 11 head or assistant coaches and two coaches who may serve as either graduate assistant coaches or volunteer coaches. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 12/15/06, 5/1/19)*

11.7.5.1 Exceptions to Number Limits. [FCS] No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limit set forth in Bylaw 11.7.5 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any football game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:

11.7.5.1.1 Weight or Strength Coach. [FCS] A weight (strength and conditioning) coach may conduct flexibility, warm-up and physical conditioning activities prior to any game and prior to or during any practice or other organized activities without being included in the limitations on number of coaches.

11.7.5.1.2 Student Assistant Coach. [FCS] The limits on the number of coaches in this section do not apply to student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.01.5). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.5.1.3 Varsity/Freshman Team Football Program. [FCS] An institution that conducts a championship subdivision football program that includes a varsity team and a freshman team may employ two additional coaches. Freshman eligibility for varsity team participation must be prohibited by the institution and the freshman team must participate in five or more intercollegiate contests in order for the two additional coaches to be employed. Such additional coaches may perform football-related duties only during the permissible playing and practice season in football. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 12/15/06)*

11.7.5.1.4 Varsity/Junior Varsity/Freshman Team Football Program. [FCS] An institution that conducts a championship subdivision football program that includes a varsity team, a junior varsity team and a freshman team may employ four additional coaches. Freshman eligibility for varsity or junior varsity team participation must be prohibited by the institution, the junior varsity team must participate in at least four intercollegiate contests and the freshman team must participate in at least five intercollegiate contests in order for the four additional coaches to be employed. Such additional coaches may perform football-related duties only during the permissible playing and practice season in football. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 12/15/06)*

11.7.5.1.5 Varsity/Junior Varsity Football Program. [FCS] An institution that conducts a championship subdivision football program that includes a varsity team and a junior varsity team may employ two additional coaches. The institution's junior varsity team must participate in at least four intercollegiate contests in order for the two additional coaches to be employed. Such additional coaches may perform football-related duties only during the permissible playing and practice season in football. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 12/15/06)*

11.7.5.1.6 Sprint Football. [FCS] The limits on the number of coaches in this section do not apply to sprint football programs. Sprint football coaches are prohibited from off-campus recruiting.

11.7.5.1.7 Special Attrition Provision. [FCS] The institution is permitted to meet these limitations through normal attrition only if the institution had in effect prior to September 15, 1990, a written obligation to the assistant coach through academic tenure, an enforceable contract or a formal security-of-employment commitment. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.5.2 Off-Campus Contact and Evaluation of Prospective Student-Athletes. [FCS] Only those coaches who are counted by the institution within the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3 and 11.01.4, student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05, 2/3/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/12, 8/11/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 7/31/15, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

Sport	Limit	Sport	Limit
Acrobatics and Tumbling, Women's	3	Skiing, Men's	2
Baseball	3	Skiing, Women's	2
Basketball, Men's	4	Soccer, Men's	3
Basketball, Women's	4	Soccer, Women's	3
Beach Volleyball, Women's	2	Softball	3
Bowling, Women's	2	Swimming, Men's	2
Equestrian, Women's	3	Swimming and Diving, Men's	3
Fencing, Men's	2	Swimming, Women's	2
Fencing, Women's	2	Swimming and Diving, Women's	3
Football, Bowl Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.4)	11	Tennis, Men's	2

Sport	Limit	Sport	Limit
Football, Championship Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.5)	11	Tennis, Women's	2
Field Hockey	3	Cross Country, Men's (No Track and Field)	2
Golf, Men's	2	Track and Field, Men's	3
Golf, Women's	2	Cross Country/Track and Field, Men's	3
Gymnastics, Men's	3	Cross Country, Women's (No Track and Field)	2
Gymnastics, Women's	3	Track and Field, Women's	3
Ice Hockey, Men's	3	Cross Country/Track and Field, Women's	3
Ice Hockey, Women's	3	Triathlon, Women's	2
Lacrosse, Men's	3	Volleyball, Men's	3
Lacrosse, Women's	3	Volleyball, Women's	3
Rifle, Men's	2	Water Polo, Men's	3
Rifle, Women's	2	Water Polo, Women's	3
Rowing, Women's	4	Wrestling, Men's	3
Rugby, Women's	3	Wrestling, Women's	3

11.7.6.1 Combined Sports Program. [A] An institution that conducts a combined program in a sport (one in which all coaching staff members in the same sport are involved in practice activities or competition with both the men's and women's teams on a daily basis) may employ the total number of coaches specified separately for men and for women in that sport. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

11.7.6.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. [A] No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.6 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.6.2.1 Weight or Strength Coach. [A] A weight (strength and conditioning) coach may conduct flexibility, warm-up and physical conditioning activities prior to any game and prior to or during any practice or other organized activities without being included in the limitations on number of coaches. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.6.2.2 Student Assistant Coach. [A] An institution may employ student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.01.5). The limit on the number of student assistant coaches in each sport shall be the same as the limit on the number of coaches in the sport per Bylaw 11.7.6. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/23/05, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.6.2.3 Volunteer Coach. [A] In sports other than football, basketball, women's equestrian, women's rowing, swimming and diving and women's triathlon, an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach (per Bylaw 11.01.6). Indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and cross country are separate sports for purposes of this provision. In sports in which the NCAA conducts separate men's and women's championships, a combined men's and women's program may use two volunteer coaches. *(Adopted: 1/19/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.6.2.3.1 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Rowing. [A] In women's rowing, an institution may use the services of four volunteer coaches. *(Adopted: 4/25/01 effective 8/1/01)*

11.7.6.2.3.2 Volunteer Coach -- Swimming and Diving. [A] An institution that conducts separate men's and women's swimming programs with a combined men's and women's diving program may employ three volunteer coaches, one for men's swimming, one for women's swimming and one for diving. An institution that only sponsors either men's swimming and diving or women's swimming and diving may use the services of two volunteer coaches, one for swimming and one for diving. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.6.2.3.3 Volunteer Coach -- Cross Country/Track and Field. [A] An institution that sponsors cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field as separate sports may use the services of one volunteer

coach for each of the sports that it sponsors. Each volunteer coach may coach student-athletes in any of the three sports throughout the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

11.7.6.2.3.4 Volunteer Coach -- Track and Field -- Pole Vault. [A] An institution that competes in pole vault may use the services of one additional volunteer coach (to coach both genders), limited to coaching pole vault. *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*

11.7.6.2.3.5 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Equestrian. [A] In women's equestrian, an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach for the hunt seat riding discipline and one volunteer coach for the western riding discipline. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

11.7.6.2.3.6 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Triathlon. [A] In women's triathlon, an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach for the swimming element, one volunteer coach for the cycling element and one volunteer coach for the running element. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

11.7.6.2.3.7 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling. In women's acrobatics and tumbling, an institution may use the services of two volunteer coaches. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

11.7.6.2.3.8 Volunteer Coach -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution may use the services of up to two volunteer coaches, dependent on the number of graduate assistant coaches employed by the institution (see Bylaw 11.7.5). *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

11.7.6.2.4 Special Attrition Provision. The institution is permitted to meet these limitations through normal attrition only if the institution had in effect prior to September 15, 1990, a written obligation to the assistant coach through academic tenure, an enforceable contract or formal security-of-employment commitment. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.6.2.5 Additional Coaches -- National Service Academies. A national service academy may employ two additional coaches in basketball. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

11.7.6.2.6 Exception for Lightweight Rowing. [A] An institution that conducts a rowing program that includes heavyweight rowing and lightweight rowing may employ two additional coaches. Each of the institution's rowing teams must have at least one "eight" or two "fours" that compete in at least four spring events. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

11.7.6.2.7 Graduate Assistant Coach -- Women's Rowing. [A] In women's rowing, an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach (see Bylaw 11.01.4). *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

11.7.6.2.8 Graduate Assistant Coach -- Swimming and Diving. [A] In swimming and diving, an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach (see Bylaw 11.01.4) for diving (regardless of whether its diving programs are separate or combined). *(Adopted: 1/19/18)*

FIGURE 11-1
Coaches' Compensation and Benefits

		Head Coach (Bylaw 11.01.2) Assistant Coach (Bylaw 11.01.2)	Volunteer Coach (Bylaw 11.01.6)	Graduate Assistant Coach (Bylaws 11.01.3 and 11.01.4)	Student Assistant Coach (Bylaw 11.01.5)
I. Compensation or Remuneration					
A.	In excess of full grant-in-aid based on nonresident status	X			
B.	Not more than full grant-in-aid based on actual resident status			X	X
C.	Compensation or remuneration from athletics department prohibited		X		
D.	May receive camp compensation from athletics department	X	X	X	X
E.	May receive camp compensation from source other than athletics department	X	X	X	X
F.	Employment outside athletics department arranged by institution	X	X	X (only during summer)	X
G.	May receive compensation from institution for duties actually performed outside athletics department, from source outside athletics department	X	X		X
H.	Bowl or postseason-play bonuses	X			
I.	Established graduate or postgraduate award administered outside the institution			X	
II. Benefits					
A.	Complimentary-ticket limit	Unlimited	2 (home contests only in coach's sport)	4	Regular Season: 4* Postseason: 6*
B.	Training table (over and above I-A, B and C compensation)	X		X	
C.	Use of car (over and above I-A, B and C compensation)	X			
D.	Country club/health club membership or similar complimentary services (over and above I-A, B or C compensation)	X			
E.	Benefits available to all institutional employees (life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, tuition waiver)	X		X	
F.	Reduction in teaching load without reduction in non-athletics department compensation in recognition of coaching duties (in addition to I-A, B or C compensation)	X			
G.	Complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities, other than training table meals, or in conjunction with official visits	X	X	X	X
H.	Actual and necessary expenses for spouse and children to attend a postseason football game or an NCAA championship in football or, in women's rowing, a season-ending tournament	X		X	
I.	Incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship or bowl game			X	X

* Admissions, not hard tickets.

FIGURE 11-2
Coaches' Reimbursable Expenses

		Head Coach (Bylaw 11.01.2) Assistant Coach (Bylaw 11.01.2)	Volunteer Coach (Bylaw 11.01.6)	Graduate Assistant Coach (Bylaws 11.01.3 and 11.01.4)	Student Assistant Coach (Bylaw 11.01.5)
Expenses—Reimbursable (Room, Board and Transportation)					
A.	Away games	X	X	X	X
B.	Off-campus recruiting contacts	X			
C.	Evaluate prospective student-athletes	X			
D.	Parking expenses associated with practice and competition	X	X	X	X

Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

12.01 General Principles.

12.01.1 Eligibility for Intercollegiate Athletics. Only an amateur student-athlete is eligible for intercollegiate athletics participation in a particular sport.

12.01.2 Clear Line of Demarcation. Member institutions' athletics programs are designed to be an integral part of the educational program. The student-athlete is considered an integral part of the student body, thus maintaining a clear line of demarcation between college athletics and professional sports.

12.01.3 "Individual" vs. "Student-Athlete." NCAA amateur status may be lost as a result of activities prior to enrollment in college. If NCAA rules specify that an "individual" may or may not participate in certain activities, this term refers to a person prior to and after enrollment in a member institution. If NCAA rules specify a "student-athlete," the legislation applies only to that person's activities after enrollment.

12.01.4 Permissible Grant-in-Aid. A grant-in-aid administered by an educational institution is not considered to be pay or the promise of pay for athletics skill, provided it does not exceed the financial aid limitations set by the Association's membership.

12.02 Definitions and Applications.

12.02.1 Agent. [A] An agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly: *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

(a) Represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation for financial gain; or

(b) Seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective student-athlete's enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete's potential earnings as a professional athlete.

12.02.1.1 Application. [A] An agent may include, but is not limited to, a certified contract advisor, financial advisor, marketing representative, brand manager or anyone who is employed or associated with such persons. *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

12.02.1.2 NCAA Certification Requirement -- Men's Basketball. [A] In men's basketball, any individual who solicits a prospective or enrolled student-athlete to enter into an agency contract or attempts to obtain employment for an individual with a professional sports team or organization or as a professional athlete must be certified and maintain active certification per the policies and procedures of the NCAA agent certification program. (See Bylaw 12.3.1.3.) *(Adopted: 8/8/18 An NBPA-certified agent is considered an NCAA-certified agent until the NCAA agent certification program is operational, which will be not later than August 1, 2020)*

12.02.1.2.1 Exception. [A] A family member of a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or an individual acting solely on behalf of a professional sports team or organization is not required to be certified through the NCAA agent certification program. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.02.1.2.2 Responsibility of NCAA-Certified Agent. [A] An NCAA-certified agent is presumed responsible for the actions of all employees who report, directly or indirectly, to the NCAA-certified agent. Improper conduct of an NCAA-certified agent's employees shall subject the agent to disciplinary action pursuant to the NCAA agent certification program. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.02.2 Actual and Necessary Expenses. Actual and necessary expenses are limited to: *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

(a) Meals;

(b) Lodging;

(c) Apparel, equipment and supplies;

(d) Coaching and instruction;

(e) Health/medical insurance;

(f) Transportation (expenses to and from practice and competition, cost of transportation from home to training/practice site at the beginning of the season/preparation for an event and from training/practice/event site to home at the end of season/event);

(g) Medical treatment and physical therapy;

(h) Facility usage;

(i) Entry fees; and

(j) Other reasonable expenses.

12.02.2.1 Application Unless otherwise permitted by the NCAA constitution or bylaws, actual and necessary expenses may be provided only if such expenses are for competition on a team or in a specific event or for practice that is directly related to such competition. The value of such expenses must be commensurate with the fair market value of similar goods and services in the locality in which the expenses are provided and must not be excessive in nature. Actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual who participates as a member of the team or in a specific event. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.02.3 Calculation of Actual and Necessary Expenses -- Individual Sports and Women's Beach Volleyball. In individual sports and women's beach volleyball, the calculation of an individual's actual and necessary expenses shall be based on expenses incurred during each calendar year (January-December), rather than on an event-by-event basis. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 Immediate; may be applied retroactively to expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2019.)*

12.02.4 Family Member. A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the prospective student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the prospective student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

12.02.5 Individual. An individual, for purposes of this bylaw, is any person of any age without reference to enrollment in an educational institution or status as a student-athlete.

12.02.6 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition is considered to have occurred when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution does any of the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/06)*

(a) Represents the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution's team) or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies;

(b) Competes in the uniform of the institution, or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer used by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification; or

(c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room, entry fees) from the institution for the competition.

12.02.6.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2 is exempted from the application of this legislation. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

12.02.6.2 Participation on an Institution's Club Team. Participation on a collegiate institution's club team is exempted from the application of this legislation, provided the institution did not sponsor the sport on the varsity intercollegiate level at the time of participation. *(Adopted: 6/24/09)*

12.02.7 Limited Benefit -- Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at an NCAA Institution -- Expenses from a Permissible Source. Prior to initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA institution, if an individual receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses by $300 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.02.8 Limited Benefit -- Enrolled Student-Athlete -- Expenses from a Permissible Source. If a student-athlete engages in permissible outside competition and receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses by $300 or less, the eligibility of the student-athlete shall not be affected and the institution is not required to submit a self-report of the infraction. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.02.9 Organized Competition. Athletics competition shall be considered organized if any of the following conditions exists: *(Adopted: 7/31/14)*

(a) Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance;

(b) Official score is kept;

(c) Individual or team standings are maintained;

(d) Official timer or game officials are used;

(e) Admission is charged;

(f) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;

(g) Team uniforms are used;

(h) A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or

(i) The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

12.02.10 Pay. Pay is the receipt of funds, awards or benefits not permitted by the governing legislation of the Association for participation in athletics.

12.02.11 Professional Athlete. A professional athlete is one who receives any kind of payment, directly or indirectly, for athletics participation except as permitted by the governing legislation of the Association.

12.02.12 Professional Athletics Team. A professional team is any organized team that: *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/8/02, 4/23/03, 4/24/04, 10/28/04)*

(a) Provides any of its players more than actual and necessary expenses for participation on the team, except as otherwise permitted by NCAA legislation. Actual and necessary expenses are limited to the items listed in Bylaw 12.02.2, provided the value of these items is commensurate with the fair market value in the locality of the player(s) and is not excessive in nature; or

(b) Declares itself to be professional.

12.02.13 Religious Mission, Official. An official religious mission is one that is established by the religious organization of which the individual is a member and that results in the individual being unable to attend a collegiate institution during the period of the mission. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 4/2/10)*

12.02.14 Student-Athlete. A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department, as specified in Constitution 3.2.4.6. A student is not deemed a student-athlete solely on the basis of prior high school athletics participation.

12.02.15 Triathlon and Cross Country, Track and Field and Swimming. Triathlon and cross country are considered the same sport, triathlon and track and field are considered the same sport, and triathlon and swimming are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 and 12.8.3.2. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

12.02.16 Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Volleyball and beach volleyball are considered the same sport for the purposes of Bylaws 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 and 12.8.3.2. *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.1 General Regulations.

An individual must comply with the following to retain amateur status. (See Bylaw 12.12 regarding the eligibility restoration process.)

12.1.1 Validity of Amateur Status. As a condition and obligation of membership, it is the responsibility of an institution to determine the validity of the information on which the amateur status of a prospective student-athlete (including two-year and four-year college transfers initially enrolling at an NCAA Division I institution) and student-athlete is based. (See Bylaw 14.01.3.) *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06 for all final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 1/8/07, 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1 Amateurism Certification Process. An institution shall use an initial eligibility center approved by the Board of Governors to determine the validity of the information on which the amateur status of a student-athlete is based. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06 for final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 4/30/07, 10/30/14)*

12.1.1.1.1 Scope. The certification of amateur status issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center is limited to activities that occur prior to a prospective student-athlete's request for final amateurism certification or his or her initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1.2 Institutional Responsibilities.

12.1.1.1.2.1 Amateur Status After Certification. An institution is responsible for certifying the amateur status of a prospective student-athlete (including two-year and four-year college transfers initially enrolling at an NCAA Division I institution) from the time he or she requests that a final certification be issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center or from the time he or she initially enrolls as a full-time student at an NCAA Division I or II institution (whichever occurs earlier). *(Adopted: 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1.2.2 Sharing Information and Reporting Discrepancies. If an institution receives additional information or otherwise has cause to believe that a prospective student-athlete's amateur status has been jeopardized, the institution is responsible for promptly notifying the NCAA Eligibility Center of such

information. Further, an institution is responsible for promptly reporting to the NCAA Eligibility Center all discrepancies in information related to a student-athlete's amateurism certification. *(Adopted: 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1.3 Eligibility for Practice or Competition. Prior to engaging in practice or competition, a student-athlete shall receive a final certification of amateur status based on activities that occur prior to his or her request for final certification or initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution (whichever occurs earlier). *(Adopted: 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1.3.1 Temporary Certification. If a prospective student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the student's amateur status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, for a maximum period of 45 days. After this period, the student shall have his or her amateur status certified to continue to practice or to compete. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06 for all final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 11/29/09)*

12.1.1.1.3.2 Effect of Violations. A violation of Bylaw 12.1.1.1.3 or Bylaw 12.1.1.1.3.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified without conditions shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/29/15)*

12.1.1.1.4 Eligibility for Practice After a Final Not-Certified Certification. After a final not-certified certification is rendered, a student-athlete may continue to engage in practice activities, provided the institution has submitted a notice of appeal. At the point in which all appeal opportunities have been exhausted and no eligibility has been granted, the student-athlete may no longer participate in practice activities. *(Adopted: 3/21/07)*

12.1.2 Amateur Status. An individual loses amateur status and thus shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition in a particular sport if the individual: *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/23/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

(a) Uses his or her athletics skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport;

(b) Accepts a promise of pay even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation;

(c) Signs a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received, except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.5.1;

(d) Receives, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules and regulations;

(e) Competes on any professional athletics team per Bylaw 12.02.12, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received, except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.3.2.1;

(f) After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, enters into a professional draft (see Bylaw 12.2.4); or

(g) Enters into an agreement with an agent.

12.1.2.1 Prohibited Forms of Pay. "Pay," as used in Bylaw 12.1.2 above, includes, but is not limited to, the following:

12.1.2.1.1 Salary, Gratuity or Compensation. Any direct or indirect salary, gratuity or comparable compensation.

12.1.2.1.2 Division or Split of Surplus. Any division or split of surplus (bonuses, game receipts, etc.).

12.1.2.1.3 Educational Expenses. Educational expenses not permitted by the governing legislation of this Association (see Bylaw 15 regarding permissible financial aid to enrolled student-athletes).

12.1.2.1.3.1 Educational Expenses or Services -- Prior to Collegiate Enrollment. A prospective student-athlete may receive educational expenses or services (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, tutoring, standardized test preparatory classes) prior to collegiate enrollment from any individual or entity other than an agent, professional sports team/organization, member institution or a representative of an institution's athletics interests, provided the payment for such expenses or services is disbursed directly to the individual, organization or educational institution (e.g., high school, preparatory school) providing the educational expenses or services. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/14/08, 5/1/19)*

12.1.2.1.3.1.1 Professional Sports Team/Organization -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, prior to collegiate enrollment, a professional sports team/organization may provide payment for educational expenses or services (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, tutoring, standardized test preparatory classes) provided to a prospective student-athlete, provided such payment is disbursed directly to the individual, organization or educational institution (e.g., high school, preparatory school) providing the educational expenses or services. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

12.1.2.1.3.2 Educational Expenses From Outside Sports Team or Organization -- After Collegiate Enrollment. Educational expenses provided to an individual after initial collegiate enrollment by an outside sports team or organization that are based on any degree on the recipient's athletics ability [except for financial aid that is received from a team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program by an individual who is not a member of that team or organization (see Bylaw 15.2.6.4)], even if the funds are given to the institution to administer to the recipient. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/18/11)*

12.1.2.1.3.2.1 Educational Expenses -- Olympic Committee. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country) pursuant to the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.6.5. *(Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 11/1/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 10/17/19)*

12.1.2.1.3.2.2 Educational Expenses -- National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country) pursuant to the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.6.5. *(Adopted: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 11/1/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

12.1.2.1.4 Expenses, Awards and Benefits. Excessive or improper expenses, awards and benefits.

12.1.2.1.4.1 Cash or Equivalent Award. Cash, or the equivalent thereof (e.g., trust fund), as an award for participation in competition at any time, even if such an award is permitted under the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual is participating. An award or a cash prize that an individual could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different individual or agency. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

12.1.2.1.4.1.1 Exception -- Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. A financial award may be provided to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete being recognized as part of an awards program in which athletics participation, interests or ability is a criterion, but not the sole criterion, in the selection process. Such an award must also include nonathletics criteria, such as the prospective student-athlete's academic record and nonathletics extracurricular activities and may not be based on the prospective student-athlete's place finish or performance in a particular athletics event. In addition, it is permissible for an outside organization (other than a professional sports organization) to provide actual and necessary expenses for the prospective student-athlete (and the prospective student-athlete's family members) to travel to a recognition event designed to recognize the prospective student-athlete's accomplishments in conjunction with his or her selection as the recipient of a regional, national or international award. *(Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.1.4.1.2 Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold program. *(Adopted: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 10/17/19)*

12.1.2.1.4.1.3 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic and/or Paralympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body. *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.1.4.2 Expenses/Awards Prohibited by Rules Governing Event. Expenses incurred or awards received by an individual that are prohibited by the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual participates.

12.1.2.1.4.3 Expenses from an Outside Sponsor. An individual who participates in a sport as a member of a team may receive actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition (directly related to the competition and conducted during a continuous time period preceding the competition) from an outside sponsor (e.g., team, neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization). An individual who participates in a sport as an individual (not a member of a team) may receive actual and necessary expenses associated with an athletics event and practice immediately preceding the event, from an outside sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization). *(Revised: 8/26/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 11/7/13)*

12.1.2.1.4.3.1 Expenses Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Professional Sports Organization. Prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept up to actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition from a professional sports organization that sponsors the event. *(Adopted: 10/16/12)*

12.1.2.1.4.3.2 Expenses/Benefits Related to Olympic or Paralympic Games. Members of an Olympic or Paralympic team may receive all nonmonetary benefits and awards provided to members of an Olympic or Paralympic team beyond actual and necessary expenses and any other item or service for which it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to all members of that nation's Olympic or Paralympic team or the specific sport Olympic or Paralympic team. *(Adopted: 11/1/00, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.1.4.4 Expenses for Family Members of Participants in Athletics Competition. Expenses received by the family members of a participant in athletics competition from a nonprofessional organization sponsoring the competition in excess of actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses, or any entertainment expenses, unless such expenses are made available to the family members of all participants in the competition. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/97, 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.1.4.4.1 Postseason Bowl Event. [FBS] On one occasion per year, a student-athlete may designate either additional individuals or substitutes (not to exceed a total of six individuals) to receive entertainment expenses related to an event organized by the nonprofessional sponsor of a postseason bowl game specifically for the family members of student-athletes participating in the postseason bowl. For an institution that participates in an additional postseason game between the winners of two postseason bowl games [see Bylaw 17.11.5.2.1-(d)], a student-athlete may designate either additional individuals or substitutes (not to exceed a total of six individuals) to receive entertainment expenses related to an event organized by the nonprofessional sponsor of the additional game specifically for the family members of student-athletes participating in the additional game. The additional individuals or substitutes designated by the student-athlete shall be subject to the review and approval of the institution's athletics director, or his or her designee. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 4/25/18, 1/23/19)*

12.1.2.1.5 Payment Based on Performance. Any payment conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis that exceeds actual and necessary expenses, or receipt of expenses in excess of the same reasonable amount for permissible expenses given to all individuals or team members involved in the competition. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.1.2.1.5.1 Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold program. *(Adopted: 4/26/01, Revised: 10/17/19)*

12.1.2.1.5.2 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic and/or Paralympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body. *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.1.5.3 Awards Based on Performance in Outside Competition. An individual may receive an award (e.g., trophy, medal, saddle) based on place finish or performance in outside competition, subject to the applicable awards limits (see Bylaw 16.1). *(Adopted: 8/26/10)*

12.1.2.1.6 Preferential Treatment, Benefits or Services. Preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics reputation or skill or pay-back potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/14/08)*

12.1.2.1.7 Prize for Participation in Institution's Promotional Activity. Receipt of a prize for participation (involving the use of athletics ability) in a member institution's promotional activity that is inconsistent with the provisions of Bylaw 12.5 or approved official interpretations. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

12.1.2.2 Use of Overall Athletics Skill -- Effect on Eligibility. Participation for pay in competition that involves the use of overall athletics skill (e.g., "superstars" competition) constitutes a violation of the Association's amateur-status regulations; therefore, an individual participating for pay in such competition is ineligible for intercollegiate competition in all sports. (See Bylaw 12.5.2.3.3 for exception related to promotional contests.) *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

12.1.2.3 Road Racing. "Road racing" is essentially the same as cross country or track and field competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of Bylaws 12.1, 12.2 and 12.8.3.2. Therefore, a student-athlete who

accepts pay in any form for participation in such a race is ineligible for intercollegiate cross country or track and field competition. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

12.1.2.4 Exceptions to Amateurism Rule.

12.1.2.4.1 Exception for Prize Money Based on Performance -- Sports Other Than Tennis. In sports other than tennis, an individual may accept prize money based on his or her place finish or performance in an athletics event. Such prize money may not exceed actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the event. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, family member's expenses). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 12/12/06 applicable to any expenses received by a prospective student-athlete on or after 8/23/06, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.4.2 Exception for Prize Money -- Tennis.

12.1.2.4.2.1 Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. In tennis, prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept up to $10,000 per calendar year in prize money based on his or her place finish or performance in athletics events. Such prize money may be provided only by the sponsor of an event in which the individual participates. Once the individual has accepted $10,000 in prize money in a particular year, he or she may receive additional prize money on a per-event basis, provided such prize money does not exceed the individual's actual and necessary expenses for participation in the event. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, family member's expenses). *(Adopted: 4/26/12, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.1.2.4.2.2 After Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. In tennis, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept prize money based on his or her place finish or performance in an athletics event. Such prize money may not exceed actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the event. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, family member's expenses). *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.4.3 Exception for Payment Based on Team Performance. An individual may accept payment from his or her amateur team or the sponsor of the event based on his or her team's place finish or performance, or given on an incentive basis (e.g., bonus), provided the combination of such payments and expenses provided to the individual does not exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, family member's expenses). *(Adopted: 10/28/10, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.4.4 Exception for Insurance Against Disabling Injury or Illness, or Loss of Value. [A] An individual may borrow against his or her future earnings potential from an established, accredited commercial lending institution exclusively for the purpose of purchasing insurance (with no cash surrender value) against a disabling injury or illness that would prevent the individual from pursuing a chosen career or for the purpose of purchasing loss-of-value insurance, provided a third party (including a representative of an institution's athletics interests) is not involved in arrangements for securing the loan. However, an institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the department of athletics) may designate an institutional staff member (or staff members) (e.g., professional sports counseling panel) to assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing the loan and insurance. The institution shall retain copies of all documents related to loan transactions and insurance policies, regardless of whether the institution is involved in the arrangements. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/16/10, 1/17/15)*

12.1.2.4.5 Exception for Institutional Fundraising Activities Involving the Athletics Ability of Student-Athletes. Institutional, charitable or educational promotions or fundraising activities that involve the use of athletics ability by student-athletes to obtain funds (e.g., "swim-a-thons") are permitted only if: *(Revised: 5/11/05)*

(a) All money derived from the activity or project go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency;

(b) The student-athletes receive no compensation or prizes for their participation; and

(c) The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.1 are satisfied.

12.1.2.4.6 Exception for U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. An individual may receive the comprehensive benefits of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 10/17/19)*

12.1.2.4.7 Exception for Training Expenses. An individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) may receive actual and necessary expenses [including grants, but not prize money, whereby the recipient has qualified for the grant based on his or her performance in a specific event(s)] to cover developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel, room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation) or a governmental entity. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 4/27/00, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/17/19)*

12.1.2.4.8 Exception for Developmental Training Expenses for Elite Athletes. An individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may receive developmental training expenses related to training, coaching, sport experts other than coaches, training partners, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel (including travel for parents or guardians, coaches, sport experts and training partners), room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation). *(Adopted: 1/23/20)*

12.1.2.4.9 Exception for Benefits to Family Members -- National Team Competition. A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for an individual's family members to attend national team competition in which the individual will participate. In addition, an individual's family members may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the family members of all national team members in conjunction with participation in national team competition. (See Bylaw 16.02.4.) *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.1.2.4.10 Exception for Payment of NCAA Eligibility Center Fee. A high school booster club (as opposed to specific individuals) may pay the necessary fee for prospective student-athletes at that high school to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, provided no particular prospective student-athlete is singled out because of his or her athletics ability or reputation. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 5/9/07)*

12.1.2.4.11 Exception for NCAA College Basketball Academy. The NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses for a prospective student-athlete and one individual accompanying the prospective-student athlete to attend an NCAA College Basketball Academy per the policies and procedures of the NCAA College Basketball Academy. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19)*

12.1.2.4.12 Exception for Camp or Academy Sponsored by a Professional Sports Organization. An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses from a professional sports organization to attend an academy, camp or clinic, provided: *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02)*

(a) No NCAA institution or conference owns or operates the academy, camp or clinic;

(b) No camp participant is above the age of 15;

(c) The professional sports organization provides to the participants nothing more than actual and necessary expenses to attend the camp or clinic and equipment/apparel necessary for participation;

(d) Athletics ability or achievements may not be the sole criterion for selecting participants; and

(e) Academy participants must be provided with academic services (e.g., tutoring).

12.1.2.4.13 Exception for Receipt of Free Equipment and Apparel Items by a Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for prospective student-athletes (as opposed to student-athletes) to receive free equipment and apparel items for personal use from apparel or equipment manufacturers or distributors under the following circumstances: *(Adopted: 1/11/97)*

(a) The apparel or equipment items are related to the prospective student-athlete's sport and are received directly from an apparel or equipment manufacturer or distributor;

(b) The prospective student-athlete does not enter into an arrangement (e.g., open account) with an apparel or equipment manufacturer or distributor that permits the prospective student-athlete to select apparel and equipment items from a commercial establishment of the manufacturer or distributor; and

(c) A member institution's coach is not involved in any manner in identifying or assisting an apparel or equipment manufacturer or distributor in determining whether a prospective student-athlete is to receive any apparel or equipment items.

12.1.2.4.14 Expenses for Participation in Olympic or Paralympic Exhibitions. An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, national governing body or the nonprofessional organizations sponsoring the event to participate in Olympic or Paralympic tours or exhibitions involving Olympic or Paralympic team members and/or members of the national team, provided that if the individual is a student-athlete, he or she misses no class time, and the exhibition does not conflict with dates of institutional competition. *(Adopted: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.4.15 Commemorative Items for Student-Athletes Participating in Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships and World Cup Events. It is permissible for student-athletes to receive commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body. These benefits may include any and all apparel, leisure wear, footwear and other items that are provided to all athletes participating in the applicable event. *(Adopted: 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 1/14/12, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.4.16 Exception -- NCAA First-Team Program. A prospective student-athlete who is a participant in the NCAA First-Team Mentoring Program may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend the First-Team Program's annual educational conference and training seminar. *(Adopted: 8/7/03)*

12.1.3 Amateur Status if Professional in Another Sport. A professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport and may receive institutional financial assistance in the second sport. *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

12.2 Involvement With Professional Teams.

12.2.1 Tryouts.

12.2.1.1 Tryout Before Enrollment -- Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In men's ice hockey and skiing, a student-athlete remains eligible in a sport even though, prior to enrollment in a collegiate institution, the student-athlete may have tried out with a professional athletics team in a sport or received not more than one expense-paid visit from each professional team (or a combine including that team), provided such a visit did not exceed 48 hours and any payment or compensation in connection with the visit was not in excess of actual and necessary expenses. The 48-hour tryout period begins at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation. A self-financed tryout may be for any length of time. *(Revised: 12/22/08, 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.1.1.1 Exception for National Hockey League Scouting Combine -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, prior to full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution, a prospective student-athlete may accept actual and necessary expenses from the National Hockey League (NHL) to attend the NHL scouting combine, regardless of the duration of the combine. *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

12.2.1.2 Tryout Before Enrollment -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may participate in a tryout with a professional team or league, provided he or she does not receive more than actual and necessary expenses to participate. *(Adopted: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.1.3 Tryout After Enrollment. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who has eligibility remaining may try out with a professional athletics team (or participate in a combine including that team) at any time, provided the individual does not miss class. The individual may receive actual and necessary expenses in conjunction with one 48-hour tryout per professional team (or a combine including that team). The 48-hour tryout period shall begin at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation. A self-financed tryout may be for any length of time, provided the individual does not miss class. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 4/24/03, 5/26/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

12.2.1.3.1 Exception for Basketball Draft Combine. In basketball, a student-athlete may accept actual and necessary travel, and room and board expenses from a professional sports organization to attend that organization's basketball draft combine regardless of the duration of the camp. [See Bylaw 14.6.4-(e).] *(Adopted: 4/23/03, Revised: 5/26/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 11/7/13)*

12.2.1.3.2 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an individual may receive actual and necessary expenses each year in conjunction with one 48-hour tryout per professional team and in conjunction with a professional organization's draft combine. An individual who is invited to participate in a professional organization's draft combine is permitted to miss class for such participation and associated travel. *(Adopted: 1/14/16)*

12.2.1.3.3 Exception for National Hockey League Scouting Combine -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, a student-athlete may accept actual and necessary travel, and room and board expenses from the National Hockey League (NHL) to attend the NHL scouting combine, regardless of the duration of the combine. *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

12.2.1.3.4 Exception -- Postseason Practice Session -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete may participate in a postseason practice per Bylaw 17.11.6.4 without such activity being considered a tryout with a professional team. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

12.2.1.3.5 Outside Competition Prohibited. During a tryout, an individual may not take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.

12.2.2 Practice Without Competition.

12.2.2.1 Practice Without Competition -- Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In men's ice hockey and skiing, an individual may participate in practice sessions conducted by a professional team, provided such participation meets the requirements of NCAA legislation governing tryouts with professional athletics teams (see Bylaw 12.2.1) and the individual does not: *(Revised: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10)*

(a) Receive any compensation for participation in the practice sessions;

(b) Enter into any contract or agreement with a professional team or sports organization; or

(c) Take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.

12.2.2.2 Practice Without Competition -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing.

12.2.2.2.1 Before Enrollment. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, prior to initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution, an individual may participate in practice sessions conducted by a professional team, provided he or she does not receive more than actual and necessary expenses to participate. *(Adopted: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.2.2.2 After Enrollment. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may participate in practice sessions conducted by a professional team, provided such participation meets the requirements of Bylaw 12.2.1.3 and the individual does not: *(Adopted: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10)*

(a) Receive any compensation for participation in the practice sessions;

(b) Enter into any contract or agreement with a professional team or sports organization; or

(c) Take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.

12.2.2.3 Prohibited Involvement of Institution's Coach. An institution's coaching staff member may not arrange for or direct student-athletes' participation in football or basketball practice sessions conducted by a professional team.

12.2.3 Competition.

12.2.3.1 Competition Against Professionals. An individual may participate singly or as a member of an amateur team against professional athletes or professional teams. *(Revised: 8/24/07)*

12.2.3.2 Competition With Professionals. An individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport if the individual ever competed on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.12) in that sport. However, an individual may compete on a tennis, golf, two-person beach volleyball or two-person synchronized diving team with persons who are competing for cash or a comparable prize, provided the individual does not receive payment or prize money that exceeds his or her actual and necessary expenses, which may only be provided by the sponsor of the event. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/14, 7/31/15)*

12.2.3.2.1 Exception -- Competition Before Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may compete on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.12), provided he or she does not receive more than actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.3.2.2 Professional Player as Team Member. An individual may participate with a professional on a team, provided the professional is not being paid by a professional team or league to play as a member of that team (e.g., summer basketball leagues with teams composed of both professional and amateur athletes).

12.2.3.2.3 Professional Coach or Referee. Participation on a team that includes a professional coach or referee does not cause the team to be classified as a professional team.

12.2.3.2.4 Major Junior Ice Hockey. Ice hockey teams in the United States and Canada, classified by the Canadian Hockey Association as major junior teams, are considered professional teams under NCAA legislation.

12.2.3.2.4.1 Limitation on Restoration of Eligibility. An appeal for restoration of eligibility may be submitted on behalf of an individual who has participated on a major junior ice hockey team under the provisions of Bylaw 12.12; however, such individual shall be denied at least the first year of intercollegiate athletics competition in ice hockey at the certifying institution and shall be charged with the loss of at least one season of eligibility in ice hockey. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

12.2.3.2.5 Exception -- Olympic, Paralympic or National Teams. It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athletes) to participate on Olympic, Paralympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the student-athlete does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual and necessary expenses). *(Adopted: 8/8/02, Revised: 1/22/20)*

12.2.3.3 Competition in Professional All-Star Contest. A student-athlete who agrees to participate in a professional (players to be paid) all-star game becomes ineligible to compete in any intercollegiate contest that occurs after that agreement. Thus, a senior entering into such an agreement immediately following the last regular-season intercollegiate contest would not be eligible to compete in a bowl game, an NCAA championship or any other postseason intercollegiate contest.

12.2.4 Draft and Inquiry.

12.2.4.1 Inquiry. An individual may inquire of a professional sports organization about eligibility for a professional-league player draft or request information about the individual's market value without affecting his or her amateur status.

12.2.4.2 Draft List. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual loses amateur status in a particular sport when the individual asks to be placed on the draft list or supplemental draft list of a professional league in that sport, even though: *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

(a) The individual asks that his or her name be withdrawn from the draft list prior to the actual draft;

(b) The individual's name remains on the list but he or she is not drafted; or

(c) The individual is drafted but does not sign an agreement with any professional athletics team.

12.2.4.2.1 Exception -- Men's Basketball -- Four-Year College Student-Athlete.

12.2.4.2.1.1 National Basketball Association. In men's basketball, an enrolled student-athlete may enter the National Basketball Association's draft each year during his collegiate participation without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided: *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

(a) The student-athlete requests an evaluation from the National Basketball Association's Undergraduate Advisory Committee before entering the draft;

(b) The student-athlete requests that his name be removed from the draft list and declares his intent to resume intercollegiate participation not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the NBA draft combine;

(c) The student-athlete's declaration of intent is submitted in writing to the institution's director of athletics; and

(d) The student-athlete is not drafted.

12.2.4.2.1.2 Professional League Other Than the National Basketball Association. In men's basketball, an enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft (other than the National Basketball Association's draft) each year during his collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided: *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/14/16, 8/8/18)*

(a) The student-athlete requests that his name be removed from the draft list and declares his intent to resume intercollegiate participation not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the professional league's draft combine. If the professional league does not conduct a draft combine, the student-athlete must request that his name be removed from the draft list not later than the end of the day before the first day of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period for the applicable year;

(b) The student-athlete's declaration of intent is submitted in writing to the institution's director of athletics; and

(c) The student-athlete is not drafted.

12.2.4.2.2 Exception -- Basketball -- Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete enrolled at a two-year collegiate institution in basketball may enter a professional league's draft one time during his or her collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the prospective student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league. *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

12.2.4.2.3 Exception -- Women's Basketball -- Four-Year College Student-Athlete. In women's basketball, an enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft one time during her collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league and the student-athlete declares her intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 30 days after the draft. The student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 4/16/97, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, 8/8/18)*

12.2.4.2.4 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an enrolled student-athlete (as opposed to a prospective student-athlete) may enter the National Football League draft one time during his collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league and the student-athlete declares his intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 72 hours following the National Football League draft declaration date. The student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics. *(Adopted: 10/31/02, Revised: 4/14/03, 12/15/06)*

12.2.4.2.5 Exception -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. An enrolled student-athlete in a sport other than basketball or football may enter a professional league's draft one time during his or her collegiate career without jeopardizing his or her eligibility in the applicable sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted and within 72 hours following the draft he or she declares his or her intention to resume participation in intercollegiate athletics. The student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

12.2.4.3 Negotiations. An individual may request information about professional market value without affecting his or her amateur status. Further, the individual, his or her family members or the institution's professional sports counseling panel may enter into negotiations with a professional sports organization without the loss of the individual's amateur status. An individual who retains an agent shall lose amateur status. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/25/18)*

12.2.5 Contracts and Compensation. An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she has entered into any kind of agreement to compete in professional athletics, either orally or in writing, regardless of the legal enforceability of that agreement. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

12.2.5.1 Exception -- Before Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may enter into an agreement to compete on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.12), provided the agreement does not guarantee or promise payment (at any time) in excess of actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.5.2 Nonbinding Agreement. An individual who signs a contract or commitment that does not become binding until the professional organization's representative or agent also signs the document is ineligible, even if the contract remains unsigned by the other parties until after the student-athlete's eligibility is exhausted.

12.3 Use of Agents. [A]

12.3.1 General Rule. [A] An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport.

12.3.1.1 Exception -- Baseball and Men's Ice Hockey -- Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. [A] In baseball and men's ice hockey, prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who is drafted by a professional baseball or men's ice hockey team may be represented by an agent or attorney during contract negotiations. The individual may not receive benefits (other than representation) from the agent or attorney and must pay the going rate for the representation. If the individual does not sign a contract with the professional team, the agreement for representation with the agent or attorney must be terminated prior to full-time collegiate enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/15/16, Revised: 1/19/18)*

12.3.1.2 Exception -- NCAA-Certified Agents -- Men's Basketball. [A]

12.3.1.2.1 Elite Senior Prospective Student-Athletes. [A] In men's basketball, on or after July 1 immediately before his senior year in high school, a prospective student-athlete identified as an elite senior in accordance with established policies and procedures may be represented by an NCAA-certified agent (see Bylaw 12.02.1.2). *(Adopted: 8/8/18 Applicability to be determined after NBA and NBPA evaluation of, and determination permitting, the eligibility for high school students to enter the NBA draft., Revised: 6/12/19)*

12.3.1.2.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes and Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- After Request for Evaluation From NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee. [A] In men's basketball, after the conclusion of the playing season, a student-athlete or a two-year college prospective student-athlete who has requested an evaluation from the NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee may be represented by an NCAA-certified agent (see Bylaw 12.02.1.2). *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.3 Expenses From an NCAA-Certified Agent. [A]

12.3.1.2.3.1 Expenses Before Agreement. [A] Before signing a written agreement with an NCAA-certified agent, a prospective or enrolled student-athlete (and his family members) who is eligible to be represented by an NCAA-certified agent may receive transportation and meals from an NCAA-certified agent in the locale where the prospective or enrolled student-athlete is located (e.g., locale of home or institution) in conjunction with the process to select an agent. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 For an elite senior high school prospective student-athlete, effective date to be determined after NBA and NBPA evaluation of, and determination permitting, the eligibility for high school students to enter the NBA draft. Expenses permissible after appropriate changes to the Uniform Athlete Agent Act, Revised Uniform Athlete Agent Act and relevant state laws.)*

12.3.1.2.3.2 Expenses After Agreement. [A] After signing a written agreement with an NCAA-certified agent, the agent may provide the prospective or enrolled student-athlete (and his family members) with transportation, lodging and meals associated with meeting with the agent or a professional team. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 For an elite senior high school prospective student-athlete, effective date to be determined after NBA and NBPA evaluation of, and determination permitting, the eligibility for high school students to enter the NBA draft. For an enrolled student-athlete or two-year college prospective student-athlete, effective immediately.)*

12.3.1.2.4 No Missed Class Time. [A] A prospective or enrolled student-athlete shall not miss class in conjunction with the agent selection process or to meet with an agent or professional team. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.5 Written Agreement. [A] An agreement between a prospective or enrolled student-athlete and an NCAA-certified agent shall be in writing. An agreement that involves a prospective student-athlete shall be disclosed to the NCAA national office. An agreement that involves an enrolled student-athlete shall be disclosed to his institution. If a high school prospective student-athlete does not sign a contract with a professional team, the agreement must be terminated before full-time enrollment. If an enrolled student-athlete or two-year college prospective student-athlete does not sign a contract with a professional team, the agreement must be terminated before full-time enrollment in the ensuing regular academic term. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.6 Compensation for Representation. [A] A prospective or enrolled student-athlete is not required to compensate an NCAA-certified agent for his or her services. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.3 Representation for Future Negotiations. [A] An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she enters into an oral or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations that are to take place after the individual has completed his or her eligibility in that sport.

12.3.1.4 Benefits from Prospective Agents. [A] An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she (or his or her family members or friends) accepts transportation or other benefits from: *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/16/19)*

(a) Any person who represents any individual in the marketing of his or her athletics ability. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general; or

(b) An agent, even if the agent has indicated that he or she has no interest in representing the student-athlete in the marketing of his or her athletics ability or reputation and does not represent individuals in the student-athlete's sport.

12.3.1.5 Exception -- Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. [A] A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability. *(Adopted: 4/28/11)*

12.3.2 Legal Counsel. [A] Securing advice from a lawyer concerning a proposed professional sports contract shall not be considered contracting for representation by an agent under this rule, unless the lawyer also represents the individual in negotiations for such a contract.

12.3.2.1 Presence of a Lawyer at Negotiations. [A] A lawyer may not be present during discussions of a contract offer with a professional organization or have any direct contact (in person, by telephone or by mail) with a professional sports organization on behalf of the individual. A lawyer's presence during such discussions is considered representation by an agent.

12.3.3 Athletics Scholarship Agent. [A] Any individual, agency or organization that represents a prospective student-athlete for compensation in placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid shall be considered an agent or organization marketing the individual's athletics ability or reputation.

12.3.3.1 Talent Evaluation Services and Agents. [A] A prospective student-athlete may allow a scouting service or agent to distribute personal information (e.g., high school academic and athletics records, physical statistics) to member institutions without jeopardizing his or her eligibility, provided the fee paid to such an agent is not based on placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid.

12.3.4 Professional Sports Counseling Panel. [A] It is permissible for an authorized institutional professional sports counseling panel to: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/16/10)*

(a) Advise a student-athlete about a future professional career;

(b) Assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing a loan for the purpose of purchasing insurance against a disabling injury or illness and with arrangements for purchasing such insurance;

(c) Review a proposed professional sports contract;

(d) Meet with the student-athlete and representatives of professional teams;

(e) Communicate directly with representatives of a professional athletics team to assist in securing a tryout with that team for a student-athlete;

(f) Assist the student-athlete in the selection of an agent by participating with the student-athlete in interviews of agents, by reviewing written information player agents send to the student-athlete and by having direct communication with those individuals who can comment about the abilities of an agent (e.g., other agents, a professional league's players association); and

(g) Visit with player agents or representatives of professional athletics teams to assist the student-athlete in determining his or her market value (e.g., potential salary, draft status).

12.3.4.1 Appointment by President or Chancellor. [A] This panel shall consist of at least three persons appointed by the institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department). *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

12.3.4.2 Composition. [A] The majority of panel members shall be full-time employees outside the institution's athletics department. No sports agent or any person employed by a sports agent or agency may be a member of the panel. All panel members shall be identified to the NCAA national office. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/05, 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

12.4 Employment.

12.4.1 Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes. Compensation may be paid to a student-athlete: **[R]** *(Revised: 11/22/04, 4/19/19 for violations occurring on or after 4/19/19)*

(a) Only for work actually performed; and

(b) At a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

12.4.1.1 Athletics Reputation. Such compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletics ability.

12.4.2 Specific Athletically Related Employment Activities.

12.4.2.1 Fee-for-Lesson Instruction. A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided: **[R]** *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/23/19)*

(a) Institutional facilities are not used;

(b) Playing lessons shall not be permitted;

(c) The compensation is paid by the lesson recipient (or the recipient's family member) and not another individual or entity;

(d) Instruction to each individual is comparable to the instruction that would be provided during a private lesson when the instruction involves more than one individual at a time; and

(e) The student-athlete does not use his or her name, picture or appearance to promote or advertise the availability of fee-for-lesson sessions.

12.4.2.2 National Team Practice and Competition A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition (e.g., health insurance, broken-time payments). **[R]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.4.2.3 Athletics Equipment Sales. A student-athlete may not be employed to sell equipment related to the student-athlete's sport if his or her name, picture or athletics reputation is used to advertise or promote the product, the job or the employer. If the student-athlete's name, picture or athletics reputation is not used for advertising or promotion, the student-athlete may be employed in a legitimate sales position, provided he or she is reimbursed at an hourly rate or set salary in the same manner as any nonathlete salesperson. **[R]**

12.4.2.4 Goodwill Tour Commissions. A student-athlete representing the institution in a goodwill tour during summer months, in conjunction with the tour, may sell such items as jackets, blazers or similar institutional promotional items to booster groups or other friends of the institution on a salary, but not a commission, basis. **[R]**

12.4.3 Camp/Clinic Employment, General Rule. A student-athlete may be employed by his or her institution, by another institution, or by a private organization to work in a camp or clinic as a counselor, unless otherwise restricted by NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 13.12 for regulations relating to camps and clinics).

12.4.4 Self-Employment. [A] A student-athlete may establish his or her own business, provided the student-athlete's name, photograph, appearance or athletics reputation are not used to promote the business. *(Adopted: 12/12/06)*

12.5 Promotional Activities.

12.5.1 Permissible.

12.5.1.1 Institutional, Charitable, Education or Nonprofit Promotions. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support its charitable or educational activities or to support activities considered incidental to the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 11/12/97, 4/26/01, 4/28/05, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 5/6/08, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) The student-athlete's participation is subject to the limitations on participants in such activities as set forth in Bylaw 17;

(b) The specific activity or project in which the student-athlete participates does not involve co-sponsorship, advertisement or promotion by a commercial agency other than through the reproduction of the sponsoring company's officially registered regular trademark or logo on printed materials such as pictures, posters or calendars. The company's emblem, name, address, telephone number and website address may be included with the trademark or logo. Personal names, messages and slogans (other than an officially registered trademark) are prohibited;

(c) The name or picture of a student-athlete with remaining eligibility may not appear on an institution's printed promotional item (e.g., poster, calendar) that includes a reproduction of a product with which a commercial entity is associated if the commercial entity's officially registered regular trademark or logo also appears on the item;

(d) The student-athlete does not miss class;

(e) All moneys derived from the activity or project go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency;

(f) The student-athlete may accept actual and necessary expenses from the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency related to participation in such activity;

(g) The student-athlete's name, picture or appearance is not used to promote the commercial ventures of any nonprofit agency;

(h) Any commercial items with names, likenesses or pictures of multiple student-athletes (other than highlight films or media guides per Bylaw 12.5.1.7) may be sold only at the member institution at which the student-athletes are enrolled, the institution's conference, institutionally controlled (owned and operated) outlets or outlets controlled by the charitable, educational or nonprofit organization (e.g., location of the charitable or educational organization, site of charitable event during the event). Items that include an individual student-athlete's name, picture or likeness (e.g., name on jersey, name or likeness on a bobble-head doll), other than informational items (e.g., media guide, schedule cards, institutional publications), may not be sold; and

(i) The student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency affirm that the student-athlete's name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section.

12.5.1.1.1 Promotions Involving NCAA Championships, Events, Activities or Programs. The NCAA [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may use the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to generally promote NCAA championships or other NCAA events, activities or programs. *(Adopted: 8/7/03)*

12.5.1.1.2 Promotions Involving Commercial Locations/Sponsors. A member institution, a member conference or a charitable, educational or nonprofit organization may use the appearance, name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to promote generally its fundraising activities at the location of a commercial establishment, provided the commercial establishment is not a co-sponsor of the event and the student-athlete does not promote the sale of a commercial product in conjunction with the fundraising activity. A commercial establishment would become a co-sponsor if the commercial establishment either advertises the presence of the student-athlete at the commercial location or is involved directly or indirectly in promoting the activity. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

12.5.1.1.3 Distribution of Institutional Items through Commercial Outlets. A member institution may distribute noncommercial items that include names or pictures of student-athletes (items not for sale) at commercial establishments, provided the institution generally distributes such items to other commercial establishments in the community and the distribution of the items does not require the recipient to make a purchase at the commercial establishment. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 5/21/08)*

12.5.1.1.4 Player/Trading Cards. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may distribute but may not sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

12.5.1.1.4.1 Exception -- Olympic, Paralympic or National Team. A national governing body may sell player/trading cards that bear the name or picture of a student-athlete who is a member of the Olympic, Paralympic or national team in that sport, provided all of the funds generated through the sale of such cards are deposited directly with the applicable Olympic, Paralympic or national team. *(Adopted: 1/6/96, Revised: 1/22/20)*

12.5.1.1.5 Schedule Cards. An advertisement on an institution's wallet-size playing schedule that includes the name or picture of a student-athlete may include language other than the commercial product's name, trademark or logo, provided the commercial language does not appear on the same page as the picture of the student-athlete. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/14/08, 5/21/08)*

12.5.1.1.6 Effect of Violations. The following violations of Bylaw 12.5.1.1 shall be considered institutional violations; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected: *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/26/07, 10/29/09, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) An institution, without the student-athlete's knowledge or consent, uses or permits the use of the student-athlete's name or picture in a manner contrary to Bylaw 12.5.1.1; or

(b) A violation in which the only condition of the legislation not satisfied is the requirement that the student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency affirm that the student-athlete's name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of Bylaw 12.5.1.1, provided the affirmation would have been given if requested.

12.5.1.2 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body Advertisement Prior to Collegiate Enrollment. Prior to initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may receive payment for the display of athletics skill in a commercial advertisement, provided: *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 10/17/19)*

(a) The individual receives prior approval to appear in the advertisement from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or the applicable national governing body;

(b) The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body approves of the content and the production of the advertisement;

(c) The individual forwards the payment to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body for the general use of the organization(s); and

(d) The funds are not earmarked for the individual.

12.5.1.3 Continuation of Modeling and Other Nonathletically Related Promotional Activities After Enrollment. [A] If an individual accepts remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service prior to enrollment in a member institution, continued

remuneration for the use of the individual's name or picture (under the same or similar circumstances) after enrollment is permitted without jeopardizing his or her eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics only if all of the following conditions apply: *(Revised: 1/14/97, 3/10/04)*

(a) The individual's involvement in this type of activity was initiated prior to his or her enrollment in a member institution;

(b) The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;

(c) No reference is made in these activities to the individual's name or involvement in intercollegiate athletics;

(d) The individual does not endorse the commercial product; and

(e) The individual's remuneration under such circumstances is at a rate commensurate with the individual's skills and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way upon the individual's athletics ability or reputation.

12.5.1.4 Congratulatory Advertisement. It is permissible for a student-athlete's name or picture, or the group picture of an institution's athletics squad, to appear in an advertisement of a particular business, commercial product or service, provided: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 5/21/08)*

(a) The primary purpose of the advertisement is to publicize the sponsor's congratulations to the student-athlete or team;

(b) The advertisement does not include a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated or any other item or description identifying the business or service other than its name or trademark;

(c) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution endorses the product or service of the advertiser;

(d) The student-athlete has not signed a consent or release granting permission to use the student-athlete's name or picture in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of this section; and

(e) If the student-athlete has received a prize from a commercial sponsor in conjunction with participation in a promotional contest and the advertisement involves the announcement of receipt of the prize, the receipt of the prize is consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 12.5.2.3.3 and official interpretations.

12.5.1.5 Educational Products Related to Sport-Skill Instruction. It is permissible for a student-athlete's name or picture to appear in books, articles and other publications, films, videotapes, and other types of electronic reproduction related to sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instruction, provided: *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/23/19)*

(a) Such print and electronic media productions are for educational purposes;

(b) There is no indication that the student-athlete expressly or implicitly endorses a commercial product or service;

(c) The student-athlete does not receive, under any circumstances, any remuneration for such participation; however, the student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to his or her participation; and

(d) The student-athlete has signed a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete's name or image is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section.

12.5.1.6 Camps. An institutional or privately owned camp may use a student-athlete's name, picture and institutional affiliation only in the camp counselor section in its camp brochure to identify the student-athlete as a staff member. A student-athlete's name or picture may not be used in any other way to directly advertise or promote the camp. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/17/02, 7/12/04, 1/9/06)*

12.5.1.7 Promotion by Third Party of Highlight Video or Media Guide. Any party other than the institution or a student-athlete (e.g., a distribution company) may sell and distribute an institutional highlight video or an institutional or conference media guide that contains the names and pictures of enrolled student-athletes only if: *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

(a) The institution specifically designates any agency that is authorized to receive orders for the video or media guide;

(b) Sales and distribution activities have the written approval of the institution's athletics director;

(c) The distribution company or a retail store is precluded from using the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete in any poster or other advertisement to promote the sale or distribution of the video or media guide; and

(d) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution endorses the product or services of the advertiser.

12.5.1.8 Promotion of NCAA and Conference Championships. The NCAA [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may use the name or picture of a student-athlete to generally promote NCAA championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may appear in a poster that promotes a

conference championship, provided the poster is produced by a member that hosts a portion of the championship or by the conference. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 8/7/03)*

12.5.1.9 Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships as specified in this section. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/12, 1/22/20)*

12.5.1.9.1 Sale and Distribution of Promotional Items. Promotional items (e.g., posters, postcards, film, videotapes) bearing the name or picture of a student-athlete and related to these events may be sold or distributed by the national or international sports governing body sponsoring these events or its designated third-party distributors. It is not permissible for such organizations to sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture, except as noted in Bylaw 12.5.1.1.4.1. Promotional items may include a corporate sponsor's trademark or logo but not a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated. The name or picture of the student-athlete may not be used by the distribution company or retail store on any advertisement to promote the sale or distribution of the commercial item. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

12.5.1.9.1.1 Corporate Sponsors. A corporate sponsor may sell a promotional item related to these events that uses the name or picture of a team but not an individual student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

12.5.2 Nonpermissible.

12.5.2.1 Advertisements and Promotions After Becoming a Student-Athlete. After becoming a student-athlete, an individual shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics if the individual:

(a) Accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind; or

(b) Receives remuneration for endorsing a commercial product or service through the individual's use of such product or service.

12.5.2.1.1 Exceptions. The individual's eligibility will not be affected, provided the individual participated in such activities prior to enrollment and the individual:

(a) Meets the conditions set forth in Bylaw 12.5.1.3 that would permit continuation of such activities; or

(b) Takes appropriate steps upon becoming a student-athlete to retract permission for the use of his or her name or picture and ceases receipt of any remuneration for such an arrangement.

12.5.2.1.2 Improper Use of Student-Athlete's Name or Picture. If an institution, without the student-athlete's knowledge or consent, uses or permits the use of the student-athlete's name or picture in a manner contrary to Bylaw 12.5.2.1, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. *(Adopted: 1/11/97)*

12.5.2.2 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Picture Without Knowledge or Permission. If a student-athlete's name or picture appears on commercial items (e.g., T-shirts, sweatshirts, serving trays, playing cards, posters) or is used to promote a commercial product sold by an individual or agency without the student-athlete's knowledge or permission, the student-athlete (or the institution acting on behalf of the student-athlete) is required to take steps to stop such an activity in order to retain his or her eligibility for intercollegiate athletics. Such steps are not required in cases in which a student-athlete's photograph is sold by an individual or agency (e.g., private photographer, news agency) for private use. *(Revised: 1/11/97, 5/12/05)*

12.5.2.3 Specifically Restricted Activities. A student-athlete's involvement in promotional activities specified in this section is prohibited.

12.5.2.3.1 Name-the-Player Contest. A student-athlete may not permit use of his or her name or picture in a "name-the-player" contest conducted by a commercial business for the purpose of promoting that business.

12.5.2.3.2 Athletics Equipment Advertisement. A student-athlete's name or picture may not be used by an athletics equipment company or manufacturer to publicize the fact that the institution's team uses its equipment.

12.5.2.3.3 Promotional Contests. Receipt of a prize for winning an institutional or noninstitutional promotional activity (e.g., making a half-court basketball shot, being involved in a money scramble) by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete (or his or her family member) does not affect his or her eligibility, provided the prize is won through a random drawing in which all members of the general public or the student body are eligible to participate. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 3/25/05, 6/12/07)*

12.5.2.4 Other Promotional Activities. A student-athlete may not participate in any promotional activity that is not permitted under Bylaw 12.5.1. *(Adopted: 11/1/01)*

12.5.3 Media Activities. A student-athlete may participate in media activities, including but not limited to, radio, television and internet-based programs (e.g., coaches' shows), and writing projects when the student-athlete's appearance or participation is related in any way to his or her status as a student-athlete. The student-athlete shall not receive any remuneration for participation in the activity. The student-athlete shall not make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any commercial product or service. The student-athlete may, however, receive actual and necessary expenses directly related to the appearance or participation in the activity. A student-athlete participating in such media activities may not miss class, except for class time missed in conjunction with away-from-home competition or to participate in an NCAA or conference-sponsored media activity. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/14/97, 1/9/06, 4/27/06, 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

12.5.4 Use of Commercial Trademarks or Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel. A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 2/16/00, 5/27/11)*

(a) Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

(b) The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

12.5.4.1 Laundry Label. If an institution's uniform or any item of apparel worn by a student-athlete in competition contains washing instructions on the outside of the apparel on a patch that also includes the manufacturer's or distributor's logo or trademark, the entire patch must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (rectangle, square, parallelogram) that does not exceed 2-1/4 square inches. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

12.5.4.2 Pre- or Postgame Activities. The restriction on the size of a manufacturer's or distributor's logo is applicable to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of the institution's competition, which includes any pre- or postgame activities (e.g., postgame celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences) involving student-athletes. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

12.5.4.3 Outside Team Uniforms and Apparel. The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.4-(b) do not apply to the official uniforms and apparel worn by outside teams.

12.5.4.4 Title-Sponsor Recognition. Racing bibs and similar competition identification materials (e.g., bowl-game patches) worn by participants may include the name of the corporate sponsor of the competition, provided the involved commercial company is the sole title sponsor of the competition. **[D]**

12.6 Financial Donations From Outside Organizations.

12.6.1 Professional Sports Organizations.

12.6.1.1 To Intercollegiate Event. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publicly identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publicly identified as such. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 8/5/04, 1/14/12)*

12.6.1.2 Developmental Funds to NCAA. A professional sports organization may provide funds for intercollegiate athletics developmental purposes in a particular sport (e.g., officiating expenses, research and educational projects, the conduct of summer leagues, purchase of equipment). However, such funds shall be provided in an unrestricted manner and administered through the Association's national office.

12.6.1.3 To Institution, Permissible. A member institution may receive funds from a professional sports organization, provided: *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/14/12, 4/17/12)*

(a) The money is placed in the institution's general fund and used for purposes other than athletics;

(b) The money is placed in the institution's general scholarship fund and commingled with funds for the assistance of all students generally;

(c) The money is received by the institution as a result of the professional sports organization's financial sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event and is placed in the institution's budget for the specific event, including ancillary activities and promotions; or

(d) The money is received by the institution as a result of a reciprocal contractual marketing relationship and is placed in the athletics department's budget for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting any institutionally sponsored sport other than football and men's basketball.

12.6.1.4 To Conference, Permissible. A member conference may receive funds from a professional sports organization, provided the money is received by the conference as a result of the professional sports organization's financial sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event and is placed in the conference's budget for the specific event, including ancillary activities and promotions. *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

12.6.1.5 To Institution, Nonpermissible. A member institution shall not accept funds from a professional sports organization if:

(a) The funds are for the purpose of recognizing the development of a former student-athlete in a particular sport. The receipt of such funds by an institution would make additional money available that could benefit student-athletes and thus result in student-athletes indirectly receiving funds from a professional sports organization;

(b) The money, even though not earmarked by the donor, is received and credited to institutional funds for the financial assistance of student-athletes generally; or

(c) The money is placed in the institution's general fund and credited to the athletics department for an unspecified purpose.

12.6.1.6 Revenues Derived from Pro-Am Events. The distribution of revenues from an event involving an intercollegiate athletics team and a professional sports team (e.g., a baseball game in which a member institution's team plays against a professional baseball team) or pro-am event (e.g., golf, tennis) that results in a member institution's receiving a share of receipts from such a contest is permitted, provided the institution has a formal agreement with the professional sports team regarding the institution's guarantee or share of receipts and the contractual terms are consistent with agreements made by the professional team or individuals for similar intercollegiate or nonprofessional competition.

12.6.1.7 Promotion of Professional Athletics Contests. A member institution may host and promote an athletics contest between two professional teams from recognized professional sports leagues as a fundraising activity for the institution. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

12.6.1.8 Reciprocal Marketing Agreements -- Sports Other Than Football and Men's Basketball. In sports other than football and men's basketball, an institution's marketing department may enter into a reciprocal contractual relationship with a professional sports organization for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting an institutionally sponsored sport. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 2/17/12)*

12.6.2 Organizations (Nonprofessional Sports Organizations).

12.6.2.1 Individual Athletics Performance. A member institution shall not accept funds donated from a nonprofessional sports organization based on the place finish of a student-athlete or the number of student-athletes representing the institution in an event. However, the organization may donate an equal amount of funds to every institution with an athlete or team participating in a particular event.

12.6.2.2 Individual and Team Rankings. A member institution may accept funds donated to its athletics program from a nonprofessional sports organization based on an individual's or a team's national or regional ranking. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

12.6.2.3 Academic Performance. A member institution may accept funds donated to its athletics program from a nonprofessional sports organization based on an individual's or a team's academic performance (e.g., the number of Academic All-American award recipients).

12.7 Athletics Eligibility Requirements.

12.7.1 Postseason and Regular-Season Competition. To be eligible for regular-season competition, NCAA championships, and for postseason football bowl games, the student-athlete shall meet all eligibility requirements.

12.7.1.1 Postseason Competition -- Midyear Enrollees -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a midyear enrollee (freshman or transfer) is not eligible to participate in postseason competition that occurs before or during the student-athlete's initial term of full-time enrollment at the institution. *(Adopted: 6/13/18)*

12.7.2 Student-Athlete Statement.

12.7.2.1 Content and Purpose. Prior to participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a statement in a form prescribed by the Legislative Committee in which the student-athlete submits information related to eligibility, recruitment, financial aid, amateur status, previous positive-drug tests administered by any other athletics organization and involvement in organized gambling activities related to intercollegiate or professional athletics competition under the Association's governing legislation. Failure to complete and sign the statement shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation in all intercollegiate competition. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility if the violation occurred due to an institutional administrative error or oversight, and the student-athlete subsequently signs the form; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97, 2/19/97, 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

12.7.2.2 Administration. The statement shall be administered to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee prior to the student's participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year, and the statement shall be available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of the NCAA. *(Revised: 8/4/89, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 7/30/10, 1/23/19)*

12.7.2.3 Institutional Responsibility -- Notification of Positive Test. The institution shall promptly notify the NCAA's chief medical officer, in writing, regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive test for banned substances administered by any other athletics organization. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.7.3 Drug-Testing Consent Form.

12.7.3.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a form maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and approved by the Legislative Committee in which the student consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by NCAA legislation. Failure to complete and sign the consent form prior to practice or competition, or before the Monday of the fourth week of classes (whichever occurs first) shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation (practice and competition) in all intercollegiate athletics. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 4/24/03, 8/5/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

12.7.3.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the form (see Constitution 3.2.4.8): *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/27/00, 7/30/10, 7/31/14, 1/23/19)*

(a) The consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee each academic year; and

(b) The athletics director or the athletics director's designee shall disseminate the list of banned drug classes to all student-athletes and educate them about products that might contain banned drugs. All student-athletes are to be notified that the list may change during the academic year, that updates may be found on the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org) and informed of the appropriate athletics department procedures for disseminating updates to the list; and

(c) The consent form shall be available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

12.7.3.3 Exception -- 14-Day Grace Period. A student-athlete who is "trying out" for a team is not required to complete the form until 14 days from the first date the student-athlete engages in countable athletically related activities or before the student-athlete participates in a competition, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.7.3.4 Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw 12.7.3 or its subsections shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided the student-athlete signs the consent form. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 7/30/10)*

12.7.4 Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/ Buckley Amendment Consent Form -- Disclosure of Protected Health Information.

12.7.4.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete may voluntarily sign a statement in a form maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and approved by the Legislative Committee in which the student-athlete authorizes/consents to the institution's physicians, athletics directors and health care personnel to disclose the student-athlete's injury/illness and participation information associated with the student-athlete's training and participation in intercollegiate athletics to the NCAA and to its Injury Surveillance Program (ISP), agents and employees for the purpose of conducting research into the reduction of athletics injuries. The authorization/ consent by the student-athlete is voluntary and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

12.7.4.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the form: *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 7/30/10, 1/23/19)*

(a) The authorization/consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee before the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics each academic year.

(b) Signing the authorization/consent shall be voluntary and is not required by the student-athlete's institution for medical treatment, payment for treatment, enrollment in a health plan or for any benefits (if applicable) and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate.

12.7.5 Eligibility Requirements for Male Students to Practice With Women's Teams. A male student may engage in practice sessions with women's teams subject to the following conditions: *(Revised: 5/12/05, 5/29/08, 7/31/14, 4/26/17, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) A male student who practices with an institution's women's team must be verified as eligible for practice in accordance with Bylaw 14.2.1 and must have eligibility remaining under the five-year rule (see Bylaw 12.8.1);

(b) It is not permissible for an institution to provide a male student financial assistance (room and board, tuition and fees, and books) in return for practicing with a women's team. A male student who is receiving financial aid or any compensation for serving in any position in the athletics department may not practice with a women's team. A male student-athlete who is a counter in a men's sport may not engage in practice sessions with an institution's women's team in any sport;

(c) It is not permissible for an institution to provide a male student room and board to remain on campus during a vacation period to participate in practice sessions with a women's team;

(d) It is not permissible for a recruited male student-athlete who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team. A nonrecruited male student who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier may participate in practice sessions with a women's team;

(e) It is permissible for an institution to provide practice apparel to a male student for the purpose of practicing with a women's team; and

(f) A male student who practices with an institution's women's basketball team may participate in required summer athletic activities, provided he was enrolled full time at the conclusion of the regular academic term (e.g., spring semester or quarter) immediately preceding the institution's summer term.

12.8 Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule.

A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 12.02.6 and 14.3.3). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below: *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.1 Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution, with time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government being excepted. For international students, service in the armed forces or on an official religious mission of the student's home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States. *(Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.1 Determining the Start of the Five-Year Period. For purposes of starting the count of time under the five-year rule, a student-athlete shall be considered registered at a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign; see Bylaw 14.02.5) when the student-athlete initially registers in a regular term (semester or quarter) of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, and attends the student's first day of classes for that term (see Bylaw 12.8.2). *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.2 Service Exceptions to the Five-Year Rule. Time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is excepted from the application of the five-year rule. Among such services that qualify a student-athlete for an extension of the five-year rule are: *(Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)*

(a) Military Sea Transport Service;

(b) Peace Corps; or

(c) Service as a conscientious objector ordered by the Selective Service Commission (or the equivalent authority in a foreign nation) in lieu of active military duty.

12.8.1.2.1 Elapsed Time/Service to Enrollment. If a student-athlete enrolls in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of any one of the commitments described in the exceptions to this bylaw, the elapsed time (the exact number of calendar days) between completion of the commitment and the first opportunity for enrollment may be added to the exact number of days served on active duty in the armed services, with

foreign aid services or on official religious missions and will not count toward the student-athlete's five years of eligibility. It is not permissible to extend the five-year period by any additional time beyond the first opportunity to enroll (the opening day of classes of the first regular term at the institution in which the student-athlete enrolls as a regular student immediately following the termination of the active-duty commitment). *(Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.2.2 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Service Assignment. Any time in which a student-athlete is enrolled for a minimum full-time load as a regular student in a collegiate institution while simultaneously on active duty in the U.S. military, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government shall count against the five calendar years in which the student-athlete's seasons of eligibility must be completed. *(Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.3 Academic Study Abroad Exception. Time spent participating in a full-time study-abroad program during a regular term of an academic year may be excepted from the application of the five-year rule, provided: *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) The institution recognizes the student-athlete as a full-time student at the time he or she participates in the study-abroad program;

(b) At the time of participation in the study-abroad program, the student-athlete is academically eligible for competition and is not subject to an athletically related suspension;

(c) The student-athlete does not participate in practice or competition with the institution's team and does not engage in outside competition while participating in the study-abroad program;

(d) The student-athlete satisfactorily completes the study-abroad program; and

(e) The student-athlete earns a baccalaureate degree within five years or fewer.

12.8.1.4 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Exception. Time spent participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program during a regular term of an academic year may be excepted from the application of the five-year rule, provided: *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) The institution recognizes the student-athlete as a full-time student at the time he or she participates in the internship or cooperative educational work experience program;

(b) At the time of participation in the internship or cooperative educational work experience program, the student-athlete is academically eligible for competition and is not subject to an athletically related suspension;

(c) The student-athlete does not participate in practice or competition with the institution's team and does not engage in outside competition while participating in the internship or cooperative educational work experience program;

(d) The student-athlete satisfactorily completes the internship or cooperative educational work experience program; and

(e) The student-athlete earns a baccalaureate degree within five years or fewer.

12.8.1.5 Pregnancy Exception. A member institution may approve a one-year extension of the five-year period of eligibility for a female student-athlete for reasons of pregnancy. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.6 Athletics Activity Waiver. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or a committee designated by it, shall have the authority to waive this provision by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting to permit student-athletes to participate in: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96, 1/14/12, 7/31/14, 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

(a) Official Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Olympic and Paralympic training, tryouts and competition;

(b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic or Paralympic tryouts; or

(c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

12.8.1.6.1 Junior Level Competition. The athletics activity waiver does not apply to junior level training, tryouts or competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Teams) that may be associated with the training, tryouts or competition specified in Bylaw 12.8.1.6. *(Adopted: 2/17/17)*

12.8.1.6.2 Athletics Activity Waiver Criteria. Extensions of the five-year period of eligibility for student-athletes by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or its designated committee, shall be based on the following criteria: The member institution in which the student-athlete is enrolled must establish to the satisfaction of the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (by objective evidence) that the student-athlete was unable to participate

in intercollegiate athletics as a result of participation in one of the activities listed in the above legislation for a specific period of time. Further, such an extension shall be limited to one time and for a period not to exceed one year per student-athlete, per sport. *(Revised: 8/11/98, 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.7 Five-Year Rule Waiver. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or its designated committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the five-year rule as it deems appropriate. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.7.1 Waiver Criteria. A waiver of the five-year period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in four seasons of intercollegiate competition within a five-year period. This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence under the following circumstances: *(Revised: 4/17/91, 1/11/94, 8/10/94, 10/12/95, 4/27/00, 7/30/10, 7/31/14, 4/25/18 applicable to a student-athlete who qualifies for a waiver that would provide the opportunity to participate in four seasons of competition within a five-year period)*

(a) The student-athlete did not use a season of intercollegiate competition in his or her initial year of full-time, collegiate enrollment due to an institutional decision to redshirt the student-athlete; 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; and the student-athlete was deprived of the opportunity to participate in intercollegiate competition in one other season due to circumstances beyond the control of the student-athlete or institution; or

(b) The student-athlete is deprived of the opportunity to participate for more than one season in his or her sport within the five-year period of eligibility for reasons that are beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution.

12.8.1.7.1.1 Circumstances Beyond Control. Circumstances considered to be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution and do not cause a participation opportunity to be used shall include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 8/10/94, Revised: 10/12/95, 8/12/97, 1/9/06, 7/30/10, 7/31/14)*

(a) Situations clearly supported by contemporaneous medical documentation, which states that a student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate competition as a result of incapacitating physical or mental circumstances;

(b) The student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a result of a life-threatening or incapacitating injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, which clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation;

(c) Reliance by the student-athlete upon written, contemporaneous, clearly erroneous academic advice provided to the student-athlete from a specific academic authority from a collegiate institution regarding the academic status of the student-athlete or prospective student-athlete, which directly leads to that individual not being eligible to participate and, but for the clearly erroneous advice, the student-athlete would have established eligibility for intercollegiate competition;

(d) Natural disasters (e.g., earthquake, flood); and

(e) Extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in the family) experienced by the student-athlete or by an individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent, which prohibit the student-athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent.

12.8.1.7.1.2 Circumstances Within Control. Circumstances that are considered to be within the control of the student-athlete or the institution and cause a participation opportunity to be used include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 8/10/94, Revised: 10/12/95, 10/9/96, 7/30/10, 7/31/14)*

(a) A student-athlete's decision to attend an institution that does not sponsor his or her sport, or decides not to participate at an institution that does sponsor his or her sport;

(b) An inability to participate due to failure to meet institutional/conference or NCAA academic requirements, or disciplinary reasons or incarceration culminating in or resulting from a conviction;

(c) Reliance by a student-athlete upon misinformation from a coaching staff member;

(d) Redshirt year;

(e) Ineligibility to participate as a result of a transfer year of residence or fulfilling a condition for restoration of eligibility; and

(f) A student-athlete's lack of understanding regarding the specific starting date of his or her five-year period of eligibility.

12.8.1.7.1.3 Circumstances of Extraordinary or Extreme Hardship. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reserves the right to review requests that do not meet the more-than-one-year criteria of this waiver for circumstances of extraordinary or extreme hardship. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

12.8.1.7.1.4 Practice While Waiver is Pending. A student-athlete who has exhausted his or her five years of eligibility may continue to practice (but not compete) for a maximum of 30 consecutive calendar days, provided the student-athlete's institution has submitted a waiver request. The student-athlete may not commence practice until the institution has filed such a request. Further, if such a request is denied prior to exhausting the 30-day practice period, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

12.8.2 Additional Applications of the Five-Year Rule.

12.8.2.1 Athletics Competition. Even though a student is enrolled for less than a minimum full-time program of studies at a collegiate institution, the student's five-year period of eligibility begins if the individual represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.2.2 Nonrecognized College. Enrollment in a postsecondary, noncollegiate institution (e.g., technical school, seminary or business college) in the United States that is not accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree, constitutes enrollment in the application of the five-year rule only if: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 8/8/02, 7/31/14)*

(a) The student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies at such an institution that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program; or

(b) The student, whether enrolled for a minimum full-time program of studies or not, represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics.

12.8.2.3 Joint College/High School Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the five-year rule does not begin while a student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in a joint high school/college academic program for high school students in which the courses count as both high school graduation credit and college credit, provided the student has not officially graduated from high school and does not participate in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled in the joint program. *(Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 7/31/14)*

12.8.2.4 Vocational Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the five-year rule does not begin while the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies as a part of a special vocational program that combines enrollment in regular college courses and participation in vocational training courses, provided the student is not considered to be regularly matriculated by the institution, does not go through the customary registration and testing procedures required of all regular entering students and is not eligible for the institution's extracurricular activities, including athletics. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.2.5 Eligibility for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall have eligibility remaining under the five-year rule (see Bylaws 14.2.1.7 and 14.2.1.8). A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after having engaged in four seasons of intercollegiate competition in a sport may continue to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport without being a counter (see Bylaw 15.02.3). **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 7/31/14, 3/27/18)*

12.8.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

12.8.3.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition, regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport, except as provided in Bylaws 12.8.3.1.1, 12.8.3.1.2, 12.8.3.1.3, 12.8.3.1.4, 12.8.3.1.5 and 12.8.3.1.6. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/9/06, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/31/14, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/18)*

12.8.3.1.1 Two-Year College Scrimmages. A two-year college prospective student-athlete may compete in a scrimmage as a member of a two-year college team without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the competition meets all of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 5/9/06, 7/31/14)*

(a) The scrimmage is approved by the two-year college;

(b) No official score is kept;

(c) No admission is charged;

(d) No official time is kept;

(e) The scrimmage is played prior to the two-year college's first regularly scheduled outside competition; and

(f) The prospective student-athlete participates in not more than two such scrimmages or dates of competition per academic year.

12.8.3.1.2 Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Field Hockey, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball and Men's Water Polo. In field hockey, men's soccer, women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo, a student-athlete may engage in intercollegiate competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 8/8/02, 10/31/02, 5/9/06, 7/31/14)*

12.8.3.1.3 Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Baseball, Women's Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Softball, Men's Volleyball and Women's Water Polo. In baseball, women's beach volleyball, lacrosse, softball, men's volleyball and women's water polo, a student-athlete may engage in intercollegiate competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete remains academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship. *(Adopted: 6/28/17 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility)*

12.8.3.1.4 Preseason Exhibitions/Preseason Practice Scrimmages. A student-athlete may compete in preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) without counting such competition as a season of competition. *(Revised: 5/9/06, 7/31/14, 4/26/17 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility)*

12.8.3.1.5 Alumni Game, Fundraising Activity or Celebrity Sports Activity. A student-athlete may engage in outside competition in either one alumni game, one fundraising activity or one celebrity sports activity during a season without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the event is exempted from the institution's maximum number of contests or dates of competition as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.3.1.6 Exception -- Football. In football, a student-athlete representing a Division I institution may compete in up to four contests in a season without using a season of competition. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/18 for competition that occurs on or after 8/1/18, Revised: 6/12/19)*

12.8.3.2 Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition.

12.8.3.2.1 Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey, Skiing and Tennis. In sports other than men's ice hockey, skiing and tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term during a one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/20/09, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/11 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11, 7/31/14)*

(a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9.

(b) After the one-year time period, if the student-athlete has engaged in competition per Bylaw 12.02.9, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

12.8.3.2.1.1 Exception -- Transfer Student. A student-athlete is not required to fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition, provided he or she: *(Adopted: 1/23/19)*

(a) Attended a collegiate institution (or institutions) as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(b) Satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit for each term of full-time attendance.

12.8.3.2.1.2 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/14/12, 7/31/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18 applicable to a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18, 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

(a) Official Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships and established regional competition (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);

(b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may be selected to a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and established regional competition (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or

(c) Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation).

12.8.3.2.1.3 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1. Additionally, if a student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of the service commitment, the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility, Revised: 1/23/19 Immediate; may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility., 6/12/19)*

12.8.3.2.1.4 Track and Field and Cross Country. A student-athlete who has participated in organized competition after the one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during a cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field season (as opposed to general road racing events) shall be charged with a season of competition in the sport in which the student has participated for each calendar year after the one-year time period in which he or she participated in organized competition. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/11 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.3.2.1.5 Road Racing. A student-athlete who has participated in road racing activities after the one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment shall be charged with a season of competition in each of the sports of cross country, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and triathlon for each calendar year after the one-year time period in which he or she participates in organized competition. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/11 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 7/31/14)*

12.8.3.2.2 Tennis. In tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term within six months (or the first opportunity to enroll after six months have elapsed) after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following: *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/12 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12, Revised: 7/31/14)*

(a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the six-month period has elapsed (or the next opportunity to enroll) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9.

(b) After the six-month period, if the student-athlete has engaged in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

12.8.3.2.2.1 Exception -- Transfer Student. A student-athlete is not required to fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition, provided he or she: *(Adopted: 1/23/19)*

(a) Attended a collegiate institution (or institutions) as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(b) Satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit for each term of full-time attendance.

12.8.3.2.2.2 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the six-month time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 1/14/12, 7/31/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18 applicable to a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18, 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

(a) Official Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);

(b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or the junior level equivalent (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or

(c) Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation.)

12.8.3.2.2.3 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2. Additionally, if a student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of the service commitment, the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility, Revised: 1/23/19 Immediate; may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility. , 6/12/19)*

12.8.3.2.2.4 Matriculation After 20th Birthday -- Tennis. In tennis, a student who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2, but who participates in organized tennis events after his or her 20th birthday and before full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following: *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04 for competition occurring after 8/1/04, Revised: 6/10/04, 7/31/14, 1/23/19)*

(a) The student will be charged with one season of intercollegiate tennis competition for each calendar year after his or her 20th birthday and prior to full-time enrollment at the certifying institution during which the student-athlete has participated in organized tennis competition per Bylaw 12.02.9. [Note: This includes participation in intercollegiate tennis while enrolled full time in another two-year or four-year institution; however, this provision replaces the season of competition counted in Bylaw 12.8 (only one season is used in any one year).]

(b) Upon matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate tennis, unless the student attended a collegiate institution (or institutions) as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer terms) and satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit for each term of full-time attendance.

12.8.3.2.2.4.1 Exception -- Continuous Full-Time Enrollment. A student who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2 and who maintained full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution during each regular academic term from his or her initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution is not subject to the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.4. *(Adopted:*

4/25/18 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility)

12.8.3.2.2.4.2 Exception -- Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships Participation. Participation in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.4. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/14/12, 7/31/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18 applicable to a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18, 1/22/20)*

12.8.3.2.2.4.3 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2. Additionally, if a student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of the service commitment, the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll student is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility, Revised: 1/23/19 Immediate; may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility. , 6/12/19)*

12.8.3.3 Track and Field and Cross Country. Cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field shall be considered separate sports. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 7/31/14)*

12.8.3.4 Intercollegiate Competition. A student-athlete is considered to have engaged in a season of intercollegiate competition when he or she competes in an athletics event involving any one of the conditions characterizing intercollegiate competition (per Bylaw 12.02.6). *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.3.5 Participation After 21st Birthday -- Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In men's ice hockey and skiing, any participation as an individual or a team representative in organized sports competition by a student during each 12-month period after the student's 21st birthday and prior to initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution shall count as one year of varsity competition in that sport. 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 shall be excepted. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 6/10/04, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/10, 4/13/10 effective 8/1/11 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11, 7/31/14, 4/25/18 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility)*

12.8.3.6 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who did not compete during the institution's season just completed and who represents the institution in a certified foreign tour after that intercollegiate season and prior to the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of eligibility (see Bylaw 17.31.1.4). *(Revised: 8/11/98, 7/31/14)*

12.8.3.7 Participation on an Institution's Club Team. An individual is charged with a season of competition for participation in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 12.02.6) as a member of an institution's club team if that institution sponsored the sport as a varsity intercollegiate sport and as a club sport at the time of participation. *(Adopted: 6/24/09, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.4 Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions: *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97, 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/01, 4/3/02, 8/8/02, 3/10/04, 5/11/05, 9/18/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/24/08, 7/31/14)*

(a) The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institutions or occurs after the first day of classes in the student-athlete's senior year in high school;

(b) The injury or illness occurs prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport (see Bylaw 12.8.4.2.4) and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season;

(c) In team sports, the injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in his or her sport. Only scheduled or completed competition against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated,

during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has participated and the number of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition during that season in the sport. Dates of competition that are exempted (e.g., alumni contests, foreign team in the United States) from the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition shall count toward the number of contests or dates in which the student-athlete has participated and the number of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in the season, except for scrimmages and exhibition contests that are specifically identified as such in the sport's Bylaw 17 playing and practice season regulations. Scrimmages and exhibition contests that are not exempted from the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition may be excluded from the calculation only if they are identified as such in the sport's Bylaw 17 playing and practice season regulations; and

(d) In individual sports, the injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three dates of competition or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the maximum permissible number of dates of competition as set forth in Bylaw 17 plus one date for a conference championship (e.g., gymnastics: 13+1=14, wrestling: 16+1=17), regardless of whether the team participates in the conference championship, provided the institution is a member of a conference and the conference holds a championship event in the applicable sport. Dates of competition that are exempted per Bylaw 17 (e.g., alumni contests, foreign team in the United States) from the maximum permissible number of dates of competition do not count toward the number of dates in which the student-athlete has participated.

12.8.4.1 Administration of Hardship Waiver. The hardship waiver shall be administered by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent member institution, by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Revised: 10/28/04, 4/20/09, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.1.1 Review of Denied Waiver. A conference that denies an institution's hardship waiver may submit the waiver to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The committee shall have the authority to review and determine whether to approve the waiver based on circumstances that may warrant relief from the application of the legislated waiver criteria. *(Adopted: 4/20/09, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver.

12.8.4.2.1 Use of Scheduled or Completed Contests. An institution may use scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition, but it is not permissible to combine the two methods of calculation. *(Adopted: 8/4/05, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.2 Nature of Injury/Illness. It is not necessary for the incapacitating injury or illness to be the direct result of the student's participation in the institution's organized practice or game competition. *(Revised: 11/1/01, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.3 Medical Documentation. Contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation, from a physician (a medical doctor) who administered care at the time of the injury or illness, that establishes the student-athlete's inability to compete as a result of that injury or illness shall be submitted with any hardship-waiver request. Documentation from an individual other than a physician (e.g., chiropractor, physical therapist) may only be used to support the physician's documentation. For a case involving a psychological or mental illness, the required contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation may be provided by an individual (e.g., psychiatrist, psychologist) who is qualified and licensed to diagnose and treat the particular illness. *(Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 2/22/01, 7/31/14, 10/17/19)*

12.8.4.2.4 First-Half-of-Season Calculation.

12.8.4.2.4.1 Team Sports. In team sports, the first half of the season is measured by the number of scheduled contests or dates of competition not exceeding the maximum limitations in each sport as set forth in Bylaw 17 as set prior to the first scheduled contest or date of competition of the designated official NCAA championship playing season in the applicable sport or the number of completed contests or dates of competition. In determining if an injury or illness occurs prior to the first competition of the second half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship in a sport with an odd number of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition, the injury or illness must have occurred prior to the beginning of the scheduled or completed varsity contest or date of competition that starts the second half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship (e.g., an injury or illness occurring at any time after the beginning of the scheduled sixth game of an 11-game schedule would be considered to be after the first half of the institution's season and would not qualify the student-athlete for a hardship waiver). *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 8/4/05, 4/24/08, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.4.1.1 Conference Championships. A conference championship is counted as one contest or date of competition in determining the first half of the season, regardless of the number of days or contests involved in the championship. If the calculation is based on scheduled contests or dates of competition, the

conference championship is counted as one contest or date of competition if it appeared on the institution's schedule prior to the first scheduled contest or date of competition; however, if the calculation is based on completed contests or dates of competition, the institution must have participated in the conference championship. For purposes of this regulation, the calculation of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in a particular season does not include postseason competition (e.g., all rounds of NCAA championships, bowl games) conducted after the completion of the institution's regular-season schedule and conference tournament. *(Adopted: 10/17/19)*

12.8.4.2.4.1.2 Contests or Dates of Competition Based on Championship Selection. In sports (e.g., ice hockey) in which the playing season may be divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition throughout the season, the first half of the season shall be measured by the institution's number of scheduled or completed varsity contests or dates of competition for the entire season (e.g., nonchampionship and championship segments). In sports in which the playing season may be divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition during only one segment of the season (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), the first half of the season shall be measured by the institution's number of scheduled or completed varsity contests or dates of competition for only the championship segment. *(Adopted: 4/23/08, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.4.2 Individual Sports. In individual sports, the first half of the season calculation is based on the number of days in the season that concludes with the NCAA championship, as declared by the institution, between the first date of competition used by any individual on the team and the last date of competition used by any individual on the team at the end of the declared playing season, including a conference championship and any regular-season competition scheduled after the conference championship (e.g., "last chance" meet). Any break in the declared season shall not be counted (see Bylaw 12.8.4.2.4.2.1). The total number of days in the championship season shall be divided by two in order to determine the first half of the season. A fractional portion of a day shall be rounded up to the next whole number. *(Adopted: 4/24/08, Revised: 7/31/14, 10/17/19)*

12.8.4.2.4.2.1 Break in Declared Playing Season. A break in the declared playing season includes any period in which no practice or competition occurs, as declared by the institution for purposes of defining its playing and practice season, regardless of whether classes are in session. An institution may have more than one break in its playing season, including the break between playing season segments and any other period during the playing season in which no practice or competition occurs, other than required days off. *(Adopted: 10/17/19)*

12.8.4.2.4.2.2 Championship Selection Based on Entire Season. In sports in which the playing season may be divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition throughout the season (e.g., golf, tennis), the first half of the season is based on the number of days in the entire season (e.g., nonchampionship and championship segments), as declared by the institution between the first date of competition used by any individual on the team and the last date of competition used by any individual on the team at the end of the declared playing season, including a conference championship and any regular-season competition scheduled after the conference championship (e.g., "last chance" meet). *(Revised: 9/2/10, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.5 Reinjury in Second Half of Season. A student-athlete who suffers an injury in the first half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship or who suffers an injury after the first day of classes in his or her senior year of high school, attempts to return to competition during the second half of that season and then is unable to participate further as a result of aggravating the original injury does not qualify for the hardship waiver. *(Revised: 11/1/01, 8/8/02, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.6 Outside Competition in Second Half of Season. An individual who engages in outside competition during the second half of the institution's championship segment, including competition while not representing the institution, does not qualify for a hardship waiver. *(Adopted: 10/17/19)*

12.8.4.2.7 Percent Calculation. The following requirements are to be met in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws 12.8.4 and 12.8.4.2.7 apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum- and minimum-contests requirements in Bylaws 17 and 20.) *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.7.1 Denominator in Percent Computation.

12.8.4.2.7.1.1 Team Sports. The denominator in the institution's percent calculation shall be based on the institution's number of scheduled or completed varsity contests or dates of competition [see Bylaw 12.8.4-(c)] as computed for playing and practice season purposes in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport. [Note:

Exempted events in Bylaw 17 are included in the percent calculation, except as provided in Bylaw 12.8.4-(c).] An institution participating in a single-elimination event may only count the actual contests in which the institution participates (as opposed to the number of contests scheduled in the event) in determining the number of scheduled or completed contests in the denominator. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 2/11/98, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 6/21/01, 8/4/05, 4/24/08, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.7.1.1.1 Conference Championships. A conference championship shall be counted as one contest or date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in that sport, regardless of the number of days or contests involved in the championship. If the calculation is based on scheduled contests or dates of competition, the conference championship is counted as one contest or date of competition if it appeared on the institution's schedule prior to the first scheduled contest of date; however, if the calculation is based on completed contests or dates of competition, the institution must have participated in the conference championship. For purposes of this regulation, the calculation of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in a particular season does not include postseason competition (e.g., all rounds of NCAA championships, bowl games) conducted after the completion of the institution's regular-season schedule and conference championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 8/4/05, 7/31/14, 10/17/19)*

12.8.4.2.7.1.1.2 Contests or Dates of Competition Based on Championship Selection. In sports in which the playing season may be divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition throughout the season (e.g., ice hockey), the denominator shall be based on the institution's number of scheduled or completed varsity contests or dates of competition for the entire season (e.g., nonchampionship and championship segments). In sports in which the playing season may be divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition during only one segment of the season (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), the denominator shall be based on the institution's number of scheduled or completed varsity contests or dates of competition for only the championship segment. *(Adopted: 4/23/08, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.7.1.2 Individual Sports. The denominator in the institution's percent calculation shall be the maximum permissible number of dates of competition as set forth in Bylaw 17 plus one date for a conference championship (e.g., gymnastics: 13+1=14, wrestling: 16+1=17), regardless of whether the team participates in the conference championship, provided the institution is a member of a conference and the conference sponsors a championship in the applicable sport. For institutions that sponsor both indoor and outdoor track and field, the denominator for indoor track and field shall be nine, plus one date for a conference championship, if applicable, and the denominator for outdoor track and field shall be nine, plus one date for a conference championship, if applicable. *(Adopted: 4/24/08, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.7.2 Fraction in Percent Computation. Any computation of the percent limitation that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded to the next whole number (e.g., 30 percent of a 29-game basketball schedule -- 8.7 games -- shall be considered nine games). *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/07, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.8 Transfer Student-Athletes. The application of the hardship legislation for a transfer student-athlete may be based on the method that would be most beneficial to the student-athlete (the rule applicable to the division in which the injury or illness occurred or the Division I rule). The application of a particular division's legislation must include all the applicable elements of that division's legislation. It is not permissible to use selected elements of the legislation of more than one division. *(Adopted: 11/12/97, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 9/17/09, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.9 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who qualifies for a hardship for the previous academic year would not use a season of competition if the student-athlete represents the institution on a certified foreign tour during the summer-vacation period at the conclusion of that academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01, 7/31/14)*

12.8.5 Season-of-Competition Waiver -- Competition While Ineligible. In conjunction with a request for restoration of eligibility and any conditions imposed thereon per Bylaw 12.12, a student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when the student-athlete participated in a limited amount of competition as a result of a good-faith, erroneous formal declaration of eligibility by the institution's appropriate certifying authority; or the student-athlete's good-faith, erroneous reliance on a coaching staff member's decision to put the student-athlete into competition prior to the coaching staff member receiving a formal declaration of the student-athlete's eligibility from the institution's appropriate certifying authority. The competition must have occurred under all of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/20/99, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/4/05, 7/31/14)*

(a) The competition occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA member institution;

(b) The competition occurred within 60 days of the date the student-athlete first reported for athletics participation;

(c) The student-athlete did not participate in more than two events or 10 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed events in his or her sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of events in which the student-athlete participated and the number of completed events during that season (both segments) in the sport;

(d) The student-athlete was involved innocently and inadvertently in the erroneous determination or declaration of eligibility, which permitted the student-athlete to compete while ineligible; and

(e) In the case of a coaching staff member's erroneous decision, the student-athlete had reason to believe he or she would be eligible to participate, and the student-athlete did not contribute to the coaching staff member's erroneous decision to allow the student-athlete to participate.

12.8.5.1 Administrative Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of the season-of-competition waiver: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.5.1.1 Application -- Use of Scheduled or Completed Contests. An institution may use scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition, but it is not permissible to combine the two methods of calculation. *(Adopted: 8/4/05, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.5.1.2 Ten-Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 12.8.4.2.7 shall apply to the 10-percent calculation specified in this waiver. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.6 Season-of-Competition Waiver -- Competition While Eligible. A student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a case in which the student-athlete participated in a limited amount of competition while eligible due to a coach's documented misunderstanding of the legislation or other extenuating circumstances. In cases in which a student-athlete does not meet the criteria of this waiver, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have authority to review and grant a waiver based on additional documented extenuating circumstances. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 7/31/14)*

12.8.6.1 Application -- Use of Scheduled or Completed Contests. An institution may use scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition, but it is not permissible to combine the two methods of calculation. *(Adopted: 8/4/05, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.6.2 Coach's Documented Misunderstanding. The student-athlete participated as a result of good faith, reliance on a coaching staff member's decision to put the student-athlete in an alumni contest, exhibition contests, scrimmages, or nonchampionship segment contests based on the coach's documented misunderstanding of NCAA legislation and the competition occurred under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 10/28/04, Revised: 8/4/05, 7/31/14)*

(a) The competition occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA institution;

(b) The competition occurred prior to the completion of the first 20 percent of the championship segment of the institution's declared playing and practice season; and

(c) The student-athlete did not compete in more than two events or 10 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed events in his or her sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of events in which the student-athlete participated and the number of scheduled or completed events during that season (both segments) in the sport.

12.8.6.2.1 Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 12.8.4.2.7 shall apply to the percent calculation specified in this waiver. *(Adopted: 10/20/04, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.6.3 Extenuating Circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 7/31/14)*

(a) The student-athlete failed to complete the entire season of competition at the institution as a result of a life-threatening injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, that clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation;

(b) The student-athlete failed to complete the entire season of competition at the institution as a result of extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in family) experienced by the student-athlete or an individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent and prohibited the student-athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent;

(c) The student-athlete's institution dropped the sport (in which the student practiced or competed) from its intercollegiate program.

12.8.6.3.1 Conditions of Competition. The competition must have occurred under all of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 10/28/04, Revised: 8/4/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/04, 7/31/14)*

(a) The competition occurred prior to the completion of the first half of the championship segment of the institution's declared playing and practice season; and

(b) The student-athlete did not compete in more than three events or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed events in his or her sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of events in which the student-athlete participated and the number of scheduled or completed events during that season (both segments) in the sport.

12.8.6.3.1.1 Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 12.8.4.2.7 shall apply to the percent calculation specified in this waiver. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 1/14/08, 7/31/14)*

12.9 U.S. Service Academy Exceptions, Special Eligibility Provisions.

12.9.1 Five-Year Rule. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the five-year rule (see Bylaw 12.8) for student-athletes of the national service academies who have exhausted eligibility in one sport but wish to compete in another sport or sports in which they have eligibility remaining. *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 7/31/14)*

12.9.2 Transfer Status. A student who has attended as a freshman (plebe) only in the official summer-enrollment program of one of the four national service academies is not considered a transfer in the application of the transfer regulations of Bylaw 14.5. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.10 Certification of Eligibility.

12.10.1 Institutional Responsibility for Eligibility Certification. The president or chancellor is responsible for approving the procedures for certifying the eligibility of an institution's student-athletes under NCAA legislation. The president or chancellor may designate an individual on the institution's staff to administer proper certification of eligibility. Certification of eligibility must occur prior to allowing a student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 14.01.1). A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify a student-athlete's eligibility prior to allowing him or her to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided all the necessary information to certify the student-athlete's eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition. *(Revised: 3/8/06, 1/14/08, 7/31/14)*

12.10.2 Squad-List Form. The institution's athletics director shall compile on a form approved by the Legislative Committee a list of the squad members in each sport on the first day of competition and shall indicate thereon the status of each member in the designated categories. A student-athlete's name must be on the official institutional form in order for the student to be eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility if the violation occurred due to an institutional administrative error or oversight and the student-athlete is subsequently added to the form; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (See Bylaw 15.5.11 for details about the administration of the squad list.) *(Revised: 1/14/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

12.11 Ineligibility.

12.11.1 Obligation of Member Institution to Withhold Student-Athlete From Competition. If a student-athlete is ineligible under the provisions of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the institution shall be obligated to apply immediately the applicable rule and to withhold the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility as provided in Bylaw 12.12 if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.11.2 Ineligibility Resulting From Recruiting Violation. An institution shall not enter a student-athlete (as an individual or as a member of a team) in any intercollegiate competition if it is acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's infractions process that the institution or representative(s) of its athletics interests violated the Association's legislation in the recruiting of the student-athlete. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility as provided in Bylaw 12.12 if it concludes that circumstances warrant restoration. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.11.2.1 Payment of Legal Fees During Appeal. [A] An institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for a prospective student-athlete to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the prospective student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the prospective student-athlete either has signed a National Letter of Intent with the institution or (if the institution is not a subscribing member of the National Letter of Intent program) the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for enrollment by the institution and has provided written confirmation of his or her intent to enroll at the institution. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests). *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.11.3 Application of Ineligibility Ruling Pending Appeal. Once an interpretation (per Constitution 5.4.1.2) applicable to a member institution has been issued and results in the ineligibility of a student-athlete, it is necessary for the institution to apply the rule to the eligibility of the student-athlete, even if review of the interpretation (per Constitution 5.4.1.2.1.1 or 5.4.1.2.2) at the request of the institution is pending. Failure to withhold such a student-athlete from competition is a violation of the conditions and obligations of membership. *(Revised: 12/22/08, 7/31/14)*

12.11.4 Ineligible Participation.

12.11.4.1 Loss of Eligibility. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition in a sport if he or she participates in intercollegiate competition in that sport while ineligible under this bylaw or other applicable NCAA legislation. The certifying institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration (see Bylaw 12.12). *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.12 Restoration of Eligibility.

12.12.1 Basis for Appeal. When a student-athlete is determined to be ineligible under any applicable provision of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the member institution, having applied the applicable rule and having withheld the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition, may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student's eligibility, provided the institution concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration of eligibility.

12.12.2 Participation in Appeal Hearing. Any appeal to restore a student-athlete's eligibility shall be submitted in the name of the institution by the president or chancellor (or an individual designated by the president or chancellor), faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator or athletics director (for the men's or women's program). At least one of those individuals must participate in any hearing of the appeal that involves direct participation by the student-athlete or other individuals representing the institution or the student. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 3/8/06, 7/31/14)*

12.12.3 Student Responsibility, Relationship to Restoration of Eligibility. A student-athlete is responsible for his or her involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations (as defined in Bylaw 19), and the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in any violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. The eligibility of a student-athlete involved in a major violation shall not be restored other than through an exception authorized by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a unique case on the basis of specifically stated reasons.

Recruiting

13.01 General Principles.

13.01.1 Eligibility Effects of Recruiting Violation. The recruitment of a student-athlete by a member institution or any representative of its athletics interests in violation of the Association's legislation, as acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's infractions process, shall result in the student-athlete becoming ineligible to represent that institution in intercollegiate athletics. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in such a violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. A student is responsible for his or her involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations during the student's recruitment, and involvement in a Level I or Level II violation (see Bylaws 19.1.1 and 19.1.2) may cause the student to become permanently ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition at that institution. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

13.01.2 Institutional Responsibility in Recruitment. A member of an institution's athletics staff or a representative of its athletics interests shall not recruit a prospective student-athlete except as permitted by this Association, the institution and the member conference, if any.

13.01.3 Additional Recruiting Restrictions. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that would require an institution or team that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to apply additional recruiting restrictions. The Committee on Academics shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances under which the additional restrictions apply (see Bylaw 14.8). *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/7/14)*

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

13.02.1 Business Day. A business day is any weekday that is not recognized as a national holiday, including any weekday during which an institution is closed for other reasons (e.g., holiday break). *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

13.02.2 Camps.

13.02.2.1 Diversified Sports Camp. A diversified sports camp is a camp that offers a balanced camping experience, including participation in seasonal summer sports and recreational activities, without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.

13.02.2.2 Specialized Sports Camp. A specialized sports camp is a camp that places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction.

13.02.3 Competition Site. The "competition site" is the facility in which athletics competition is actually conducted, including any dressing room or meeting facility used in conjunction with the competition.

13.02.4 Contact. A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged (e.g., staff member positions himself or herself in a location where contact is possible) or that takes place on the grounds of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of whether any conversation occurs. However, an institutional staff member or athletics representative who is approached by a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members at any location shall not use a contact, provided the encounter was not prearranged and the staff member or athletics representative does not engage in any dialogue in excess of a greeting and takes appropriate steps to immediately terminate the encounter. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 4/25/18)*

13.02.4.1 Evaluation Activities During Contact Period -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a visit to a prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school or two-year college, or an evaluation at any site that occurs during a contact period shall constitute a contact (for all prospective student-athletes in that sport at the educational institution) for that particular week even if no contact is made with a prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

13.02.5 Periods of Recruiting Activities.

13.02.5.1 Contact Period. A contact period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

13.02.5.2 Evaluation Period. An evaluation period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospective student-athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospective student-athlete during an evaluation period. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.02.5.3 Recruiting Period -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a recruiting period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

13.02.5.4 Quiet Period. A quiet period is a period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.02.5.5 Dead Period. A dead period is a period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institution's campus. It remains permissible, however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/11/94, 12/6/13, 10/30/14)*

13.02.5.5.1 Exception -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, an institutional coaching staff member may have incidental contact with a two-year college prospective student-athlete who is attending and being honored at the annual American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) awards banquet, provided no recruiting conversation occurs. **[D]** *(Adopted: 10/30/03, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.02.5.5.2 Exception -- After Commitment. Except for the application of Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2.1, a prospective student-athlete is no longer subject to the application of a dead period after one of the following events occurs: *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 11/25/13, 4/6/16, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 7/9/18)*

(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or

(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

In basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. In sports other than basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in applicable sport.

13.02.5.5.2.1 December and January Dead Period -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, it is not permissible for an institution to make an in-person, on- or off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the December and January dead period, even if the prospective student-athlete has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. However, it is permissible for the institution to make such contact with a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent with the institution or has arrived in the locale of the institution for initial full-time enrollment. *(Adopted: 4/6/16, Revised: 6/12/19)*

13.02.5.6 Recruiting Shutdown. A recruiting shutdown is a period of time when no form of recruiting (e.g., contacts, evaluations, official or unofficial visits, correspondence or making or receiving telephone calls) is permissible. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.02.6 Enrolled Student-Athlete. An enrolled student-athlete is an individual whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department.

13.02.7 Evaluation. Evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospective student-athlete, including any visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of a prospective student-athlete participating in any practice or competition at any site. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

13.02.7.1 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, any evaluation that occurs during a contact period by a coaching staff member is a countable contact per Bylaw 13.02.4.1 rather than a countable evaluation. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

13.02.7.2 Evaluation Days -- Football, Men's Golf, Women's Volleyball and Women's Beach Volleyball. An evaluation day is defined as one coach engaged in the evaluation of any prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight). Two coaches making evaluations on the same day shall use two evaluation days. See Bylaws 13.1.7.4.4, 13.1.7.9, 13.1.7.10 and 13.1.7.12. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/14/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.02.8 Family Member. A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the prospective student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the prospective student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. *(Adopted: 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.02.9 Recruiting-Person Days -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a recruiting-person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a men's basketball prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. Men's basketball staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days September 1 through May 31. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 3/28/07, 5/9/08, 4/26/17, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19)*

13.02.9.1 Exception -- After Commitment. Recruiting activity involving only a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission shall not be counted as a recruiting-person day. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.02.9.2 Tournament Application. Each day of a tournament or tier of a tournament in which a coach engages in off-campus evaluation activity shall count as a separate recruiting-person day. *(Adopted: 12/12/06)*

13.02.10 Recruiting-Person Days -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a recruiting-person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a women's basketball prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 3/27/07, 5/9/08, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/26/17, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.02.10.1 Exception -- After Commitment. Recruiting activity involving only a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission shall not be counted as a recruiting-person day. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.02.10.2 Tournament Application. Each day of a tournament or tier of a tournament in which a coach engages in off-campus evaluation activity shall count as a separate recruiting person day. *(Adopted: 12/12/06)*

13.02.11 Home. In general, a prospective student-athlete's "home" is the prospective student-athlete's legal residence, or the community of the educational institution in which the prospective student-athlete is enrolled while residing there.

13.02.12 National Letter of Intent. The National Letter of Intent referred to in this bylaw is the official document administered by the Collegiate Commissioners Association and used by subscribing member institutions to establish the commitment of a prospective student-athlete to attend a particular institution.

13.02.13 Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's family members or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier): *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, Adopted: 4/28/05, 1/17/09, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18, 1/23/19)*

(a) The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year (excluding summer);

(b) The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term;

(c) The individual participates in required summer athletic activities before his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution;

(d) The individual officially registers, enrolls and attends classes during the certifying institution's summer term prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; or

(e) The individual reports to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term.

13.02.13.1 Exception -- After Commitment. After an individual has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the individual shall no longer be subject to the restrictions of Bylaw 13.1. The individual remains a prospective student-athlete for purposes of applying the remaining provisions of Bylaw 13 and other bylaws. In basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. In sports other than basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 7/9/18)*

13.02.14 Recruiting. Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's family members by an institutional staff member or by a representative of the institution's athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospective student-athlete's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.02.14.1 Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete. Actions by staff members or athletics representatives that cause a prospective student-athlete to become a recruited prospective student-athlete at that institution are: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 12/13/05, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

(a) Providing the prospective student-athlete with an official visit;

(b) Having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members; or

(c) Issuing a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to the prospective student-athlete. Issuing a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete to attend a summer session prior to full-time enrollment does not cause the prospective student-athlete to become recruited.

13.02.15 Representative of Athletics Interests. A "representative of the institution's athletics interests" is an individual, independent agency, corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer) or other organization who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to: *(Revised: 2/16/00, 4/25/18)*

(a) Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program;

(b) Have made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;

(c) Be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;

(d) Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their family members; or

(e) Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics program.

13.02.15.1 Duration of Status. Once an individual, independent agency, corporate entity or other organization is identified as such a representative, the person, independent agency, corporate entity or other organization retains that identity indefinitely. *(Revised: 2/16/00)*

13.02.16 Significant Other. A significant other is a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.02.17 Telephone Calls. All electronically transmitted human voice exchange (including videoconferencing and videophones) shall be considered telephone calls. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 9/6/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.02.18 Visits by Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.02.18.1 Official Visit. An official visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit financed in whole or in part by the member institution.

13.02.18.2 Unofficial Visit. An unofficial visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit made at the prospective student-athlete's own expense. The provision of any expenses or entertainment valued at more than $100 by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall require the visit to become an official visit, except as permitted in Bylaws 13.5 and 13.7. *(Revised: 2/22/07, 5/9/08)*

13.02.19 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Basketball. In basketball, an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, or coaches at any point during the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the prospective student-athlete's athletic skills and abilities or the prospective student-athlete's recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution. This definition includes, but is not limited to family members, handlers, personal trainers and coaches. An individual who meets this definition retains such status during the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete at the institution. *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

13.02.20 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, or coaches at any point during the prospective student-athlete's participation in football, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the prospective student-athlete's athletic skills and abilities or the prospective student-athlete's recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution. This definition includes, but is not limited to, family members, handlers, personal trainers and coaches. An individual who meets this definition retains such status during the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete at the institution. *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations.

Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 6/13/08, 10/30/14)*

13.1.1 Contactable Individuals.

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her family members) before August 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 3/15/94, 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, 10/28/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05, 1/9/06, 2/26/07, 6/13/08, 4/30/09, 1/15/11, 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.1.1.1 Exception -- Baseball and Football. In baseball and football, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his family members) before July 1 following the completion of his junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of his senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/1/19)*

13.1.1.1.2 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his family members) before the opening day of his junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year during recruiting periods other than the April recruiting periods may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. During the April recruiting periods (including days of such a period in May) of a prospective student-athlete's junior year, contacts may occur at either the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. **[D]** *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, 5/7/19)*

13.1.1.1.3 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or her family members) before March 1 of her junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18, 1/22/20)*

13.1.1.1.4 Exception -- Lacrosse. In lacrosse, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her family members) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 10/30/14, 4/14/17, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.1.1.5 Exception -- Softball. In softball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or her family members) before September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18)*

13.1.1.2 Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- First Year of Enrollment -- Not a Qualifier. A prospective student-athlete who was not a qualifier as defined in Bylaw 14.02.13.1 and who is in his or her first year of full-time enrollment (first two semesters or three quarters) at a two-year college may not be contacted in person on an institution's campus for recruiting purposes. Off-campus contact with such a prospective student-athlete may only occur at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. *(Revised: 10/30/14, 4/16/15, 5/1/19)*

13.1.1.3 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA Division I institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division II or Division III institution, or an NAIA four-year collegiate institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the rule of the applicable division or the NAIA rule for making contact with a student-athlete. [See Bylaw 19.1.2-(f).] *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/26/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 10/30/14, 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.1 Notification of Transfer. A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing his or her institution with a written notification of transfer at any time. The student-athlete's institution shall enter his or her information into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete. **[D]** *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.2 Written Policies. An institution shall have written policies related to the implications of a student-athlete providing written notification of transfer, including a description of services and benefits (e.g., academic support services, access to athletics facilities) that will or will not be provided to a student-athlete upon receipt of notification. Such policies shall be published and generally available to student-athletes (e.g., student-athlete handbook, institution's website). *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.3 Student-Athlete Withdrawn From Four-Year College. An institution may contact a student-athlete who has withdrawn officially from a four-year collegiate institution without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process only if at least one academic year has elapsed since the withdrawal. *(Revised: 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.3.1 Exception -- Official Religious Mission. An institution shall not contact a student-athlete who has begun service on an official religious mission without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process if the student-athlete signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) and attended the institution with which he or she signed the NLI as a full-time student. If such a student-athlete has completed his or her official religious mission and does not enroll full time in a collegiate institution within one calendar year of completion of the mission, an institution may contact the student-athlete without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 4/2/10, 10/30/14, 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.4 Transfer From Institution Placed on Probation by Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel. It is not necessary for an institution to obtain authorization through the notification of transfer process to recruit a student-athlete at an institution that has been placed on probation with sanctions that preclude it from competing in postseason competition during the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility. However, the student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment and may establish reasonable restrictions related to the contact (e.g., no visits during class time), provided such restrictions do not preclude the opportunity for the student-athlete to discuss transfer possibilities with the other institution [see Bylaw 14.7.2-(c)]. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/30/14, 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18)*

13.1.1.3.5 Transfer From Institution Ineligible for Postseason Competition -- Academic Performance Program. On approval by the Committee on Academics, an institution may contact a student-athlete at another institution whose team is ineligible for postseason competition during the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility due to sanctions pursuant to the Academic Performance Program, without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. The student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment and may establish reasonable restrictions related to the contact (e.g., no visits during class time), provided such restrictions do not preclude the opportunity for the student-athlete to discuss transfer possibilities with the other institution [see Bylaw 14.7.2-(d)]. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.6 Transfer While Ineligible Due to Positive Drug Test. If a student-athlete who is declared ineligible due to a positive drug test administered by the NCAA transfers to another NCAA institution, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred must notify the new institution of the student-athlete's ineligibility (see Bylaw 18.4.1.4.4). **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters.

13.1.2.1 General Rule. All in-person, on- and off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members shall be made only by authorized institutional staff members. Such contact, as well as correspondence and telephone calls, by representatives of an institution's athletics interests is prohibited except as otherwise permitted in this section. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.2.1.1 Off-Campus Recruiters. An institutional staff member is not permitted to recruit off campus until he or she has been certified on an annual basis as to knowledge of applicable recruiting rules per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/27/00)*

13.1.2.2 General Exceptions. This regulation is not applicable to: *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/11/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/12, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

(a) **Admissions Program.** Off-campus recruiting contacts made by an institution's regular admissions program representative and directed at all prospective students including nonathletes.

(b) **Coach Who Is Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Member.** Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member who is a family member of a participant in any activity being observed (e.g., practices, contests or camps), provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such activity does not involve any personal contact with any other participating prospective student-athlete.

(c) **Significant Other of Prospective Student-Athlete's Coach.** Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member observing a contest that involves prospective student-athletes coached by his or her significant other, provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such a contest does not involve any personal contact with any prospective student-athlete participating in the contest.

(d) **Established Family Friend/Neighbor.** Contacts made with a prospective student-athlete by an established family friend or neighbor, it being understood that such contacts are not made for recruiting purposes and are not initiated by a member of an institution's coaching staff.

(e) **Significant Other of Staff Member.**

(1) **On Campus.** A significant other of an institutional staff member on campus.

(2) **Off Campus during Official Visit.** A significant other of an athletics department staff member during a prospective student-athlete's official visit and within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.

(f) **Interpreter.** An interpreter present during an institution's in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members, provided that if the institution is involved in making the arrangements for the use of the interpreter, the interpreter must be a faculty member or a professional interpreter. It is not permissible for the interpreter to be an enrolled student-athlete, a family member of an enrolled student-athlete or a representative of the institution's athletics interests.

(g) **Unavoidable Incidental Contact.** An unavoidable incidental contact made with a prospective student-athlete by representatives of the institution's athletics interests, provided the contact is not prearranged by the representative or an athletics department staff member, does not take place on the grounds of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or at the sites of organized competition and practice involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's team (high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team), is not made for the purpose of recruitment of the prospective student-athlete, and involves only normal civility.

(h) **Family Members of Enrolled Student-Athletes.** On-campus contacts between a prospective student-athlete or his or her family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete and the family members of an enrolled student-athlete.

(i) **Former Student-Athletes.** On-campus contacts between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete, his or her family members and/or other individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete.

13.1.2.3 General Restrictions -- Staff Members and Governing Board. The following are additional restrictions that apply to an institution's staff members and governing board. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/27/00, Adopted: 1/16/10, 4/13/10, 4/29/10, 7/31/13, 4/25/18)*

(a) **Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities.** A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (except a staff member who only performs clerical duties) shall not attend an on- or off-campus athletics event in the staff member's sport that involves prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school contest, noninstitutional sports camp) unless the staff member is a family member of a participant in the activity. A staff member who is a family member of a participant may attend such an event, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Attendance shall not be for evaluation purposes (the staff member shall not provide information related to the performance of a prospective student-athlete back to the institution's coaching staff); and

(2) The staff member shall not have direct contact with a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's family members or coach (other than the family member, if applicable) participating in the activity.

(b) **Board of Governors/Regents.** Recruiting contacts on or off campus between a member of the institution's board of governors (or regents) and a prospective student-athlete are not permissible.

13.1.2.4 Other Restrictions, Athletics Representatives. The following are additional restrictions that apply to athletics representatives: **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

(a) **Telephone Conversation.** An athletics representative of a member institution may speak to a prospective student-athlete via the telephone only if the prospective student-athlete initiates the telephone conversation and the call is not for recruiting purposes. Under such circumstances, the representative must refer questions about the institution's athletics program to the athletics department staff;

(b) **Observing Prospective Student-Athlete's Contest.** An athletics representative may view a prospective student-athlete's athletics contest on his or her own initiative, subject to the understanding that the athletics representative may not contact the prospective student-athlete on such occasions;

(c) **Evaluation of Prospective Student-Athlete.** An athletics representative may not contact a prospective student-athlete's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospective student-athlete; and

(d) **Visiting Prospective Student-Athlete's Institution.** An athletics representative may not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution to pick up film/videotape or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's academic eligibility or athletics ability.

13.1.2.5 Off-Campus Contacts or Evaluations. Only those coaches who are identified by the institution, in accordance with Bylaws 11.7.4.2, 11.7.5.2 and 11.7.6, may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. Institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members) may contact prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes in all sports, on campus, within one mile of campus boundaries during an unofficial visit or within 30 miles of campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/5/04, 5/26/06, 7/31/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.1.2.6 Head Coach Restrictions -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS]

13.1.2.6.1 Assistant Coach Publicly Designated as Institution's Next Head Coach. [FBS] An institution's assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become its next head coach shall be subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach. *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

13.1.2.6.2 Off-Campus Contact. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, the head coach may make in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members only during one calendar day. It is permissible for this contact to occur both at the site of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution and away from the institutional grounds. During such contact, the head coach may be accompanied by assistant coaches, who otherwise are required to observe the restrictions contained in the bylaws. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 8/5/04, 12/15/06, 4/25/18)*

13.1.2.6.3 Spring Evaluation Period. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period, the head coach (and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach) shall not engage in off-campus recruiting activities, participate in an off-campus coaching clinic, visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution for any reason, meet with a prospective student-athlete's coach at an off-campus location, or attend or speak at a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school awards banquet, high school all-star banquet). In addition, the head coach (or any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach) shall not make an in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period at any location, even if the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-

athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/08, Revised: 1/17/09, 10/20/14, 10/30/14, 9/29/15)*

13.1.2.7 Student-Athletes and Other Enrolled Students. The following conditions apply to recruiting activities involving enrolled student-athletes and other enrolled students: **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 5/29/08, 4/26/12, 6/23/15)*

(a) **Off-Campus Contacts.** Off-campus in-person contact between an enrolled student-athlete (or an enrolled student) and a prospective student-athlete is permissible, provided such contact does not occur at the direction of an institutional staff member.

(b) **Transportation and Expenses.** An institution may not provide an enrolled student-athlete (or enrolled student) with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospective student-athlete except for those expenses specified in Bylaw 13.6.7.5 when the student-athlete serves as a student host.

(c) **Written Correspondence.** It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete (or enrolled student) to engage in written correspondence, provided it is not done at the direction or expense of the member institution.

13.1.2.8 Talent Scout. An institution may not pay any costs incurred by an athletics talent scout or a representative of its athletics interests in studying or recruiting prospective student-athletes. An institution may not provide any such person a fee or honorarium and thereby claim the person as a staff member entitled to expense money. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.1.2.8.1 Employment Prohibition. An institution may not employ an individual for the primary purpose of recruiting or evaluating prospective student-athletes and designate the individual as a coach if he or she does not reside in the institution's general locale. Such an individual would be considered an athletics talent scout rather than a regular institutional staff member. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.2.8.2 Expense Prohibition. An institution may not pay expenses (other than meals provided in the institution's home community) for representatives of its athletics interests to visit its campus for the purpose of becoming familiar with the institution's academic and athletics programs and campus facilities in order to represent the institution better when recruiting prospective student-athletes. The provision of such expenses would be considered payment of costs incurred by athletics talent scouts. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or his or her family members) may not be made before June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school (subject to the exceptions below). Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/22/98, 4/26/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06, 6/13/08, 1/15/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.1.1 Exception -- Baseball, Women's Basketball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, women's basketball, lacrosse and softball, telephone calls to an individual (or his or her family members) may not be made before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), telephone calls to the individual (or his or her family members) may not be made before the opening day of classes of his or her junior year of high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.1.1.1 Additional Restrictions -- Women's Basketball -- July Evaluation Periods. In women's basketball, during the July evaluation periods, all communication with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, the prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.1.2 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, one telephone call to an individual (or the individual's family members) may be made from April 15 through May 31 of the individual's junior year in high school. Additional telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before September 1 of the beginning of the individual's senior year in high school. Thereafter, such telephone contact is limited to once per week outside a contact period, but may be made at the institution's discretion during a contact period. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94 effective 3/15/94, 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, 10/28/97, 1/8/07, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.1.2.1 Application of Telephone Call Limitations. Once an institution reaches the limit on telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) for a

particular time period, the institution may not initiate an additional telephone call during the same time period, even if no direct conversation occurs during the additional call (e.g., voicemail message). **[D]** *(Adopted: 12/13/05, Revised: 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.1.3 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), telephone calls to the individual (or his or her family members) may not be made before the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete at its discretion. **[D]** *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 10/27/11 effective 6/15/12, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.1.3.1 Telephone Calls to "1-900" Numbers -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution shall not place a telephone call to a "1-900" number connected to a prospective student-athlete or an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. **[D]** *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.3.1.4 Exception -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an institution is permitted to make telephone calls to an individual (or his family members) at its discretion beginning January 1 of his sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 1/18/14, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.1.5 Exception -- Telephone Calls to a Prospective Student-Athlete's Coach who is the Family Member of a Prospective Student-Athlete. Telephone calls may be placed at the institution's discretion to a prospective student-athlete's coach who is the family member of a prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

13.1.3.2.1 During Conduct of Athletics Contest. Telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) may not be made during the conduct of any of the institution's intercollegiate athletics contests in that sport from the time the institution's team reports on call at the competition site at the direction of the coach until the competition has concluded and the team has been dismissed by the coach. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 1/8/09, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by an Individual at His or Her Expense -- Baseball, Basketball and Football. In baseball, basketball and football, institutional staff members may receive telephone calls placed by an individual at the individual's expense at any time. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95, 8/14/02, 12/12/06, 4/26/12, 4/14/17, 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.2.3 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Sports Other than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse, Men's Ice Hockey and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, men's ice hockey and softball, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or his or her family members) before June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.2.4 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Lacrosse and Softball. In lacrosse and softball, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or his or her family members) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/14/17, Revised: 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.2.5 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or his family members) before January 1 at the beginning of his sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.3 Exceptions.

13.1.3.3.1 Official-Visit Exception. Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying him or her) during the five days immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's official visit (per Bylaw 13.6) and during the official visit. If more than the otherwise permissible number of calls occur under this exception and a scheduled official visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such calls shall not be considered institutional violations. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01, 12/12/06, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 1/23/19)*

13.1.3.3.2 Unofficial-Visit Exception. Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying him or her) beginning the day immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's unofficial visit (per Bylaw 13.7) until the conclusion of the visit. If more than the

otherwise permissible number of calls or if otherwise impermissible calls occur under this exception and a scheduled unofficial visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such calls shall not be considered institutional violations. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 1/23/19)*

13.1.3.3.3 Letter-of-Intent Signing-Date Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the initial date for the signing of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 12/12/06)*

13.1.3.3.3.1 Football Exception. [FBS/FCS] In football, institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospective student-athletes starting the Sunday before until 48 hours after 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 12/12/06, 12/15/06, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)*

13.1.3.3.4 Off-Campus Contact Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the day a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact occurs with the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 12/12/06)*

13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.

13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members -- General Rule. All telephone calls made to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members or coaches) must be made by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6 (see Bylaw 11.7.2). In football, women's rowing and swimming and diving, such telephone calls also may be made by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 5/26/06, 12/12/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/12, 10/30/14, 1/19/18, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.4.1.1 Exceptions -- Before Commitment. Before a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, the following institutional staff members may make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) as specified: *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/14/97, 6/8/99, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 3/8/06, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/24/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

(a) **President or Chancellor/Faculty Athletics Representative/Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator.** It is permissible for an institution's chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, director of athletics and senior woman administrator to return (as opposed to initiate) telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members). Under such circumstances, there are no restrictions on the content of the conversation that may occur during the call; however, any return call is subject to any applicable limitations on the number of telephone calls that an institution may place to a prospective student-athlete.

(b) **Academic Advisors.** It is permissible for academic advisors (including academic advisors within the athletics department) to make calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) related to admissions or academic issues, subject to any applicable limitation on the number of telephone calls an institution may place to a prospective student-athlete.

(c) **Compliance Administrators.** It is permissible for a compliance administrator to make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) with no limit on the timing or number of such telephone calls, provided the calls relate only to compliance issues.

(d) **Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit.** A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the five days immediately preceding the official visit and during the official visit.

(e) **Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- Telephone Calls in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit.** A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a

prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit.

13.1.3.5 Nonpermissible Callers.

13.1.3.5.1 Representatives of Athletics Interests. Representatives of an institution's athletics interests (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.14) are prohibited from making telephonic communications with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.5.1.1 Prospective Student-Athlete Initiates Call. An athletics representative of a member institution may speak to a prospective student-athlete via the telephone only if the prospective student-athlete initiates the telephone conversation and the call is not for recruiting purposes. Under such circumstances, the representative must refer questions about the institution's athletics program to the athletics department staff. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.3.5.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. Enrolled student-athletes or other enrolled students shall not make or participate in telephone calls to prospective student-athletes at the direction of a coaching staff member or financed by the institution or a representative of its athletics interests; however, they may receive telephone calls at the expense of the prospective student-athlete on or after the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete. An enrolled student-athlete may receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospective student-athlete prior to the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete, provided there is no direct or indirect involvement by athletics department staff. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14)*

13.1.3.5.2.1 Admissions Program Exception. Telephone calls made by enrolled students (excluding student-athletes) pursuant to an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91)*

13.1.3.6 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls. Institutional staff members may accept collect and toll-free (e.g., 1-800, 1-888) telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members, provided the calls are placed not earlier than the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/12/06, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.7 Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. Telephone calls to an individual (or his or her family members or coach) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) are not subject to the restrictions on telephone calls, provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs during such calls. *(Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.1.4 Visit to Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. Visits to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution that will occur during that portion of the day when classes are being conducted for all students must receive the approval of the executive officer (or the executive officer's designated representative) of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. A coaching staff member may not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during a dead period. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 12/6/13, 10/30/14)*

13.1.4.1 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, institutional staff members may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on not more than one calendar day during a particular week within a recruiting period that occurs during the academic year, regardless of the number of prospective student-athletes enrolled in the institution or whether any prospective student-athlete is contacted on that day. During the April evaluation periods, if a nonscholastic event occurs at the educational institution of a participating prospective student-athlete, institutional staff members may visit the prospective student-athlete's educational institution on not more than one calendar day during a particular week (see Bylaw 13.1.4.4). During the June and July evaluation periods, there are no limitations on the number of times an institutional staff member may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution. *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14, 10/17/19, 7/13/20)*

13.1.4.1.1 Tournament Exception. In men's basketball, visiting a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on consecutive days during a particular week to observe a tournament or tier of a tournament shall count as a single visit (see Bylaws 13.1.7.13 and 13.1.7.13.1). *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

13.1.4.2 Football and Women's Basketball. In football and women's basketball, institutional staff members may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on not more than one calendar day during a particular week within a contact period, regardless of the number of prospective student-athletes enrolled in the institution or whether any prospective student-athlete is contacted on that day. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14, 10/17/19)*

13.1.4.2.1 Visits During Contact Period -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, one contact per prospective student-athlete is permitted during each week of the contact period as specified in Bylaw 13.17.5 either at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or any other location (e.g., prospective student-athlete's home). A visit to the prospective student-athlete's educational institution and any other location (e.g., prospective student-athlete's home) during the same calendar day shall be considered one contact. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 12/15/06, 10/30/14)*

13.1.4.2.2 Visits During Evaluation Period -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, not more than two coaches per institution may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on any one calendar day during an evaluation period. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/29/10, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.4.2.3 Visits During Evaluation Period -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, institutional staff members may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on not more than one calendar day during a particular week within an evaluation period that occurs during the academic year. During the July evaluation period, there are no limitations on the number of times an institutional staff member may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 8/12/97, 9/15/97, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14, 10/17/19)*

13.1.4.2.3.1 Tournament Exception. In women's basketball, visiting a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on consecutive days during a particular week to observe a tournament or tier of a tournament shall count as a single visit (see Bylaws 13.1.7.13 and 13.1.7.13.1). *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

13.1.4.3 Multiple-Sport Athlete -- Basketball or Football. If a prospective student-athlete is a multisport athlete being recruited by the same institution for more than one sport, one of which is football or basketball, all staff members from the same institution are permitted only one visit per week to the prospective student-athlete's educational institution, and all visits must take place on the same day of the week. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14)*

13.1.4.4 Competition Not Involving Educational Institution Visited -- Basketball and Football. An institution does not use its one visit per week to an educational institution if the coach observes competition between prospective student-athletes who do not attend that institution and the coach does not engage in recruitment activities with any prospective student-athlete who attends the institution where the competition is being conducted. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

13.1.5 Contacts.

13.1.5.1 Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse and softball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). Beginning August 1 at the start of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities per year may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 3/10/04, 1/9/06, 1/18/14, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/16/18, 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18, 4/25/18, 5/1/19, 7/7/20)*

13.1.5.2 Baseball. In baseball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). During the senior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/1/19)*

13.1.5.3 Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, each institution shall be limited to six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospective student-athlete at any site and shall include contacts made with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 12/15/06, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

13.1.5.4 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. Men's basketball staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days September 1 through May 31. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/9/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/12, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19)*

13.1.5.4.1 Exception -- April Evaluation Periods. An evaluation made during an April evaluation period shall not count as a recruiting opportunity. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.1.5.5 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation on recruiting-person days. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 3/10/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/9/08, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.1.5.5.1 Contact With Family Member Who Serves as Nonscholastic Coach. In-person off-campus contact with a family member of a prospective student-athlete who serves on the staff of his or her daughter's nonscholastic team shall count as a contact, unless the family member also serves as a head coach of his or her daughter's scholastic team and the contact is unrelated to recruitment of his or her daughter. *(Revised: 10/17/05, 4/25/18)*

13.1.5.5.2 Additional Restrictions -- July Evaluation Periods. In women's basketball, during the July evaluation periods, all communication with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, the prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.5.6 Lacrosse and Softball. In lacrosse and softball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). Beginning September 1 at the start of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts each year, including contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members. A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/16/18, 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.5.7 Counting Contacts and Evaluations. Evaluations that occur September 1 through May 31 count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities, except for evaluations that occur on the same day as a permissible contact (see Bylaw 13.1.5.4.1). From June 1 through August 31, evaluations do not count against the annual number of recruiting opportunities. Contacts (see Bylaw 13.02.4) count against the permissible number of total recruiting opportunities regardless of the time period. All contacts and evaluations are subject to recruiting calendar restrictions. *(Revised: 10/30/12, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17)*

13.1.5.8 On Same Day. Any number of contacts made during the same day (defined as 12:01 a.m. to midnight) shall count as one contact. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

13.1.5.9 Letter-of-Intent Signing. Any in-person, off-campus contact made with a prospective student-athlete for the purpose of signing a letter of intent or other commitment to attend the institution or attendance at activities related to the signing of a letter of intent or other commitment to attend the institution shall be prohibited. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 10/30/14)*

13.1.5.9.1 Delivery of Letter of Intent. In-person, off-campus delivery of a letter of intent by an institutional staff member shall be prohibited. The letter may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail, electronic mail or facsimile machine. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 11/22/04, 10/30/14)*

13.1.5.10 Post-High School Contacts. In sports other than men's basketball, the contact limitations apply to the period before October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school and the period beginning October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. In men's basketball, an institution shall be limited to three contacts with a prospective student-athlete beginning October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school, even if the institution did not use all its recruiting opportunities for the prospective student-athlete in the previous year. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/90, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14, 6/22/15, 4/13/17)*

13.1.6 Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites.

13.1.6.1 Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. Any staff member desiring to contact a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school or two-year college first shall obtain permission for such contact from that institution's executive officer (or the executive officer's authorized representative). Contact may be made only when such permission is granted. Institutions also are bound by this provision when recruiting international prospective student-athletes. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/28/16)*

13.1.6.1.1 No Contact When Classes are in Session -- Basketball. In basketball, contact may not be made during the time of the day when classes are in session. For two-year colleges that conduct classes throughout the day, contact may not be made until after 4 p.m. local time and the prospective student-athlete shall not miss class for such contact. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/16)*

13.1.6.2 Contact With Prospective Student-Athletes Involved in Competition. *(Revised: 7/17/20)*

13.1.6.2.1 Sports Other Than Basketball. In sports other than basketball, in-person contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete at any site prior to any athletics competition (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant on a day of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. In-person contact may occur after the prospective student-athlete's competition concludes for the day and the prospective student-athlete has been released by the appropriate authority (e.g., coach). *(Adopted: 5/1/19, Revised: 7/17/20)*

13.1.6.2.2 Basketball. In basketball, in-person contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members on a day of athletics competition (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant , even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. If a prospective student-athlete reports on call (at the discretion of his or her coach or comparable authority) and becomes involved in competition-related activity (e.g., traveling to an away from-home game) prior to the day of competition, in-person contact may not be made with the prospective student-athlete from the time he or she reports on call until the day after the end of competition and he or she has been released by the appropriate institutional authority. Such contact shall be governed by the following: **[D]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 7/1/96, 4/3/02, 4/24/03, 3/23/06, 12/12/06, 9/18/07, 1/15/14, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 5/1/19, 7/17/20)*

(a) In-person contact is permitted with a prospective student-athlete involved in a tournament that is not conducted on consecutive days, provided the contact occurs on a day in which the prospective student-athlete does not participate in competition and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority ;

(b) In-person contact with a prospective student-athlete who is on an extended road trip (e.g., traveling with a team from one contest or event to another), is permitted the day after competition and prior to the commencement of travel to the next competition, provided he or she has been released by the appropriate institutional authority ;

(c) In men's basketball, communication with a prospective student-athlete's coach or any other individual associated with the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited during the time period in which the prospective student-athlete is participating in a certified event, June scholastic event, National Basketball Players Association Top 100 Camp, USA Basketball Junior National Team Minicamp or NCAA College Basketball Academy; however, an institutional coaching staff member may communicate (but not have in-person contact) with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members or the prospective student-athlete's high school coach (or high school administrator) during the time period in which the prospective student-athlete is participating in those events; and

(d) In women's basketball, during the July evaluation periods, all communication with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, the prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited.

13.1.6.2.3 Approved Events. It is permissible for athletics staff members who are responsible for conducting an approved athletics event (see Bylaw 13.11.3) involving prospective student-athletes to come in normal contact with participants; however, under no circumstances may recruitment take place.

13.1.6.2.4 Athletics Events Outside Contact or Recruiting Period -- Football and Basketball. In-person contact with a prospective student-athlete shall not be made on or off the institution's campus at the site of practice or competition for any athletics event in which the prospective student-athlete participates outside the permissible contact or recruiting periods in football and basketball. When a prospective student-athlete in football or basketball participates in an athletics contest or event (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) on an institution's campus outside a contact or recruiting period, it is not permissible for an authorized institutional staff member to have contact with the prospective student-athlete until the calendar day following his or her release from the contest or event. Further, if a prospective student-athlete is visiting an institution's campus immediately before or after participating in an athletics contest or event on the institution's campus, the prospective student-athlete must depart the locale of the institution the calendar day before or after the contest or event. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/3/02, 6/1/07, 10/30/14)*

13.1.6.2.5 All-Star Contests -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, in-person contact with a prospective student-athlete who is participating in an all-star contest shall not be made from the time the prospective student-athlete arrives in the locale of the contest until he returns to his home or to his educational institution. **[D]** *(Adopted: 10/30/13, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.6.2.6 Contact by Student-Athletes and Other Enrolled Students. Contact between an enrolled student-athlete (or an enrolled student) and a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's practice or competition site is not permissible if it occurs at the direction of an institutional staff member (see Bylaw 13.1.2.7). **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/23/15)*

13.1.6.3 Bowl Games. During a dead period, a prospective student-athlete may attend an institution's bowl game practice session at the bowl site, provided the practice is open to the general public and the prospective student-athlete observes the practice only from an area reserved for that purpose for the general public. No contact between the prospective student-athlete and institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests may occur. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 5/27/11, 10/30/14)*

13.1.7 Evaluations.

13.1.7.1 Visit (Without Contact) to Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. A visit (without contact) by a coaching staff member to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution counts as an evaluation for all prospective student-athletes in that sport at that educational institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.7.1.1 Competition Not Involving Educational Institution Visited. A member institution does not use an evaluation for prospective student-athletes at an educational institution if the coach observes competition at that institution between prospective student-athletes who do not attend that institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

13.1.7.2 Evaluations Are Sport Specific. The limitations on the number of evaluations in Bylaw 13.1.7 are sport specific. Therefore, a prospective student-athlete being earnestly recruited [see Bylaw 15.5.9.7.1-(d)] by an institution in more than one sport may be evaluated on the permissible number of occasions in each of those sports during the academic year. Evaluations are counted against the sport of the coach making the evaluation. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.7.2.1 Recruiting Opportunities in Cross Country and Track and Field. An institution is limited to a total of seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year during which the prospective student-athlete competes in any or all of the sports of cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, provided not more than three of the opportunities are contacts. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 4/22/98)*

13.1.7.3 Evaluations -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be contacts (see Bylaws 13.1.5.1 and 13.1.5.7). **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 1/9/06, 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.3.1 Evaluations During Contact Periods -- Women's Lacrosse. Evaluations of live athletics activities during a contact period shall be limited to: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/8/16 effective 9/1/16)*

(a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; and

(b) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur.

13.1.7.4 Evaluations -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, institutional staff members shall be limited to three evaluations during the academic year during which the prospective student-athlete competes or practices on any team. Not more than one evaluation may be used during the fall evaluation period and not more than two evaluations may be used during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period. An authorized off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's academic qualifications during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on the same day during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period, the institution shall be charged with the use of an academic evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospective student-athlete on a separate day during the evaluation period. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03)*

13.1.7.4.1 Head Coach Restriction -- Spring Evaluation Period. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period, the head coach [and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach (see Bylaw 13.1.2.6.1)] shall not engage in off-campus recruiting activities, participate in an off-campus coaching clinic, visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution for any reason, meet with a prospective student-athlete's coach at an off-campus locations, or attend or

speak at a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school awards banquet, high school all-star banquet). In addition, the head coach (and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach) shall not make an in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period at any location, even if the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/08, Revised: 1/17/09, 1/16/10, 10/20/14, 10/30/14, 9/29/15)*

13.1.7.4.2 Time Period for Counting Football Evaluations. [FBS/FCS] In football, the time period during which the three permissible evaluations may take place shall be from April 15 through April 14 of the following academic year. *(Adopted: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.4.3 Limitations on the Number of Spring Evaluations. [FBS/FCS] In football, institutional staff members shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than two calendar days during the spring evaluation period. A visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution that only includes contact with a signed prospective student-athlete during the spring evaluation period shall be considered one of the institution's two permissible days at that institution. **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.4.4 Evaluation Days. [FBS/FCS] In football, each institution is limited to 42 (54 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the fall evaluation period and 168 (216 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days during the spring evaluation period. **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.4.5 Scholastic and Nonscholastic Activities -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, all live athletics evaluations shall be limited to: *(Adopted: 6/16/15)*

(a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests and practices;

(b) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur; or

(c) Events, other than all-star contests and associated activities (e.g., practice, banquets, coaches clinics, etc.), that are organized and conducted solely by the applicable state high school athletics association, state preparatory school association or state or national junior college athletics association.

13.1.7.4.5.1 Other Evaluation Events -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institutional staff member shall not attend a recruiting event (other than those permitted pursuant to Bylaw 13.1.7.4.5) in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available. **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.4.6 Scholastic and Nonscholastic Activities -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, live athletics evaluations may be conducted at scholastic or nonscholastic athletics activities, except for all-star contests and associated activities other than practice (e.g., banquets, coaches clinics, etc.), provided there is no institutional involvement in arranging or directing such activities. An institutional staff member may attend a recruiting event (other than a permissible live athletics event) in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available. **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/16/15, Revised: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.1.7.4.7 All-Star Contests -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institutional staff member shall not attend an all-star contest or other activities associated with such a contest (e.g., practice, banquets, coaches clinics, etc.). **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/16/15, Revised: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.1.7.4.8 All-Star Contest -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institutional staff member shall not attend an all-star contest or activities, other than practice, associated with such a contest (e.g., banquet, coaches clinics, etc.). **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.1.7.5 Evaluations -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4, 13.1.5.4.1, 13.1.5.7 and 13.1.5.10). Men's basketball coaching staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days September 1 through May 31. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/9/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/12, 6/16/15, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19)*

13.1.7.5.1 Academic Year Recruiting Periods. Evaluations of live athletics activities during the academic year recruiting periods shall be limited to: **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

(a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; and

(b) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur.

13.1.7.5.2 April Evaluation Periods. Evaluations of live athletics activities during the April evaluation periods shall be limited to nonscholastic events that are certified per Bylaw 13.18. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.5.3 June Evaluation Periods. During the June evaluation periods, evaluations of live athletics activities are limited to: **[D]** *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, Revised: 10/3/18 effective 4/1/19, 10/18/19)*

(a) Scholastic and intercollegiate events that:

(1) Are approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations, the NCAA (for events conducted by scholastic associations that are not members of the National Federation of State High School Associations) or an applicable two-year college governing body (NJCAA, CCCAA, NWAC);

(2) For events involving high school prospective student-athletes, are organized and conducted exclusively by the applicable state high school athletics association and/or state high school basketball coaches association (or if there is no state high school basketball coaches association, the state high school coaches association) or the applicable scholastic association that is not a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations. For events involving two-year college prospective student-athletes, are organized and conducted exclusively by the applicable two-year college governing body and/or two-year college coaches association; and

(3) Occur at an educational institution (e.g., middle school, high school, two-year or four-year collegiate institution) other than an NCAA Division I institution.

(b) Two days of the National Basketball Players Association Top 100 Camp.

13.1.7.5.4 July Evaluation Periods. During the July evaluation periods and subject to additional recruiting calendar restrictions (see Bylaw 13.17.2), a member of an institution's basketball coaching staff may attend institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1, noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 13.18, noninstitutional organized events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body and are not organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose (e.g., intrastate and interstate high school basketball games, state high school all-star games, international competitions and practices associated with such contests) and the NCAA College Basketball Academy. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, 12/14/18)*

13.1.7.5.4.1 Practice in Preparation for a Certified Event. An institutional coaching staff member may attend organized team practices in preparation for a certified event, provided such practice time has been designated by the organizer as part of the event. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.5.4.2 Events Organized and Conducted for Recruiting Purposes. A coaching staff member shall not attend events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body but are organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose, unless such events are certified per Bylaw 13.18. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.5.5 NBA Draft Combine. Evaluations conducted at the National Basketball Association (NBA) Draft Combine are not included in the 130 recruiting-person days. *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.5.6 National Team Activities.

13.1.7.5.6.1 Team Coached by Division I Coach. A coaching staff member may attend a live organized athletic activity (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 national team), outside an evaluation or recruiting period, provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball). **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 4/1/19)*

13.1.7.5.6.2 Summer USA Basketball Junior National Team Minicamp. During June, July and August, a coaching staff member's attendance at a USA Basketball Junior National Team minicamp is not subject to the restrictions of the men's basketball recruiting calendar. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 4/1/19)*

13.1.7.5.7 Regional Championships Approved, Sponsored or Conducted by FIBA. A coaching staff member may attend regional championships (e.g., FIBA U18 European Championship, FIBA Americas U18 Championship, etc.) that are approved, sponsored or conducted by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) outside permissible recruiting and evaluation periods. A coaching staff member may attend organized practices associated with such events, provided the practice time has been designated as part of the event by the event organizer. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 6/28/17)*

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaws 13.1.5.5 and 13.1.5.7). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation on recruiting-person days. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/9/08, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 6/15/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.1.7.6.1 Evaluation Periods Other Than July. Evaluations of live athletics activities outside of July shall be limited to: **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

(a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices;

(b) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur; and

(c) Evaluations at certified nonscholastic events (per Bylaw 13.18) during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend in April and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend of May.

13.1.7.6.1.1 National Standardized Testing Weekends. Evaluations at nonscholastic events during evaluation periods other than July shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered. If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered during the third weekend in April, the nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April. *(Revised: 6/16/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.1.7.6.2 July Evaluation Period. During the July evaluation period, an institutional coaching staff member may attend institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1 and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 13.18. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15, 4/25/18)*

13.1.7.6.3 On-Campus Events. Evaluations at nonscholastic events and noninstitutional camps or clinics that occur on a Division I campus are prohibited. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.6.4 Practice in Preparation for a Certified Event. An institutional coaching staff member may attend organized team practices in preparation for a certified event, provided such practice time has been designated by the organizer as part of the event. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.6.5 Events Not Subject to Certification Program. During any contact or evaluation period, an institutional coaching staff member may attend noninstitutional organized events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body and are not organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose (e.g., intrastate and interstate high school basketball games, state high school all-star games, international competitions and practices associated with such contests). A coaching staff member shall not attend events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body but are organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose, unless such events are certified per Bylaw 13.19. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.6.6 National Team Activities and Regional Championships. During quiet and dead periods, 10 of the 112 permissible recruiting-person days may be used at the following: *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 4/25/18 effective immediately for national team and regional championship evaluations; 8/1/18 for counting recruiting person days., 7/3/19)*

(a) **National Team Activities.** Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend any live organized athletic activity (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, intra-squad competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 national team) provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) or has a Division I coach involved (e.g., floor coach, selection committee member, evaluator) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball); and

(b) **Regional Championships.** Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend any regional championship [e.g., International Basketball Federation (FIBA) U18 European Championship, FIBA Americas U18 Championship, etc.] that is approved, sponsored or conducted by FIBA. A coaching staff member may attend organized practices associated with such events, provided the practice time has been designated as part of the event by the event organizer.

13.1.7.7 On Same Day. Any number of evaluations or observations made during the same calendar day (defined as 12:01 a.m. to midnight) shall count as one evaluation. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

13.1.7.8 Evaluations in Team Sports. In team sports, an institution shall use an evaluation for each prospective student-athlete participating in a practice or contest observed by the institution's coach, except an evaluation that occurs on the same day as a permissible contact (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). An institution's coach who is attending an event in which prospective student-athletes from multiple educational institutions participate in drills (e.g., combine) shall use an evaluation only for each prospective student-athlete participating in the event that the coach observes engaging in the drills. In football, an observation that occurs during a permissible contact period shall count only as a contact per Bylaw 13.02.4.1. *(Revised: 6/28/04, 5/14/05, 10/30/12)*

13.1.7.9 Evaluation Days -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. 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. A coach's (including a volunteer coach) involvement outside the contact/evaluation period with a local sports club per Bylaw 13.11.2.4 shall count toward the limit. A coach's (including a volunteer coach) employment activities in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic outside a 50-mile radius of the institution shall count toward the limit. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.1.7.10 Evaluation Days -- Women's Beach Volleyball. In women's beach volleyball, an institution is limited to 50 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. Evaluation days are specific to academic evaluations, beach volleyball practice and beach volleyball competition only (no evaluations of other athletics activities). A coach's involvement outside a beach volleyball contact or evaluation period with a local sports club (volleyball or beach volleyball) per Bylaw 13.11.2.4 shall count toward the limit. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.1.7.11 Evaluations in Individual Sports. An institution's coach who is attending a practice or event in which prospective student-athletes from multiple institutions participate in drills (e.g., combine) or competition in an individual sport on a specific day shall use an evaluation only for those participants whom the coach observes engaging in practice or competition. The evaluation is not counted for a particular prospective student-athlete if a contact is made with that prospective student-athlete during the same day (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 6/28/04, 5/4/05, 10/30/12)*

13.1.7.12 Evaluation Days -- Men's Golf. In men's golf, each institution is limited to 45 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. A coach's employment activities in instructional camps or clinics do not count toward the evaluation days limitation. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.1.7.13 Tournament and Multiple-Day Event Evaluations. Evaluation during each day of a tournament or multiple-day event (e.g., jamboree, round robin, showcase) held during the academic year shall count as a separate evaluation except as follows (see Bylaws 13.1.4.1.1 and 13.1.4.2.3.1): *(Revised: 1/14/97, 3/22/06, 1/22/20)*

(a) Evaluation of multiple contests in a tournament or multiple-day event that occurs on consecutive days shall count as a single evaluation.

(b) Evaluation of multiple contests in a single tier of a tournament or multiple-day event (e.g., sectional, district, regional) shall count as a single observation. If a particular tier of a tournament is subdivided into identifiable segments (e.g., conducted on different weekends), evaluation of contests in each identifiable segment counts as a single observation.

13.1.7.14 Open Events in Which College Teams Compete. An institution does not use an evaluation if the institution's team competes in an open event (e.g., track and field meet) in which prospective student-athletes also compete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.7.15 Coaches' Attendance at Elite and Junior Level International Events. Coaching staff members may attend Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games) that occurs outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods. However, attendance at qualifying competition for such events, including tryouts, remains subject to the applicable recruiting calendars. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 8/11/11, 1/14/12, 4/28/16, 1/22/20)*

13.1.7.15.1 Associated Practices. A coaching staff member may attend organized practices associated with Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition that occurs outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods (or recruiting periods in men's basketball), provided such practice time has been designated as part of the event by the event organizer. *(Adopted: 10/4/16, Revised: 1/22/20)*

13.1.7.16 Evaluation of Individuals Before They Become Prospective Student-Athletes. In sports other than men's basketball and softball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the ninth grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a contact or evaluation period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. In men's basketball and softball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the seventh grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. **[D]** *(Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 6/9/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 4/25/18)*

13.1.7.17 Off-Campus Observation of Recruiting or Scouting Service Video. Off-campus observation of a prospective student-athlete via video made available by a recruiting or scouting service is considered an evaluation activity and is subject to applicable evaluation regulations. *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

13.1.7.18 Coaches' Involvement in Local Sports Clubs -- No Requirement to Count Evaluations. A coaching staff member is not required to count evaluations for any observations of prospective student-athletes that occur while he or she is participating in permissible activities and acting on behalf of a local sports club (e.g., coaching or instructional activities, scouting future opponents). *(Adopted: 1/10/13)*

13.1.8 Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities.

13.1.8.1 Banquets or Meetings at a Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution.

13.1.8.1.1 Sports Other Than Basketball or Football. In sports other than football and basketball, a coach may speak at a meeting or banquet (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.5.5) at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution outside a contact period or may speak at such a meeting or banquet during a contact period without using one of the institution's permissible contacts or evaluations, provided: *(Adopted: 9/15/97, Revised: 4/25/18)*

(a) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution;

(b) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;

(c) The coach does not have any direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance; and

(d) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities.

13.1.8.1.2 Men's Basketball.

13.1.8.1.2.1 During a Recruiting Period. In men's basketball, a coach who speaks at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during a recruiting period, uses the institution's once per week visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution and uses an evaluation for all basketball prospective student-athletes at that educational institution. The coach does not use a contact, provided he or she does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance and has no direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance. *(Adopted: 9/15/97, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 4/25/18)*

13.1.8.1.2.2 Outside a Recruiting Period. In men's basketball, a coach may speak at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution outside a recruiting period without such attendance being considered an evaluation or a visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.5.5), provided: *(Adopted: 9/15/97, Revised: 9/9/98, 2/22/01, 5/18/05, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 4/25/18)*

(a) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution;

(b) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;

(c) The coach does not have direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance; and

(d) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities.

13.1.8.1.3 Women's Basketball.

13.1.8.1.3.1 During a Contact Period. In women's basketball, a coach who speaks at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during a contact period uses the institution's once-per-week visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution and uses an evaluation for all basketball prospective student-athletes at that educational institution. The coach does not use a contact provided he or she does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance and has no direct contact with any prospective

student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance. *(Adopted: 9/15/97, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.1.8.1.3.2 Outside a Contact Period. In women's basketball, a coach may speak at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution outside a contact period without such attendance being considered an evaluation or a visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.5.5), provided: *(Adopted: 9/15/97, Revised: 9/9/98, 2/22/01, 5/18/05, 4/25/18)*

(a) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution;

(b) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;

(c) The coach does not have direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance; and

(d) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities.

13.1.8.1.4 Football. [FBS/FCS]

13.1.8.1.4.1 During a Contact Period. [FBS/FCS] In football, a coach who speaks at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during a contact period, uses one of the institution's six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospective student-athlete and also uses the institution's once-per-week visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution. *(Adopted: 9/15/97)*

13.1.8.1.4.2 Outside a Contact Period. In football, a coach may speak at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution outside a contact period without such attendance being considered an evaluation or a visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.5.5), provided: *(Adopted: 9/15/97, Revised: 9/9/98, 2/22/01, 5/18/05, 4/25/18)*

(a) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution;

(b) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;

(c) The coach does not have direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance; and

(d) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities.

13.1.8.2 Banquets or Meetings at Locations Other Than a Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. A coach may speak at a meeting or banquet where prospective student-athletes are in attendance at a location other than a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (except during a dead period per Bylaw 13.02.5.5) without using one of the institution's permissible contacts or evaluations, provided: *(Revised: 4/15/09, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 4/25/18)*

(a) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by an entity other than the coach's institution;

(b) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;

(c) The coach does not have any direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance; and

(d) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities.

13.1.8.3 Attendance During a Quiet or Dead Period -- Sports Other Than Women's Basketball. In sports other than women's basketball, during a quiet period [in sports with recruiting calendars (see Bylaw 13.17)] or a dead period (in all sports), a coaching staff member may attend a meeting or banquet where prospective student-athletes are in attendance, provided: **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/8/99, Revised: 8/14/02, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 12/6/13, 10/30/14, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The event is not organized to recognize prospective student-athletes;

(b) The event is initiated by an entity outside the institution;

(c) The event is open to the general public; and

(d) The coach does not evaluate, make a recruiting presentation or have direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance.

13.1.8.4 Attendance During a Quiet or Dead Period -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a coach is not permitted to attend a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes and that occurs during a quiet period, unless the coach will speak at the function. During a dead period, a coaching staff member may not attend a meeting or banquet where prospective student-athletes are in attendance. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.1.8.5 Postseason Game Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a coach may speak at or attend a meeting or banquet (at which prospective student-athletes are in attendance) in conjunction with the institution's appearance in a postseason contest that occurs during a dead period only if the meeting or banquet is open to the general public, it is a scheduled activity associated with the contest, and the coach does not make a recruiting presentation or have any direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance. *(Adopted: 9/15/97, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.1.8.6 NCAA Promotional Activities Exception. An institution's coach may 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 recruiting activities do not occur. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

13.1.9 Funeral/Memorial Services. An institutional staff member may attend the funeral or memorial services of a student-athlete, a prospective student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's or a prospective student-athlete's family, at which prospective student-athletes also may be in attendance, provided no recruiting contact occurs. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 5/1/19)*

13.1.10 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. A conference office may coordinate sportsmanship initiatives that may involve prospective student-athletes and their educational institutions subject to the following conditions (see Bylaws 13.4.3.4, 13.10.2.3 and 13.15.1.8): **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 10/30/14)*

(a) Any participating prospective student-athlete must attend a high school within a 30-mile radius of a conference member institution's campus;

(b) Any initiative that requires the actual presence of a prospective student-athlete shall not take place on an institution's campus; and

(c) An institution's student-athletes may participate, subject to the conditions of Bylaw 12.5.1.1.

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

13.2.1 General Regulation. An institution's staff member or any representative of its athletics interests shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, in making arrangements for or giving or offering to give any financial aid or other benefits to a prospective student-athlete or his or her family members or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Receipt of a benefit by a prospective student-athlete or his or her family members or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is determined that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's prospective students or their family members or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. **[R]** *(Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 3/24/05, 4/25/18)*

13.2.1.1 Specific Prohibitions. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following: **[R]** *(Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/23/08, 4/25/18)*

(a) An employment arrangement for a prospective student-athlete's family members;

(b) Gift of clothing or equipment;

(c) Co-signing of loans;

(d) Providing loans to a prospective student-athlete's family members or friends;

(e) Cash or like items;

(f) Any tangible items, including merchandise;

(g) Free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases of any type;

(h) Free or reduced-cost housing;

(i) Use of an institution's athletics equipment (e.g., for a high school all-star game);

(j) Sponsorship of or arrangement for an awards banquet for high school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletes by an institution, representatives of its athletics interests or its alumni groups or booster clubs; and

(k) Expenses for academic services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist in the completion of initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements or improvement of the prospective student-athlete's academic profile in conjunction with a waiver request.

13.2.1.2 Additional Prohibition -- Consulting Fees -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution or staff member shall not provide a consulting fee to an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete or to a consulting firm in which an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete has a proprietary or financial interest. *(Adopted: 8/26/10)*

13.2.1.3 Additional Prohibition -- Consulting Fees -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution or staff member shall not provide a consulting fee to an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete or to a consulting firm in which an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete has a proprietary or financial interest. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

13.2.1.4 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- Basketball. If a violation of Bylaw 13.2.1 occurs in which an institution or a basketball staff member employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 8/12/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.2.1.5 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- Football. [FBS/FCS] If a violation of Bylaw 13.2.1 occurs in which an institution or staff member employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.2.2 Institutional Pre-Enrollment Fees. [A] An institution may waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of any institutional pre-enrollment fee for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. A pre-enrollment fee is one that is required by the institution for enrollment and includes the following: *(Adopted: 1/15/16)*

(a) The institution's processing fee required prior to the admissions office's evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's application;

(b) The orientation-counseling tests fee required of all incoming students;

(c) The preadmission academic testing fee;

(d) Advance tuition payment for a prospective student-grantee;

(e) Room deposit;

(f) Damage deposits for dormitory rooms;

(g) ROTC deposits for military equipment;

(h) Immunizations; or

(i) Any other pre-enrollment fee required of prospective students.

13.2.3 Awards to Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution is limited to providing the following awards to prospective student-athletes: *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/15/11, 1/23/19)*

(a) Awards to prospective student-athletes for outstanding athletics accomplishments are prohibited, except as provided in (c) below;

(b) Awards to high school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletics teams in the name of an NCAA member institution are prohibited, regardless of the institution's involvement (or lack thereof) in the administration of the award; and

(c) Any award presented at an open event conducted by an institution or held on its campus (see Bylaw 13.11.3.1) or at high school, preparatory school and two-year-college athletics contests or matches under the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.4 must be limited in value to $50 but may bear the institution's name and logo.

13.2.4 Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.2.4.1 Prior to Completion of Senior Year. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete , provided the employment is arranged through normal institutional employment procedures (e.g., website, local newspaper, bulletin board listings) and without the intervention of any sport-specific staff member (e.g., no involvement with the hiring or supervision of the prospective student-athlete). Any compensation received by the prospective student-athlete must be for work actually performed and commensurate with the going rate for such services in the locale. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.) *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/22/20)*

13.2.4.2 After Completion of Senior Year. An institution may arrange for employment or employ a prospective student-athlete and sport-specific staff members may be involved with the hiring or supervision of the prospective student-athlete, provided the employment does not begin prior to the completion of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.) *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/22/20)*

13.2.4.2.1 Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. Once a prospective student-athlete has enrolled as a full-time student in a two-year college, the arrangement of employment by an institution for such a prospective student-athlete shall be permitted, provided the employment does not begin prior to the time period in which the prospective student-athlete has officially withdrawn from or has completed requirements for graduation at the two-year college. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.) *(Adopted: 1/12/99, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.2.4.3 Transportation to Summer Job. An institution or its representatives shall not provide a prospective student-athlete free transportation to and from a summer job unless it is the employer's established policy to transport all employees to and from the job site.

13.2.5 Loans to Prospective Student-Athletes. Arrangement of educational loans by an institution for a prospective student-athlete shall be permitted, provided the loan is not made prior to the completion of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. Such loans must be from a regular lending agency and based on a regular repayment schedule.

13.2.6 Summer Housing for Prospective Student-Athletes. [A] An institution may rent dormitory space to a prospective student-athlete during the summer months at the regular institutional rate, provided it is the institution's policy to make such dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective students. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.2.7 Medical Expenses -- Basketball. [A] In basketball, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in: *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 4/26/17)*

(a) An on-campus evaluation (see Bylaw 13.11.2.1);

(b) A voluntary summer workout conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in basketball (see Bylaw 13.11.3.8); or

(c) Required summer athletic activities (see Bylaw 13.11.3.9).

13.2.8 Medical Expenses -- Football. [FBS/FCS]

13.2.8.1 Medical Expenses -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer conditioning activities that are conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in football (see Bylaw 13.11.3.7.1) or while participating in required summer athletic activities (see Bylaw 13.11.3.10). *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 12/15/06, 10/30/13, 4/26/17)*

13.2.8.2 Medical Expenses -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer conditioning activities that are conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach or a countable coach who is a certified strength and conditioning coach (see Bylaw 13.11.3.7.2) or while participating in required summer athletic activities (see Bylaw 13.11.3.10). *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 12/15/06, 5/4/09, 10/30/13, 4/26/17)*

13.2.9 Medical Expenses -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. [A] In sports other than basketball and football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in any sport (see Bylaw 13.11.3.8). *(Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/26/17)*

13.2.10 Life-Threatening Injury or Illness. An institution may provide a donation (up to $100) to a charity on behalf of a prospective student-athlete or may provide other reasonable tokens of support (e.g., flowers, card) in the event of the death of the prospective student-athlete or the death or life-threatening injury or illness of a member of the prospective student-athlete's family. *(Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 4/28/05, 5/26/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 5/1/19)*

13.2.11 Benefits for Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members. An institutional staff member may provide a benefit to a member of the prospective student-athlete's family, provided: *(Revised: 5/11/05)*

(a) The family member has a pre-existing established relationship with the institutional staff member; and

(b) The benefit provided is consistent with the nature and level of benefits that the institutional staff member has provided to the family member prior to the prospective student-athlete starting classes for the ninth grade.

13.4 Recruiting Materials.

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence -- General Rule. An institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her family members) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 7/1/96, 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/26/07, 4/15/08, 6/13/08, 3/29/10, 10/27/11 effective 6/15/12, 1/18/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.4.1.1 Exception -- Baseball, Women's Basketball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, women's basketball, football, lacrosse and softball, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her family members) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to the individual (or his or her family members) until the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/1/19)*

13.4.1.2 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his family members) until June 15 at the conclusion of his sophomore year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his family members) until the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/15/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 5/27/11, 1/18/14, 4/25/18)*

13.4.1.3 Exception -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his family members) until January 1 of his sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/18/14, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.4.1.4 Exception -- Electronic Correspondence to a Prospective Student-Athlete's Coach Who Is the Family Member of a Prospective Student-Athlete. Electronic Correspondence may be sent at the institution's discretion to a prospective student-athlete's coach who is the family member of a prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.4.1.5 Exception -- Electronic Correspondence in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit. Electronic correspondence may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit. If otherwise impermissible correspondence occurs under this exception and a scheduled unofficial visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such correspondence shall not be considered institutional violations. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 1/23/19)*

13.4.1.6 Printed Recruiting Materials. As specified below, an institution may provide only the following printed materials to a prospective student-athlete, his or her family members, coaches or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 3/8/06, 5/25/06, 12/12/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/14/08, 4/15/08, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 9/24/09, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 5/27/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 4/25/18, 1/23/19)*

(a) **General Correspondence.** There are no restrictions on the design or content of general correspondence and attachments, except that the size of the printed material may not exceed 8 ½ by 11 inches when opened in full. There are no restrictions on the design or content of an envelope used to send general correspondence and attachments, except that the size of the envelope may not exceed 9 by 12 inches.

(b) **Camp or Clinic Information.** Camp or clinic information may be provided at any time. (See Bylaw 12.5.1.6.)

(c) **Questionnaires.** An institution may provide questionnaires at any time.

(d) **Nonathletics Institutional Publications.** An institution may provide nonathletics institutional publications (e.g., official academic, admissions and student-services publications published by the institution) available to all students at any time.

(e) **Educational Material Published by the NCAA.** Educational material published by the NCAA (e.g., NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete) may be provided at any time.

(f) **Pre-enrollment Information.** An institution may provide any necessary pre-enrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities to a prospective student-athlete, provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional financial aid agreement, or has been officially accepted for enrollment.

13.4.1.6.1 Express Mail Services. An institution is not permitted to use express mail delivery services and may only use first-class mail or a lesser rate of service (e.g., parcel post) with no extra services (e.g., certified mail, delivery confirmation) to provide permissible printed recruiting materials to prospective student athletes, their family members, their coaches or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved, who resides within the 50 United States, other than the National Letter of Intent or other written admissions and/or financial aid commitment to attend the institution. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 5/12/05, 1/14/08, 4/15/08, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 4/25/18)*

13.4.1.7 Electronic Correspondence -- General Rule. Electronic correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messenger, facsimiles, text messages) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members). Before a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent 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 its offer of admission, the correspondence must be sent directly to the prospective student-athlete (or his or her family members) and must be private between only the sender and recipient (e.g., no use of chat rooms, message boards or posts to "walls"). (See Bylaw 13.10.2.) There are no content restrictions on attachments to electronic correspondence, except that video and audio materials must conform to the requirements of Bylaw 13.4.1.10. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/12/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/15/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 4/25/18, 8/7/18)*

13.4.1.7.1 Exception -- Electronic Correspondence Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. Electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her family members or coach) that relates solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) is not subject to the restrictions on recruiting materials, provided the correspondence does not contain recruiting language and no solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 6/15/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/18/14 , 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 4/28/16 , 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/25/18)*

13.4.1.8 Other Recruiting Materials. An institution may post recruiting materials not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.6 on its website. General information (e.g., information not created for recruiting purposes) posted to an institution's website (e.g., press release, competition schedule) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete via permissible electronic correspondence or such information may be printed and provided to a prospective student-athlete as an attachment to general correspondence or during any permissible on- or off-campus contact. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/17/09, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

13.4.1.9 Responding to Prospective Student-Athlete's Request. Institutional staff members (including athletics staff members) may respond to a prospective student-athlete's letter or electronic correspondence requesting information from an institution's athletics department prior to the permissible date on which an institution may begin to provide recruiting materials to a prospective student-athlete, provided the written response does not include information that would initiate the recruitment of the prospective student-athlete or information related to the institution's athletics program (e.g., the reply contains an explanation of current NCAA legislation or a referral to the admissions department). An electronic reply must be a permissible form of electronic correspondence. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/26/06, 4/20/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

13.4.1.10 Video/Audio Materials. An institution may produce video or audio materials to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete, subject to the following provisions: **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 12/12/06, 1/8/07, 1/16/10, 3/29/10, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/13/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) The video/audio material may be posted to the institution's website;

(b) The video/audio material may not be personalized to include a prospective student-athlete's name, picture or likeness;

(c) The video/audio material may not be created by an entity outside the institution; and

(d) The video/audio material may only be provided to a prospective student-athlete via electronic correspondence, except as provided in Bylaw 13.4.1.10.1.

13.4.1.10.1 Exception -- After Commitment. After a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional financial aid agreement, or has been officially accepted for enrollment, an institution may

provide the following via electronic correspondence or digital media storage device (e.g., DVD, flash drive): *(Adopted: 12/26/06, Revised: 1/16/10, 3/29/10, 6/13/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/22/20)*

(a) Video/audio material personalized to include a prospective student-athlete's name, picture or likeness; and

(b) Necessary pre-enrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities in a video format (e.g., video playbook, game clips).

13.4.2 Conference Restrictions. A member conference is precluded from providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04)*

13.4.3 Advertisements and Promotions.

13.4.3.1 Recruiting Advertisements. The publication of advertising or promotional material, by or on behalf of a member institution, designed to solicit the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete is not permitted, except as provided in Bylaw 13.4.3.1.1. Accordingly, a member institution may not buy or arrange to have space in game programs or other printed materials published to provide information concerning the athletics participation or evaluation of prospective student-athletes (e.g., recruiting publications) for any purpose whatsoever, including advertisements, a listing of prospective or enrolled student-athletes who will attend the institution and informative materials related to the institution. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

13.4.3.1.1 Nonathletics Institutional Advertisements. An institution (or a third party acting on behalf of the institution) may publish nonathletics institutional advertisements or promotional material (e.g., use of signage, booths, kiosks and distribution of printed materials) at high school or two-year college athletics events provided: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) The funds generated by the advertisements or promotional materials are not used for the high school or two-year college's athletics program;

(b) The institution's athletics department is not involved in the advertisement or promotional activities;

(c) The advertisements or promotional materials do not contain athletics information [unless as noted in Bylaw 13.4.1.6-(d)]; and

(d) The institution documents the cost of the advertising and promotional activities.

13.4.3.2 Camp or Clinic Advertisements or Promotions. An institutional camp or clinic advertisement or promotion (e.g., camp brochure, website, newspaper or magazine advertisement) must indicate that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). *(Revised: 4/22/14)*

13.4.3.2.1 Camp or Clinic Advertisements in Recruiting Publications. Advertisements for an institution's camp or clinic may be placed in a recruiting publication (other than a high school, two-year college or nonscholastic game program), provided the publication includes a camp directory that meets the following requirements: **[D]** *(Revised: 1/11/94, 9/12/03, 9/24/09, 4/22/14)*

(a) The size (not to exceed one-half page) and format of such advertisements must be identical; and

(b) The camp directory must include multiple listings of summer camps on each page (at least two summer-camp advertisements of the same size must appear on each page).

13.4.3.2.2 Advertisements Directed Toward a Particular Audience. An institution may advertise or promote an institutional camp or clinic toward a particular audience (e.g., elite camp), provided the advertisement or promotion indicates that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/24/09)*

13.4.3.3 NCAA or Conference Championship Posters. An institution hosting an NCAA or conference championship may produce a poster promoting the championship and send it to a high school coach and/or his or her educational institution. It is not permissible to send such a poster to a prospective student-athlete. **[D]** *(Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 4/6/00, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

13.4.3.3.1 NCAA or Conference Championship Promotional Materials. The NCAA or member conference [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA or member conference (e.g., host institution, host conference, or local organizing committee)] may produce and provide championship-promotional materials to any individual or group, provided the materials: **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

(a) Are solely for the purpose of promoting the championship event rather than the host institution, and use factual information (e.g., date, time, location, identification of host school/conference, ticket information, photos of previous championships);

(b) Are not sent exclusively to prospective student-athletes;

(c) Are available to the general public; and

(d) Do not promote the institution's athletics program.

13.4.3.4 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. A conference office may buy or arrange to have space in game programs or other printed materials published to provide information concerning the athletics participation of prospective student-athletes, provided the content of the printed materials is limited exclusively to promoting sportsmanship, and the materials are not designed to solicit the enrollment of prospective student-athletes. In addition, a conference office may produce posters, limited exclusively to promoting sportsmanship, which may be sent to any educational institution. It shall not be permissible to send any printed materials related to a sportsmanship initiative (e.g., poster) to a prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.4.3.5 Miscellaneous Promotions. Member institutions and their representatives of athletics interests are prohibited from financing, arranging or using recruiting aids (e.g., any form of advertisement or promotion) designed to publicize the institution's interest in a particular prospective student-athlete. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/28/97)*

13.5 Transportation.

13.5.1 General Restrictions. An institution may not provide transportation to a prospective student-athlete other than on an official paid visit or, on an unofficial visit, to view a practice or competition site in the prospective student-athlete's sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility when accompanied by an institutional staff member. During the official paid visit, transportation may be provided to view a practice or competition site and other institutional facilities located outside a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/27/06)*

13.5.1.1 Nonpermissible Transportation. If nonpermissible transportation is provided, the institution may not avoid a violation of this rule by receiving reimbursement for mileage from the prospective student-athlete.

13.5.2 Transportation on Official Paid Visit.

13.5.2.1 General Restrictions. An institution may pay a prospective student-athlete's actual transportation costs for his or her official visit to its campus from any location, provided the prospective student-athlete returns to the original point of departure or travels to his or her home, educational institution or site of competition. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 5/26/06, 4/25/18)*

13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation. If a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (except the prospective student-athlete's coach as set forth in Bylaw 13.8.1.2) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospective student-athlete, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

13.5.2.2.1 Use of Automobile. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use during the official visit by the prospective student-athlete or by a student host. **[R]**

13.5.2.2.2 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete and Family Members. Except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4, a coaching staff member shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete in the coach's sport to or from an official visit unless the prospective student-athlete travels only by automobile. If such transportation is used, the 48-hour period of the official visit shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete and his or her family members, if applicable, to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospective student-athlete (or his or her family members) during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete and his or her family members, if applicable, to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. On completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and his or her family members, if applicable, immediately. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/12/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/25/18)*

13.5.2.2.2.1 Football Championship Subdivision Exception. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, any member of an institution's athletics department (except a volunteer coach per Bylaw 11.01.6) who has been certified pursuant to a conference certification program may provide such transportation for a prospective student-athlete between the prospective student-athlete's home or educational institution and the member institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 12/15/06)*

13.5.2.2.3 On-Campus Transportation. An institution transporting a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying a prospective student-athlete) around campus during the official visit may use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students while visiting the campus, institutional vehicles normally used to

transport the institution's athletics teams, or the personal vehicle of an institutional staff member or student host. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.5.2.3 Air Transportation. [A] An institution providing air transportation to a prospective student-athlete to and from an official campus visit must use commercial transportation at coach-class airfare. Coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete to or from an official visit when air travel is used, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 8/5/04)*

13.5.2.3.1 Ticket Discounts. An institution may not arrange payment of the airline ticket to allow a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members or friends) to take advantage of ticket bonuses, rebates, refunds, upgrades or other benefits connected with the purchase of the ticket. *(Revised: 8/5/04, 4/25/18)*

13.5.2.4 From Airport or Bus or Train Station. During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. If a prospective student-athlete is transported by a member of the institution's athletics department from an airport or bus or train station other than the major airport or bus or train station nearest the institution, the 48-hour official visit period begins with the initiation of the ground transportation by the member of the institution's athletics department staff. *(Revised: 4/28/05, 7/27/07)*

13.5.2.5 Visiting Two or More Institutions. Two or more institutions to which a prospective student-athlete is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the 48-hour visit limitation is observed at each institution. **[R]**

13.5.2.6 Transportation of Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members or Friends. [A] An institution shall not permit its athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests to pay, provide or arrange for the payment of transportation costs incurred by family members or friends of a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus or elsewhere; however, an institution may: **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/94, 5/12/05, 7/27/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 1/16/19)*

(a) Provide automobile-mileage reimbursement to a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, even if family members or friends accompany the prospective student-athlete;

(b) Permit the family members of a prospective student-athlete to ride in an automobile driven by a coaching staff member for the purpose of providing ground transportation to a prospective student-athlete as part of an official visit; and

(c) Provide transportation between its campus and any bus or train station or airport for the family members of a prospective student-athlete making an official visit.

13.5.2.6.1 Exception -- Transportation Expenses for a Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members -- Basketball. [A] In basketball, an institution may pay the actual round-trip costs for up to two family members to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his or her official visit. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 1/16/19)*

13.5.2.6.2 Exception -- Transportation Expenses for a Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution may pay the actual round-trip costs for up to two family members to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit. During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete's sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility. The institution may use an institutional vehicle normally used to transport prospective students visiting campus, an institutional vehicle normally used to transport the institution's athletics team or the personal vehicle of an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-athlete during such transportation. Payment of any other transportation expenses, shall be considered a violation. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/27/00, 3/10/04, 4/28/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/27/06, 4/25/18)*

13.5.4 Transportation Prior to Initial Enrollment. [A] An institution or its representatives shall not furnish a prospective student-athlete, directly or indirectly, with transportation to the campus for enrollment. However, it is permissible for any member of the institution's staff to provide: *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/9/06, 10/17/13, 8/7/14)*

(a) Transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus on the occasion of the prospective student-athlete's initial arrival at the institution to attend classes for a regular term or to participate in preseason practice, or for initial enrollment for the institution's summer term for a prospective student-athlete who has been awarded athletically related financial aid for his or her initial summer term; and

(b) Transportation from and to the nearest bus or train station or major airport on the occasion of the prospective student-athlete's arrival and departure from the institution to attend the institution's required new-student orientation, provided the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for admission to the institution.

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

13.6.1 Institutional Policies. An institution must have written departmental policies related to official visits that apply to prospective student-athletes, student hosts, coaches and other athletics administrators that are approved by the institution's president or chancellor. The institution is responsible for the development and enforcement of appropriate policies and penalties regarding specified areas, as identified by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. The institution shall have an outside entity (e.g., conference office) evaluate its policies related to official visits once every four years. The institution may be held accountable through the NCAA infractions process for activities that clearly demonstrate a disregard for its stated policies. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 3/8/06, 7/31/14, 1/23/19)*

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

13.6.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

13.6.2.1.1 Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse and softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than August 1 of his or her junior year in high school. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/28/11 effective 8/1/12, 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, 8/5/04, 4/28/05, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 5/11/18, 5/1/19)*

13.6.2.1.2 Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse, and softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than September 1 of his or her junior year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), the prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/1/19, 1/22/20)*

13.6.2.1.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than August 1 at the beginning of his junior year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), the prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, Revised: 4/3/02, 8/5/04, 4/28/05, 5/12/05, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/11/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, 1/22/20)*

13.6.2.1.4 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the Thursday following the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.1.4.1 July Evaluation Periods -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institution may not provide an expense-paid visit to a prospective student-athlete during the July evaluation periods (see Bylaw 13.1.5.5.2), unless the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 6/28/06, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.1.5 Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit beginning April 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. However, an institution shall not provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's participation in an institutional camp or clinic. Thereafter, an institution may provide an expense-paid visit beginning September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 5/11/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.6.2.1.5.1 Exception -- Home Football Contest. [FBS/FCS] In August of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution may provide an expense-paid visit to the prospective student-athlete 48 hours before through 48 hours after an institution's home contest that occurs on the institution's campus or in a facility normally used for its home contests. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.6.2.2 Number of Official Visits -- Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation.

13.6.2.2.1 Sports Other Than Men's Basketball. In sports other than men's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions before October 15 following his or her completion of high school and five beginning October 15 following his or her completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective

student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/28/11, 5/11/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18)*

13.6.2.2.2 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions from August 1 through July 31 of his junior year of high school, five additional visits from August 1 of his senior year of high school through October 14 following his completion of high school and five visits beginning October 15 following his completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. **[D]** *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, Revised: 1/22/20)*

13.6.2.2.3 Nonqualifier or Academic Redshirt in First Year. A prospective student-athlete who is not a qualifier and who is enrolled in his or her first year of full-time enrollment (first two semester or three quarters) at a two-year college may not be provided an expense-paid visit to a member institution. Such a prospective student-athlete may be provided an expense-paid visit once he or she has completed an academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at a two-year college. *(Revised: 8/1/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, 4/16/15, 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.3 Number of Official Visits -- Institutional Limitations. An institution may finance one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete before October 15 following his or her completion of high school and one visit beginning October 15 following his or her completion of high school, including a visit related to a possible transfer. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/19/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 11/12/97, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/29/09, 4/28/16 effetive 8/1/16, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.3.1 Exception -- Additional Visit After Departure of Head Coach. After a new head coach is hired, an institution may finance one additional visit for a prospective student-athlete who previously received an official visit to the institution. Visits provided pursuant to this exception shall also be excluded from the limitations on the number of official visits set forth in Bylaws 13.6.2.2, 13.6.2.3.2, 13.6.2.3.3, 13.6.2.3.4, 13.6.2.3.5 and 13.6.2.3.7. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/25/18, Revised: 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.3.2 Baseball. In baseball, an institution may provide 25 official visits an annual basis (August 1 through July 31). A national service academy may provide 31 official visits, 25 of which may be provided prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/11/18, 5/16/18, 7/9/18)*

13.6.2.3.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution may finance one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete before the completion of his junior year of high school, one visit before October 15 following his completion of high school and one visit beginning October 15 following his completion of high school, including a visit related to a possible transfer. An institution may provide up to 28 official visits in a rolling two-year period (each year measured August 1 through July 31). A national service academy may provide up to 34 official visits in a rolling two-year period; however, the institution shall not exceed 28 official visits prior to the initial date of the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent of the first year in each rolling two-year period. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/11/18, 5/16/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18)*

13.6.2.3.4 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institution may provide official visits to up to 24 prospective student-athletes in a rolling two-year period. A national service academy may provide official visits to up to 30 prospective student-athletes in a rolling two-year period (each year measured August 1 through July 31); however, the institution shall not exceed 24 official visits prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date of the first year in each rolling two-year period. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/11/18, 5/16/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18)*

13.6.2.3.5 Football. In football, an institution may provide 56 official visits an annual basis (April 1 through March 31). The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. *(Revised: 5/11/18, 5/16/18, 1/22/20)*

13.6.2.3.5.1 Unused Visits -- Football. In football, an institution may retain a maximum of six unused visits from the previous year. Such visits may be used only during the following year. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 12/15/06, 10/29/09, 5/11/18, 1/22/20)*

13.6.2.3.5.2 National Service Academies and Institutions That Do Not Subscribe to the National Letter of Intent. [FBS/FCS] A national service academy or an institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent may provide 70 official visits, 56 of which may be provided prior to the initial date of the regular

signing period of the National Letter of Intent. An official visit provided to a senior prospective student-athlete April 1 through July 31 may count toward the previous year's limit. *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

13.6.2.3.6 Multiple-Sport Prospective Student-Athletes. A prospective student-athlete in football and one or more other sports (including basketball or baseball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in football. A prospective student-athlete in basketball and one or more other sports (other than football) shall be counted against the visit limitation in basketball. A prospective student-athlete in baseball and one or more other sports (other than football or basketball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in baseball. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/29/09, 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.3.7 Head Coaching Change. In baseball, basketball and football, an institution may provide additional official visits (up to 25 percent of the limitation for the particular sport) after a new head coach is hired, provided the previous head coach used 75 percent or more of the official visits permitted for that academic year. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/29/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/29/09, 8/21/12, 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.4 Visit to Off-Campus Contest. An institution may not provide a prospective student-athlete with transportation to attend an off-campus contest outside a 30-mile radius of the member institution's main campus. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/24/03, 8/5/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/21/12)*

13.6.2.5 Visit While Competing in Open Event. A host institution may pay the expenses of a recruited prospective student-athlete to participate in an established "open" event, provided the expenses of all other competitors in that event are paid; the expenses are not paid from athletics department (nonmeet) funds; and the expenses of the prospective student-athlete are limited to actual transportation, room and board. This trip shall be considered the one paid visit to the institution's campus with the prospective student-athlete remaining not more than 48 hours.

13.6.3 Requirements for Official Visit. The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide an official visit to a prospective student-athlete: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 5/9/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 2/10/16)*

(a) A prospective student-athlete must present the institution with a high school (or college) academic transcript;

(b) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and

(c) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must be placed on the institution's institutional request list (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

13.6.3.1 NCAA Eligibility Center. A prospective student-athlete's fulfillment of these academic requirements may be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center approved by the Board of Governors. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.6.4 Length of Official Visit. An official visit to an institution shall not exceed 48 hours. A prospective student-athlete may remain in the locale in which the institution is located after the permissible 48-hour period for reasons unrelated to the official visit, provided that at the completion of the 48-hour visit, the individual departs the institution's campus, and the institution does not pay any expenses thereafter, including the cost of return transportation to the prospective student-athlete's home. Additionally, if the prospective student-athlete does not return home prior to attending the institution, the one-way transportation to the campus would be considered a violation of Bylaw 13.5.4, which prohibits transportation to enroll. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/5/04)*

13.6.4.1 48-Hour Period Defined. The 48-hour period of the official visit begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus, rather than with the initiation of the prospective student-athlete's transportation by a coach or the time of the prospective student-athlete's arrival at the airport or elsewhere in the community (see Bylaws 13.5.2.4, 13.6.4.1.1 and 13.6.4.1.2). The prospective student-athlete's transportation to and from the campus must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. The institution may not pay any expenses for entertainment (other than the actual and reasonable cost of meals) in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's transportation. At the completion of the 48-hour visit, the prospective student-athlete must depart the institution's campus immediately; otherwise, the institution may not pay any expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete upon departure from the institution's campus, including the cost of the prospective student-athlete's transportation home. *(Revised: 9/24/09)*

13.6.4.1.1 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete. If a coach accompanies a prospective student-athlete on an official visit by automobile per Bylaw 13.5.2.2.2, the 48-hour period shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. Upon completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate

contact with the prospective student-athlete and his or her family members immediately. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.6.4.1.2 Lodging in the Locale of the Institution Before Visit. A prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete may receive lodging in the locale of the institution without beginning the 48-hour period if the prospective student-athlete arrives in the locale too late to begin the official visit that day. *(Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.6.4.2 Exception to 48-Hour Period for Extenuating Circumstances. An official visit may extend beyond 48 hours for reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution (e.g., inclement weather conditions, natural disaster, flight delays or cancellations, airport security activity). *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/23/19)*

13.6.5 Transportation on Official Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on the official visit, see Bylaw 13.5.2.

13.6.6 Accommodations on Official Visit. A prospective student-athlete on an official visit shall be provided lodging and take meals as regular students normally do. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. Lodging may not include special accessories (e.g., Jacuzzis, luxury suite) that are not available generally to all guests residing at the establishment. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.7 for restrictions on meals provided to prospective student-athletes on official visits.) **[R]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 10/29/15)*

13.6.6.1 Lodging for Additional Persons. [A] An institution may provide lodging for up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete. Additional persons (e.g., additional family members, friends) may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or other family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete, but the institution shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospective student-athletes being recruited by the institution. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.6.7 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit. [A]

13.6.7.1 General Restrictions. [A] An institution may provide entertainment, pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.7.5, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. Entertainment and contact by representatives of the institution's athletics interests during the official visit are prohibited. It is not permissible to entertain friends (including dates) of a prospective student-athlete at any time at any site. **[R]** *(Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/23/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.6.7.1.1 Meals and Lodging While in Transit. [A] It is permissible for an institution to pay a prospective student-athlete's actual costs for reasonable expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) incurred while traveling to and from campus on the official visit. In basketball, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for up to two family members that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his or her official visit. *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18, 1/16/19)*

13.6.7.1.1.1 Meals and Lodging in Transit for Family Members -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for a prospective student-athlete's family members (expenses for up to two people) that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.6.7.2 Complimentary Admissions. [A] During the official visit, a maximum of five* complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued only through a pass list on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. [*A nonautonomy conference or institution that has not opted in to the more restrictive autonomy provision may provide six complimentary admissions.] **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/11/94, 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/24/03, 1/9/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 1/16/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.6.7.2.1 Conference Tournaments. A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08)*

13.6.7.2.2 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase these tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/92, 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08)*

13.6.7.2.3 Purchase of Game Tickets in Same Locale. An institution may reserve tickets, only for the use of additional individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete during an official visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospective student-athlete. Such tickets must be purchased at face value. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/25/18)*

13.6.7.2.4 Exception. A member institution may provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a home athletics event that has been relocated outside a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus due to the home facility's inoperable conditions (e.g., construction or facility repairs), which result in the facility being unavailable for safe use. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

13.6.7.3 Parking. An institution may arrange special on-campus parking for prospective student-athletes during an official visit. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.6.7.4 Cash to Prospective Student-Athlete. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide cash to a prospective student-athlete for entertainment purposes.

13.6.7.5 Student Host. [A] The student host must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete: **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 8/5/04, 5/12/05, 4/27/06, 2/23/09, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 6/16/15, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) A maximum of $75 for each day (24-hour period) of the visit (maximum of $150 for two 24-hour periods) to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s) and the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete, excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. The cost of entertainment of the institution's athletics department staff members who accompany the prospective student-athlete is also excluded. If an athletics department staff member serves as the prospective student-athlete's host, his or her entertainment costs must be included in the entertainment allowance. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional $40 per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains;

(b) Complimentary meals, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit; and

(c) Complimentary admissions to campus athletics events, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete to the events during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.

13.6.7.5.1 Multiple Hosts. If several students host a prospective student-athlete, the $75-per-day entertainment money may be used to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete and all hosts. Only one student host per prospective student-athlete may be provided a free meal if restaurant facilities are used. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.6.7.5.2 Nonqualifier and Academic Redshirt Prohibition. The student host must be enrolled in the institution being visited by a prospective student-athlete. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.13.3) or an academic redshirt (see Bylaw 14.02.13.2) may not serve as a student host during his or her first academic year of residence. **[D]** *(Revised: 3/19/97, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04, 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

13.6.7.5.3 Use of Automobile. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use by the prospective student-athlete or the student host. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

13.6.7.6 Student Support Group Assisting in Recruiting. An institution may not provide a free meal or entertainment to a member of an institutional student support group that assists in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete during an official visit unless the student is designated as the one student host for that prospective student-athlete. Any additional arrangement between the institution and members of such a support group (e.g., compensation, providing a uniform) is left to the discretion of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

13.6.7.7 Meals on Official Visit. [A] The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete need not be included in the $75-per-day entertainment expense. Meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. An institution may provide, at its discretion, reasonable snacks (e.g., pizza, hamburger) to the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members in addition to the three meals. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 8/5/04, 1/9/06, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 1/19/18, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.6.7.7.1 Entertainment at Staff Member's Home. [A] A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution's president) may be held for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/9/96)*

13.6.7.8 Normal Retail Cost. [A] If a boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle or similar recreational equipment (including those provided by an institutional staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests) is used to entertain a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members, the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the $75-per-day entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail costs exceeds the $75-per-day entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/17/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/16/19)*

13.6.7.9 Activities During Official Visit. An institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations) and may not permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions) during an official visit. Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location outside of athletics facilities the prospective student-athlete will visit (e.g., hotel room, dorm room, student union) regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete's name or picture. An institution may decorate common areas in athletics facilities (e.g., lobby, coach's office, suite in arena) for an official visit, provided the decorations are not personalized and the common areas are not accessible or visible to the general public while decorated. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 5/14/05, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.6.7.10 Professional Tryout or Workout Activities. During an official visit, a prospective student-athlete may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur. (See Bylaw 13.7.3.7.) *(Adopted: 1/8/07)*

13.6.8 Visit Unrelated to Athletics Recruitment. During a visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment (e.g., admissions weekend) and for which expenses are provided by a department other than athletics, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution's coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit. *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

13.6.9 Notice of Student-Athlete Time Demands Expectations. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide prospective student-athletes with notice of general time demands expectations related to being a student-athlete. An institution, in conjunction with an official visit, may provide additional general time demands expectations and specific expectations applicable to the sport or sports in which the prospective student-athlete is being recruited. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

13.7.1.1 Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Men's Ice Hockey, Lacrosse and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, men's ice hockey, lacrosse and softball, 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 family members) before August 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. *(Adopted: 4/25/18, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, 5/1/19)*

13.7.1.2 Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse and softball, 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 family members) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur earlier than the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school. *(Revised: 5/1/19, 1/22/20)*

13.7.1.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, 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 family members) before August 1 at the beginning of his sophomore year in high school. If an individual attends an

educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur earlier than opening day of classes of his sophomore year in high school. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, Revised: 1/22/20)*

13.7.1.4 Women's Basketball and Football. In women's basketball and football, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) may occur with an individual (or his or her family members) at any time, subject to recruiting calendar restrictions per Bylaw 13.17.3 and 13.7.5, respectively. *(Adopted: 7/1/19)*

13.7.1.5 Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, 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 family members) before January 1 of his sophomore year in high school. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.7.2 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.7.2.1 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not make an unofficial visit during the month of July unless he has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received a financial deposit from the prospective student-athlete in response to an offer of admission. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, Revised: 4/12/11 effective 8/1/11, 11/7/13)*

13.7.2.2 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not make an unofficial visit during the July evaluation periods (see Bylaw 13.1.5.5.2) unless she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received a financial deposit from the prospective student-athlete in response to an offer of admission. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 6/28/06, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.7.3 Entertainment/Tickets.

13.7.3.1 General Restrictions. [A] During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of a member institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. Complimentary admissions may not be provided during a dead period, except as provided in Bylaw 13.7.3.5. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/11/94, 4/24/03, 12/6/13)*

13.7.3.1.1 Exception -- Nontraditional Family. [A] If a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/16/19)*

13.7.3.1.2 Meals. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit to an institution may pay the actual cost of meals (or the regular cost of training-table meals) and eat with other prospective student-athletes who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes. **[R]**

13.7.3.1.2.1 Exception -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] A championship subdivision football program that restricts its total number of official visits to 25 may provide one meal to a football prospective student-athlete in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution also may provide one meal to the prospective student-athlete's family members in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit, provided it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal under similar circumstances to all prospective students' family members visiting the campus. A prospective student-athlete who is given such a meal may not also be provided by the institution with an official visit in any sport. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 12/15/06, 4/25/18)*

13.7.3.1.2.2 Exception -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, a prospective student-athlete visiting an institution's campus as part of an admissions event (open house) may be provided with one meal in the institution's on-campus student dining facility and may have contact with institutional coaching staff members only during such an event without the visit counting as an official visit.

The institution must be able to certify that it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal to all prospective student-athletes (including nonathletes) attending the admissions event. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

13.7.3.1.3 Housing -- Lodging in Dormitories. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room only if the prospective student-athlete pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging. **[R]**

13.7.3.1.4 Transportation During Unofficial Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on an unofficial visit, see Bylaw 13.5.3.

13.7.3.1.5 Reserving Game Tickets. [A] An institution may reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) for the use of additional individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete during an unofficial visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospective student-athlete. Such tickets must be purchased at face value. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.7.3.1.6 Parking. An institution may not arrange special parking for a prospective student-athlete to use while attending a member institution's campus athletics event during an unofficial visit. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.7.3.1.7 Academic Interviews. An athletics department staff member may arrange academic interviews for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.

13.7.3.1.8 Student Host. A student host must either be a current student-athlete or a student who is designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policies for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.7.3.2 Home Games at Site Other Than Regular Home Facility. If an institution schedules any regular-season home games at a site not designated as its regular home facility, the host institution may provide a maximum of three complimentary admissions to any such game for the exclusive use of a prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete. Tournament and postseason games are excluded. The institution shall not arrange or permit any other entertainment or payment of expenses, including transportation, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.3. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03)*

13.7.3.3 Conference Tournaments. A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

13.7.3.4 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

13.7.3.5 Visit Unrelated to Recruitment. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospective student-athlete's athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., band trip, fraternity weekend, athletics team's attendance at a sporting event with the high school coach). The institution's athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than the institution providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete. Such admissions may be provided during a dead period. **[R]** *(Revised: 12/6/13)*

13.7.3.6 Visit Related to National Student-Athlete Day or National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for activities related to National Student-Athlete Day and National Girls and Women in Sports Day. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98)*

13.7.3.7 Professional Tryout or Workout Activities. During an unofficial visit, a prospective student-athlete may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.10.) **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/8/07)*

13.7.4 Activities During Unofficial Visit. An institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations) and may not permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions) during an unofficial visit. Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location outside of athletics facilities the prospective student-athlete will visit (e.g., hotel room, dorm room, student union) regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete's name or picture. An institution may decorate common areas in athletics facilities (e.g.,

lobby, coach's office, suite in arena) for an unofficial visit, provided the decorations are not personalized and the common areas are not accessible or visible to the general public while decorated. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 5/14/05, 4/27/06, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.7.5 Off-Campus Contact Within One Mile of Campus Boundaries. Off-campus contact between an institutional staff member and a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) and off-campus contact between an enrolled student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) may occur during an unofficial visit within one mile of campus boundaries. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.8 Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches and Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions. Entertainment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to home intercollegiate athletics events at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus, which must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus or the athletics event. It is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, bowl game). An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/3/02, 8/5/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/30/14)*

13.8.1.1 Exception -- Nonathletics Personnel. An institutional department outside the athletics department (e.g., president's office, admissions) may host nonathletics high school, preparatory school or two-year college personnel (e.g., guidance counselors, principals) in conjunction with a home intercollegiate athletics event and may provide such individuals reasonable expenses (e.g., food, refreshments, parking, room) and a nominal gift, provided the visit is not related to athletics recruiting and there is no involvement by the institution's athletics recruiting and there is no involvement by the institution's athletics department in the arrangements for the visit, other than providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event. **[D]** *(Adopted: 3/8/12, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.1.2 Transportation Reimbursement. An institution shall not reimburse a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for expenses incurred in transporting a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.1.3 Transportation to Off-Campus Contest. If a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach transports members of his or her athletics squad to an off-campus site to watch NCAA member institutions compete, an institution may not reimburse the coach for the transportation costs or provide complimentary tickets for the coach or any of the team members. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.1.4 Purchase of Game Tickets. An institution may not reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) to be purchased by high school, preparatory or two-year college coaches (or individuals accompanying them) to attend an institution's athletics contest. Tickets may be purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.1.5 Noncoaching-Related Organization. If a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach is a member of a noncoaching-related organization (e.g., state high school principals association, college fraternity alumni organization, institution's alumni association), an institution may entertain the group, provided there is no direct involvement by the institution's athletics department. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.2 Material Benefits. Arrangements by an institution that involve a material benefit for a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach, or for any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved, (e.g., the provision of a gift such as a tangible item bearing the institution's insignia, the offer to pay a portion of the coach's or other individual's personal expenses, compensation based on the number of campers sent to an institution's camp, or an arrangement to provide transportation for the coach or other individual) are prohibited. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 10/30/14)*

13.8.2.1 Gifts at Coaches Clinic. An institution may not provide gifts to high school, preparatory school or two-year college coaches in conjunction with its coaches clinic or other events. This specifically prohibits the provision of a door prize to the coach, even if the cost of the prize is included in the cumulative admission fee (the admission fee charged to each person, when combined, would cover the cost of the prize). Materials (e.g., clipboards, file folders) may be provided to

each person attending the clinic, provided the items are included in the registration or admission fee. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 10/30/14)*

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

13.8.3.1 Employment in Athletically Related Institutional Activities -- Basketball. An institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) an individual as a speaker or presenter at any athletically related institutional event or activity (e.g., booster club function, outside consultant) if that individual is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball. *(Adopted: 1/17/09)*

13.8.3.2 Employment in Athletically Related Institutional Activities -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual as a speaker or presenter at any athletically related institutional event or activity (e.g., booster club function, outside consultant) if that individual is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in football. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

13.8.3.3 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 6/13/11)*

13.8.3.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 6/20/13)*

13.8.3.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two full seasons. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of the institution's last regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/13/17)*

13.8.3.4 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

13.8.3.4.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.4 occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1 and 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.4 also occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.8.3.4.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the

previous two full seasons. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of institution's last regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.8.3.5 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

13.8.3.5.1 Application. [FBS] A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.5 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.20) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.5 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.8.3.5.2 Exception -- Reassignment. [FBS] An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two academic years. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.8.3.6 Graduate Teaching Assistants. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who is enrolled in a bona fide postgraduate program at a member institution is permitted to receive legitimate compensation as a graduate teaching assistant.

13.8.3.7 Employment in Different Sport. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity in a different sport may be employed as a member of an institution's coaching staff. *(Revised: 3/16/07)*

13.8.3.8 Employment in Same Sport. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity in the same sport shall not be employed as a member of an institution's coaching staff.

13.8.3.8.1 Contract for Future Employment. A member institution is permitted to enter into a contractual agreement with a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for an employment opportunity that begins with the next academic year, provided the employment contract with the member institution is not contingent upon the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete and the coach does not begin any coaching duties (e.g., recruiting, selection of coaching staff) for the member institution while remaining associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college.

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements and Offers.

13.9.1 Oral Offers -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an athletics department staff member shall not, directly or indirectly, provide an individual an oral offer (or indicate that an offer will or may be made) of athletically related financial aid, other institutional financial aid, admission to the institution or as a member of an intercollegiate team before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.9.2 Requirements for Written Offer of Athletically Related Financial Aid. The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid (per Bylaw 15.3.2.2) to a prospective student-athlete: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10)*

(a) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center;

(b) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must be placed on the institution's institutional request list (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and

(c) A high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete must complete the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

13.9.3 Letter of Intent Restriction. A member institution may not participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement that involves a signing date that precedes the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date for the National Letter of Intent program in the same sport. However, an

institution may permit a prospective student-athlete to sign an institutional or conference letter of intent during the National Letter of Intent early signing period in the applicable sport. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 12/12/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.9.3.1 Mailing of Financial Aid Offer. An institutional or conference financial aid form may be included in the normal mailing of the National Letter of Intent, but none of the forms enclosed in the mailing may be signed by the prospective student-athlete prior to the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.9.3.2 Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date. Before August 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution shall not, directly or indirectly, provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the prospective student-athlete that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution. On or after August 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution may indicate in writing to a prospective student-athlete that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospective student-athlete to sign a form indicating his or her acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 3/3/11)*

13.9.3.2.1 Nontraditional Academic Calendars. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution may indicate in writing on or after the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospective student-athlete to sign a form indicating his or her acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program. **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/23/15)*

13.9.3.3 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

13.9.3.3.1 Application. [FBS] A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year shall count toward the annual limit on signings for that academic year. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the academic year may count toward the limit for that academic year or the limit for the next academic year. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

13.9.3.3.2 Exception -- Agreement After One Year. [FBS] A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.9.3.3.3 Exception -- Incapacitating Injury or Illness. [FBS] A prospective student-athlete or student-athlete who, prior to participation in athletically related activities, becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not count toward the institution's annual limit on signings. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

13.10 Publicity.

13.10.1 Presence of Media During Recruiting Contact. A member institution shall not permit a media entity to be present during any recruiting contact made by an institution's coaching staff member. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97)*

13.10.2 Publicity Before Commitment.

13.10.2.1 Comments Before Commitment. Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. The institution may not comment generally about the prospective student-athlete's ability or the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the institution's team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete committing to or signing with that institution. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.10.2.1.1 Evaluations for Media, Recruiting Services. Athletics department staff members shall not evaluate or rate a prospective student-athlete for news media, scouting services or recruiting services. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.10.2.2 Radio/TV Show. A member institution shall not permit a prospective student-athlete or a high school, college preparatory school or two-year college coach to appear, be interviewed or otherwise be involved (in person or via audio or video) on: **[D]** *(Revised: 8/14/04, 1/18/13 effective 7/31/13)*

(a) A radio or television program conducted by the institution's coach;

(b) A program in which the institution's coach is participating; or

(c) A program for which a member of the institution's athletics staff has been instrumental in arranging for the appearance of the prospective student-athlete or coach or related program material.

13.10.2.2.1 Announcer for Broadcast of Prospective Student-Athlete's Athletics Contest. A member of the athletics staff of a member institution, other than a part-time, noncoaching staff member, may not serve as an announcer or commentator for any athletics contest in which a prospective student-athlete is participating, or appear (in person or by means of audio or video) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/99, 8/5/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 5/1/19, 1/22/20)*

13.10.2.2.2 Game Broadcast/Telecast. A prospective student-athlete may not be interviewed during the broadcast or telecast of an institution's intercollegiate contest. A member institution may not permit a station telecasting a game to show a videotape of competition involving high school, preparatory school or two-year college prospective student-athletes. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.10.2.3 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. It is permissible for a conference to broadcast at any time, and through any medium, a public service announcement that may include prospective student-athletes, provided the following criteria are met (see Bylaw 13.1.10): *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

(a) A conference office is responsible for development of the public service announcement;

(b) The scope of the public service announcement is limited exclusively to promoting sportsmanship; and

(c) The public service announcement is not designed to solicit the enrollment of prospective student-athletes.

13.10.2.4 Prospective Student-Athlete's Visit. An institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus. Further, a prospective student-athlete may not participate in team activities that would make the public or media aware of the prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution (e.g., running out of the tunnel with team, celebratory walks to or around the stadium/arena, on-field pregame celebrations). **[D]** *(Revised: 1/14/97, 9/12/03)*

13.10.2.5 Introduction of Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may not introduce a visiting prospective student-athlete at a function (e.g., the institution's sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest) that is attended by media representatives or open to the general public. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

13.10.2.6 Intent to Enroll. An institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's intention to accept its offer of financial assistance. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

13.10.2.7 Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospective student-athlete during a campus visit to be used in the institution's permissible publicity and promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide) and the photograph may be provided to the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04, 11/17/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.10.2.8 Exception -- Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms. An athletics department staff member may take actions (e.g., "like," "favorite," republish, etc.) on social media platforms that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution's athletics interests. (See Bylaw 11.3.2.5.) *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.10.2.9 Exception -- Enrolled Student-Athletes. An enrolled student-athlete may publicly comment on social media about a prospective student-athlete, provided such comments are not made at the direction of an institutional staff member. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.10.3 Publicity After Commitment. There are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, except as set forth in Bylaw 13.10.1. In basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this provision does not apply to

a prospective student-athlete who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. In sports other than basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this provision does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/14/97, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/25/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 7/9/18)*

13.11 Tryouts.

13.11.1 Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaws 13.11.1.1 and 13.11.1.2) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 1/17/09)*

13.11.1.1 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout-Rule Purposes -- Sports Other Than Men's Basketball and Softball. In sports other than men's basketball and softball, for purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/17/09, 4/25/18)*

13.11.1.2 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout-Rule Purposes -- Men's Basketball and Softball. In men's basketball and softball, for purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the seventh grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described. *(Adopted: 1/17/09, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.11.1.3 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, an institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team but may not compete against a high school or preparatory school team. An institution's varsity team may not participate in a contest against an outside team (e.g., nonscholastic team) that includes high school prospective student-athletes except for permissible contests while on a foreign tour, exempted contests against a foreign team in the United States and the U.S. national team. In individual sports, it is permissible for an institution's varsity team and an outside team that includes prospective student-athletes to participate in the same open event, provided the event either involves no team scoring or the event uses team scoring such that the institution's varsity team and the outside team are in separate scoring categories. Subvarsity teams are not bound by this prohibition. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 2/26/07, 9/18/07, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 a contract signed before 8/14/09 may be honored)*

13.11.1.4 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution's varsity and subvarsity intercollegiate teams shall not compete against any team that includes prospective student-athletes. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 a contract signed by 8/14/09 may be honored)*

13.11.1.4.1 Exception -- National Service Academy Subvarsity Team. [FBS] A national service academy's subvarsity team may compete against a two-year college team, a high school team or a preparatory school team, provided no payment or other inducement (e.g., guarantee) is provided to such a team and no recruiting activities occur with members of such a team in conjunction with the competition. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

13.11.1.5 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution's varsity intercollegiate team shall not compete against a high school or preparatory school team. An institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team and its subvarsity team may compete against a two-year college team, a high school team or a preparatory school team, provided no payment or other inducement (e.g., guarantee) is provided to such a team and no recruiting activities occur with members of such a team in conjunction with such competition. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 a contract signed before 8/14/09 may be honored)*

13.11.1.6 Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College. In basketball, football, women's gymnastics and volleyball, member institutions shall not permit competition between or among high schools, preparatory schools or two-year colleges to be conducted in conjunction with an intercollegiate athletics event (see Bylaw 13.15.1.5). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95, 8/5/04, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.11.1.6.1 Criteria. An intercollegiate contest may be scheduled on the same day as a high school, preparatory school or two-year college contest (without being considered to be scheduled "in conjunction" with that event) only if the college and high school, preparatory school or two-year college events are conducted in separate sessions, separate tickets are sold for the events, and the playing facility is cleared between the contests. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95)*

13.11.1.7 Nonscholastic-Based Basketball. In basketball, a member of an institution's coaching staff or an institutional staff member with basketball-specific duties (e.g., director of basketball operations, manager, administrative personnel) may only participate in coaching activities involving a nonscholastic-based basketball team that includes the staff member's child or children and that is of the opposite gender than the institution's team with which the staff member is associated. A coaching staff member or an institutional staff member with basketball-specific duties may not participate on teams that include individuals with eligibility remaining or that include individuals of prospective student-athlete age or younger, regardless of the gender of the participants. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06)*

13.11.1.7.1 Planning or Operation of Nonscholastic Events -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not be involved in any way in the planning or operation of a men's/boys' basketball nonscholastic event on an institution's campus. *(Adopted: 8/26/10)*

13.11.1.8 Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Men's Basketball. An institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.2) participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 a contract signed before 10/29/09 may be honored)*

13.11.1.8.1 Exception -- State Multisport Events. An institution may host basketball-related events that are part of officially recognized state multisport events. *(Adopted: 4/28/11)*

13.11.1.8.2 Exception -- Other Events. An institution may host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic event that involves men's basketball prospective student-athletes, provided it meets one of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/28/11)*

(a) The event is open (see Bylaw 13.11.3.1) and all participating men's basketball prospective student-athletes reside within a 50-mile radius of the institution's campus;

(b) The event is part of a program that is consistent with the mission of the institution (e.g., state wellness and educational programs) and is conducted in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.3.2; or

(c) The event is an ancillary event that is part of a nonathletics program (e.g., Boy Scouts) and is conducted in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.3.2.

13.11.1.9 Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Women's Basketball. An institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which women's basketball prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.1) participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12 a contract signed before 6/28/11 may be honored)*

13.11.1.9.1 Exception -- State Multisport Events. An institution may host basketball-related events that are part of officially recognized state multisport events. *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

13.11.1.9.2 Exception -- Other Events. An institution may host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic event that involves women's basketball prospective student-athletes, provided it meets one of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

(a) The event is open (see Bylaw 13.11.3.1) and all participating women's basketball prospective student-athletes reside within a 50-mile radius of the institution's campus;

(b) The event is part of a program that is consistent with the mission of the institution (e.g., state wellness and educational programs) and is conducted in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.3.2; or

(c) The event is an ancillary event that is part of a nonathletics program (e.g., Girl Scouts) and is conducted in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.3.2.

13.11.1.10 Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic football practice or competition (e.g., seven-on-seven events) in which football prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12 a contract signed before 8/15/11 may be honored)*

13.11.1.11 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.2) shall be limited to June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that

includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3) and shall not occur during a dead period. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 a contract signed before 10/29/09 may be honored, Revised: 2/24/12)*

13.11.1.12 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.1) shall be limited to June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3) and shall not occur during a dead period. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12 a contract signed before 6/28/11 may be honored, Revised: 2/13/12, 2/24/12)*

13.11.1.13 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.1) shall be limited to June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July, and shall not occur during a dead period. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12 a contract signed before 8/15/11 may be honored, Revised: 2/24/12, 4/26/17)*

13.11.1.14 Tryout Events. A member institution or conference may not host, sponsor or conduct a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine (e.g., combination of athletics skill tests or activities) devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes at any location. An institution or conference shall not host, sponsor or conduct any portion (e.g., instructional clinic) of an event that also includes agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes that are conducted at a separate location. In sports other than bowl subdivision football, a member institution's staff members may only attend (subject to sport-specific restrictions) such an event sponsored by an outside organization if the event occurs off the institution's campus and is open to all institutions (see Bylaw 13.1.7.4.5). **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 8/5/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 9/18/07)*

13.11.1.14.1 Exception -- National Team Tryout Events. In sports other than basketball and bowl subdivision football, it is permissible for an institution to host national team tryout events conducted by the applicable national governing body (see Bylaws 13.11.1.8, 13.11.1.9 and 13.11.1.10). *(Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 3/13/12)*

13.11.1.15 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- Men's Basketball. If a violation of Bylaw 13.11.1 occurs in which a men's basketball staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests is involved in any way in the operation or planning of a boys'/men's basketball nonscholastic event on its campus, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 8/12/10)*

13.11.2 Permissible Activities.

13.11.2.1 On-Campus Evaluations -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution may conduct an evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition, under the following conditions: **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 4/8/16)*

(a) For a high school or preparatory school senior, the evaluation may be conducted only after the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's season and after he or she has exhausted high school or preparatory school eligibility in basketball;

(b) For a two-year college prospective student-athlete, the evaluation may be conducted only after the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's season and after he or she has exhausted his or her two-year college eligibility in basketball;

(c) For a four-year college prospective student-athlete, the evaluation may be conducted only after the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's season. (See Bylaw 13.1.1.3);

(d) The on-campus evaluation may be conducted only during the prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit;

(e) The on-campus evaluation shall be conducted not later than the opening day of classes of the institution's fall term;

(f) Not more than one on-campus evaluation per prospective student-athlete per institution shall be permitted (applied separately to the time period in which a prospective student-athlete completes high school or preparatory school eligibility and to the time period after the prospective student-athlete enrolls full time in a collegiate institution);

(g) Before participating in an on-campus evaluation, a prospective student-athlete is required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). A nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision may complete the medical examination without supervision by a physician. The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. The examination or evaluation must be administered either

within six months before participation in the on-campus evaluation or within six months before the prospective student-athlete's initial participation in practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities during his or her immediately completed season. In addition, the medical examination or evaluation may be conducted by an institution's regular team physician or other designated physician as a part of the on-campus evaluation;

(h) The institution's basketball student-athletes may participate in an on-campus evaluation, provided such participation is counted toward the applicable hourly and weekly limitations on countable athletically related activities (e.g., four hours per day and 20 hours per week during the playing season, four hours of skill instruction and eight hours per week outside the playing season). [See Bylaws 17.1.7.2-(a) and 17.1.7.2.2];

(i) The duration of the on-campus evaluation activities (other than the medical examination or evaluation) shall be limited to two hours; and

(j) The institution may provide equipment and clothing to a prospective student-athlete on an issuance-and-retrieval basis.

13.11.2.2 Preseason Practice and Competition. A student-athlete who is not enrolled, but who has been accepted for admission to the institution in a regular full-time program of studies, shall be permitted to engage in preseason practice and competition in fall sports or practice occurring in midyear between terms on the academic calendar, provided such practice is not used to determine whether aid is to be awarded. **[D]**

13.11.2.3 Recreational Activities. A prospective student-athlete visiting an institution may participate in physical workouts or other recreational activities during a visit to an institution's campus, provided such activities: **[D]** *(Revised: 1/11/94, 5/1/19)*

(a) Are not observed by members of the athletics department coaching staff;

(b) Are not designed to test the athletics abilities of the prospective student-athlete; and

(c) A student-athlete or prospective student-athlete may not be required to report back to a coach or other athletics department staff member any information related to the activity. In addition, no athletics department staff member who observes the activity (e.g., trainer, manager) may report back to the institution's coach any information related to the activity.

13.11.2.3.1 Exception -- After National Letter of Intent Signing. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (or a four-year college-transfer prospective student-athlete who has signed a written offer of financial aid and/or admission) may participate in voluntary weightlifting or conditioning activities (e.g., conditioning on the track) on the institution's campus in the presence of the institution's strength and conditioning coach, provided such activities are not prearranged, the strength and conditioning coach is performing normal duties and responsibilities in the supervision of the weight room or facility in use (e.g., track) and he or she does not work directly with the prospective student-athlete. **[D]** *(Adopted: 8/26/10)*

13.11.2.4 Local Sports Clubs. In sports other than basketball and football, an institution's coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in the same sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). In all sports, an institution's coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in a sport other than the coach's sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). Further, in clubs or organizations involving multiple teams or multiple sports, the 50-mile radius is applicable only to the team with which the institution's coach is involved; however, it is not permissible for the coach to assign a prospective student-athlete who lives outside the 50-mile area to another coach of the club. A coach also may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of a prospective student-athlete age, regardless of where such individuals reside. (In women's volleyball and women's beach volleyball, see Bylaws 13.1.7.9 and 13.1.7.10, respectively, for regulations relating to a coach's involvement with a local sports club and the permissible number of evaluation days.) **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 9/6/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/11/05, 7/31/15, 5/1/19)*

13.11.2.4.1 Exception. The 50-mile radius restriction shall not apply to a prospective student-athlete who resides outside a 50-mile radius of the institution, provided the institution documents that the local sports club is the closest opportunity for the prospective student-athlete to participate in the sport. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

13.11.2.4.2 Legal Resident. A prospective student-athlete who relocates to an area within a 50-mile radius of the institution on a temporary basis (e.g., to participate on a club team or attend an institution while maintaining a permanent residence outside the 50-mile radius) is not a legal resident of the area regardless of whether the prospective student-athlete meets legal standards of state or local residency for governmental purposes. *(Adopted: 9/18/07)*

13.11.2.4.3 Institutional Sponsorship of Local Sports Club. Neither an institution's athletics department nor an institution's athletics booster group may sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes. It is permissible for a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department (e.g., physical education department, recreation department) to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes, provided no athletics department staff member is involved with the club team. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94)*

13.11.2.4.3.1 Exception -- Permissible Recruiting Expenses. An institution may provide expenses to a coach related to permissible recruiting activities on behalf of the institution that occur while the coach is also acting in a permissible capacity for a local sports club. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.11.2.4.4 Women's Volleyball -- Additional Restrictions. In women's volleyball, during a dead or quiet period, institutional coaching staff members may not coach a local sports club team at an off-campus competition where prospective student-athletes are present. However, it is permissible for an institution's coach to coach his or her own local sports club team in practice activities. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

13.11.2.4.5 Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) shall not be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) with a football club or organization that includes prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 Immediate; a contract signed before 6/13/18 may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.)*

13.11.2.5 Sports Camps and Clinics. An institution's coach may be employed in sports camps, coaching schools and clinics per Bylaw 13.12 without violating the tryout rule.

13.11.2.6 Medical Examinations.

13.11.2.6.1 Medical Screening Examination. During a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit to campus, an institution may conduct a medical screening examination to determine the prospective student-athlete's medical qualifications to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided : *(Revised: 10/30/03 effective 8/1/04, 5/1/19)*

(a) The examination is conducted by the institution's regular team or designated physician, or other institutional medical staff member (e.g., athletic trainer);

(b) No other nonmedical athletics department staff members are present;

(c) The examination does not include any test or procedure designed to measure the athletics agility or skill of the prospective student-athlete; and

(d) The results of the examination are not used by the institution to deny admission of the prospective student-athlete who is otherwise qualified for admission under the institution's regular admission criteria.

13.11.2.6.1.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. National service academies are not subject to the restrictions on medical examinations during a prospective student-athlete's visit to campus set forth in Bylaw 13.11.2.6.1.

13.11.2.6.1.2 Exception -- On-Campus Evaluation -- Basketball. In basketball, additional athletics department staff members (e.g., coaches) may be present during a medical examination that is conducted as part of an on-campus evaluation (see Bylaw 13.11.2.1) and the medical evaluation may include tests or procedures designed to measure the athletics agility or skill of the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13)*

13.11.2.6.2 After Signing or Acceptance for Enrollment. It shall be permissible to administer medical examinations at any time to prospective student-athletes who either have signed the National Letter of Intent with the involved institution or have been accepted for enrollment in a regular full-time program of studies at that institution, provided the examinations occur during an official paid visit or a visit to the institution at the prospective student-athlete's own expense for any purpose. Such an examination may take place before or after, but not during, a prospective student-athlete's visit to the campus to attend a general orientation session pursuant to Bylaw 13.15.2.4. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/14/97, 6/10/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

13.11.3.1 Open Events. Participation by a prospective student-athlete in open events conducted by or held on an institution's campus shall not be considered tryouts. Competition shall be considered open if the competitive event itself is not classified by age group or level of educational institution represented, and the selection of participants is not limited except by number, by geographical area or on the basis of some objective standard of performance (see Bylaws 13.11.1.8 and 13.11.1.9). **[D]**

13.11.3.2 Activities Not Involving Institution's Staff. The use of a member institution's facilities for physical activities by a group that includes prospective student-athletes shall not be considered a tryout, provided the institution's athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests are not involved in the conduct, promotion or administration of the activity (other than activities incidental to supervising the use of the facilities) and are subject to all applicable NCAA recruiting legislation. This exception does not apply to activities and events that are prohibited per Bylaws 13.11.1.8, 13.11.1.9, 13.11.1.10 and 13.11.1.14. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 8/12/10, 5/22/13)*

13.11.3.3 State, Regional, National or International Training Programs. Participation by an institution's athletics department staff member in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body shall not be considered tryouts, provided the athletics department staff member is selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution. A member institution's coaching staff member may not participate only in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.3.3.1, 13.11.3.3.2 and 13.11.3.3.3. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/9/96, 11/10/97, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

13.11.3.3.1 U.S. Junior National Teams -- Basketball. A coaching staff member who is a member of an official committee of USA Basketball may be involved in noncoaching activities (e.g., participant selection, on-site evaluation) involving prospective basketball student-athletes participating on U.S. Junior National teams. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/01)*

13.11.3.3.2 Coach/Prospective Student-Athlete Competition. It is permissible for an institution's coach to participate with or against prospective student-athletes in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization and both the coach and the prospective student-athlete are eligible to enter the competition. **[D]**

13.11.3.3.3 Administration of State Games. A member institution serving as the site of state games is permitted to involve its staff members in the administration of the event but may not be involved in the selection or assignment of participants and coaches participating in the event. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*

13.11.3.4 High School, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Contests. High school, preparatory school and two-year-college athletics contests or matches, conducted by an institution or sponsored jointly with an outside organization and held on the institution's campus, shall not be considered tryouts, provided the following conditions are met [see Bylaw 13.2.3-(c) for restrictions related to the provision of awards at such contests]: **[D]** *(Revised: 1/15/11)*

(a) **Team Sports.**

(1) The opportunity to participate in the event is not limited to specific educational institutions and all educational institutions in a specific geographical area are eligible to compete (limited only by number, by institutional classification or on the basis of some objective standard of performance);

(2) Each participant represents his or her educational institution in the event (no nonscholastic team representation); and

(3) No financial compensation (e.g., transportation, expenses, guarantee, percentage of income) from the event may be provided to the educational institutions;

(b) **Individual Sports.**

(1) The opportunity to participate in the event is not limited to specific prospective student-athletes or educational institutions and all individual prospective student-athletes or educational institutions in a specific geographical area are eligible to compete (limited only by number, by institutional classification or on the basis of some objective standard of performance);

(2) A participant may compete as an individual or may represent his or her educational institution or a nonscholastic team; and

(3) No financial compensation (e.g., transportation expenses, guarantee, percentage of income) from the event may be provided to an individual, educational institution or nonscholastic team.

13.11.3.5 Officiating. An institution's coach may officiate competition that involves prospective student-athletes, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization. **[D]**

13.11.3.6 Private Lessons -- Women's Golf and Equestrian Exception. An institution's women's golf and equestrian coaches may teach private lessons to a prospective student-athlete in their respective sports, provided the following conditions are met: **[D]** *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/25/18, 1/23/19)*

(a) The prospective student-athlete resides within a 50-mile radius of the institution's main campus;

(b) The coach makes lessons available to the general public;

(c) In women's golf, lessons are only provided to female prospective student-athletes and the coach is a teaching professional certified pursuant to the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and/or Professional Golf Association (PGA) certification program;

(d) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are at a rate commensurate with fees charged to all individuals; and

(e) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are not paid by individuals or entities other than the prospective student-athlete or his or her family members.

13.11.3.7 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Football. [FBS/FCS]

13.11.3.7.1 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in football and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received his financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 5/31/06, 12/15/06, 1/14/08, 10/26/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 4/28/16, 4/26/17)*

13.11.3.7.2 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach or a countable coach who is a certified strength and conditioning coach, and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received his financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 5/31/06, 12/15/06, 1/14/08, 5/4/09, 10/26/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 4/28/16, 4/26/17)*

13.11.3.7.3 Mandatory Medical Examination. [FBS/FCS] Prior to participation in any weight-training or conditioning workouts, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight-training or conditioning activity. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 5/1/07, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

13.11.3.7.4 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. [FBS/FCS] A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition, a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) must be present during all voluntary conditioning activities (running, not lifting) conducted by the institution's strength coach. The sports medicine staff member must be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03)*

13.11.3.8 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in any sport and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent 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 its offer of admission. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/20/04, 1/14/08, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 4/28/16, 4/26/17)*

13.11.3.8.1 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any weight-training or conditioning workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight-training or conditioning activity. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 5/1/07, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

13.11.3.8.2 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. If a member of the

institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 5/1/11)*

13.11.3.9 Required Summer Athletic Activities -- Basketball.

13.11.3.9.1 National Service Academies -- Incoming Freshmen. In basketball, a national service academy may designate eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks) of the summer during which incoming freshmen student-athletes who are enrolled in required summer on-campus military training may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction. Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related instruction. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/28/16, 4/25/18)*

13.11.3.9.2 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer during which a prospective student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent 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 its offer of admission. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.11.3.9.3 Mandatory Medical Examination. Before participating in any required summer athletic activities, a prospective student-athlete shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months before participation in any athletic activity. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

13.11.3.10 Required Summer Athletic Activities -- Football. [FBS/FCS]

13.11.3.10.1 National Service Academies -- Incoming Freshmen -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, a national service academy may designate eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks) of the summer during which incoming freshmen student-athletes who are enrolled in required summer on-campus military training may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film. Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review. **[D]** *(Adopted: 10/30/13, Revised: 4/28/16)*

13.11.3.10.2 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer during which a prospective student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent 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 its offer of admission. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.11.3.10.3 Mandatory Medical Examination. [FBS/FCS] Before participating in any required summer athletic activities, a prospective student-athlete shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months before participation in any athletic activity. **[D]** *(Adopted: 10/30/13)*

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1.1 Definition. An institution's sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospective student-athletes participate. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

13.12.1.1.1 Definition of Prospective Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball and Softball. In men's basketball and softball, for purposes of Bylaw 13.12, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the seventh grade. *(Adopted: 1/17/09, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.12.1.1.2 Definition of Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Basketball. In basketball, for purposes of applying Bylaw 13.12, a recruited prospective student-athlete is a prospective student-athlete who has been recruited

pursuant to the definition of recruiting in Bylaw 13.02.14 or the definition of a recruited prospective student-athlete pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.14.1. In addition, a basketball prospective student-athlete is considered a recruited prospective student-athlete if any of the following conditions have occurred: *(Adopted: 10/29/09, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) The prospective student-athlete's attendance at any institutional camp or clinic has been solicited by the institution (or a representative of the institution's athletics interests);

(b) The institution has provided any recruiting materials to the prospective student-athlete;

(c) An institutional coaching staff member has had any recruiting contact [including in-person or electronic contact (e.g., telephone calls, video conference, electronic correspondence)] with the prospective student-athlete (including contact initiated by the prospective student-athlete);

(d) The prospective student-athlete has received an oral offer of athletically related financial aid from the institution; or

(e) The prospective student-athlete has orally committed to attend the institution.

13.12.1.1.3 Definition of Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, for purposes of applying Bylaw 13.12, a recruited prospective student-athlete is a prospective student-athlete who has been recruited pursuant to the definition of recruiting in Bylaw 13.02.14 or the definition of a recruited prospective student-athlete pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.14.1. In addition, a football prospective student-athlete is considered a recruited prospective student-athlete if any of the following conditions have occurred: *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

(a) The prospective student-athlete's attendance at any institutional camp or clinic has been solicited by the institution (or a representative of the institution's athletics interests);

(b) The institution has provided any recruiting materials to the prospective student-athlete;

(c) An institutional coaching staff member has had any recruiting contact [including in-person or electronic contact (e.g., telephone calls, video conference, electronic correspondence)] with the prospective student-athlete (including contact initiated by the prospective student-athlete);

(d) The prospective student-athlete has received an oral offer of athletically related financial aid from the institution; or

(e) The prospective student-athlete has orally committed to attend the institution.

13.12.1.1.4 Purposes of Camps or Clinics. An institution's sports camp or clinic shall be one that: *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 5/9/06)*

(a) Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction or practice and may include competition;

(b) Involves activities designed to improve overall skills and general knowledge in the sport; or

(c) Offers a diversified experience without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.

13.12.1.1.5 Football. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during 10 days in the months of June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. In championship subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/8/07, 1/16/10, 4/29/10, 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, 1/23/19)*

13.12.1.1.6 Basketball. An institution's basketball camp or clinic shall be conducted only during June, July and August, or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3). **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/8/07)*

13.12.1.2 Location Restriction.

13.12.1.2.1 Baseball. In baseball, during a quiet period, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at his or her institution's camps or clinics that occur on his or her institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.3.2.) *(Adopted: 5/4/20)*

13.12.1.2.2 Basketball. In basketball, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus. *(Adopted: 4/29/10)*

13.12.1.2.3 Football. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or in facilities regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. In championship subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted within the state where the institution is located. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.12.1.2.4 Softball. In softball, during periods when it is not permissible to evaluate at nonscholastic practice or competition activities, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at institutional (his or her own or another institution's) camps or clinics that occur on any institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.3.6.) *(Adopted: 5/4/20)*

13.12.1.2.5 Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, during a quiet period, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at his or her institution's camps or clinics or a noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics that occur on his or her institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.3.7.) *(Adopted: 5/4/20)*

13.12.1.3 Attendance Restriction. A member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). (See Bylaw 13.4.3.2.2.) *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 12/12/06, 9/24/09)*

13.12.1.4 Additional Restrictions -- Basketball. In men's basketball, all institutional men's/boys' camps and clinics shall offer the same participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos). In women's basketball, all institutional women's/girls' camps and clinics shall offer the same participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos). *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. The interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.3.2). Other coaches who attend the camp or clinic as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period or a recruiting shutdown. *(Revised: 4/3/02, 4/26/12, 4/25/18)*

13.12.1.5.1 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Men's Ice Hockey, Lacrosse and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, men's ice hockey, lacrosse and softball, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution's coach and a participating individual before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. *(Adopted: 6/9/17 effective 6/12/17, Revised: 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.12.1.5.2 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse and softball, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution's coach and a participating individual before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. *(Revised: 5/1/19)*

13.12.1.5.3 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, recruiting conversations between the certifying institution's coach and a participating prospective student-athlete during the institution's camps or clinics are permissible. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.12.1.5.4 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institutional coaching staff member who is permissibly employed at a camp or clinic (see Bylaws 13.12.2.3.4 and 13.12.2.3.5) may engage in recruiting conversations with a prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.12.1.5.5 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are

not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution's coach and a participating individual before January 1 of the individual's sophomore year in high school. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.12.1.5.6 Exception -- Recruiting Activities -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institutional coaching staff member may engage in recruiting activities (e.g., campus tour, meeting with academic advisor) with prospective student-athletes during an institutional camp or clinic. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.12.1.5.7 Campus Tours During Institutional Camps or Clinics -- Sports Other Than Women's Basketball. In sports other than women's basketball, an institution's coach may arrange and conduct a campus tour during the institution's camp or clinic, provided the format of the tour has been approved by an institutional authority outside the athletics department (e.g., admissions office). *(Adopted: 7/23/15, Revised: 4/26/17)*

13.12.1.6 Advertisements. Restrictions relating to advertisements of an institution's sports camps and clinics in recruiting publications are set forth in Bylaw 13.4.3.2. Such restrictions do not apply to sports camp and clinic advertisements in nonrecruiting publications (e.g., a member institution's game program). **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.12.1.7 Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes/No Free or Reduced Admission Privileges.

13.12.1.7.1 General Rule. An institution, members of its staff or representatives of its athletics interests shall not employ or give free or reduced admission privileges to a prospective student-athlete who is an athletics award winner or any individual being recruited by the institution per Bylaw 13.02.14.1. An institution may offer discounted admission to its camps and clinics based on objective criteria unrelated to athletics abilities (e.g., registration prior to a specific date, online registration, attendance at multiple sessions, group discounts), provided such discounts are published and available on an equal basis to all who qualify. **[R]** *(Revised: 3/10/04, 4/20/09, 9/24/09)*

13.12.1.7.1.1 Exception -- Employment After Commitment. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete in a camp or clinic, provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent 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 its offer of admission. Compensation may be paid only for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locality for similar services. Such compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletics ability. A prospective student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.12.1.7.2 Payment of Expenses. A representative of an institution's athletics interests may not pay a prospective student-athlete's expenses to attend a member institution's sports camp or clinic. **[R]**

13.12.1.7.3 Concession Arrangement.

13.12.1.7.3.1 Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may not permit or arrange for a prospective student-athlete, at the prospective student-athlete's own expense, to operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with the institution's camp. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.12.1.7.3.2 Enrolled Student-Athlete. A student-athlete, at the student-athlete's own expense, may not operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with his or her institution's camp to campers or others in attendance because such an arrangement would be considered an extra benefit. However, the institution may employ the student-athlete at a reasonable rate to perform such services for the camp. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.12.1.7.4 Awards. Prospective student-athletes may receive awards from a member institution's sports camp or clinic with the understanding that the cost of such awards is included in the admissions fees charged for participants in the camp or clinic. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

13.12.2.1 Student-Athletes. A student-athlete may be employed in any sports camp or clinic, provided compensation is provided pursuant to the criteria of Bylaw 12.4.1. A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic. *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.12.2.1.1 Self-Employment. A student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct his or her own camp or clinic. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

13.12.2.2 High School, Preparatory School, Two-Year College Coaches or Other Individuals Involved With Prospective Student-Athletes. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity

in which a prospective student-athlete is involved at its camp or clinic, provided: **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/11/94, 6/25/08, 8/12/10)*

(a) The individual receives compensation that is commensurate with the going rate for camp counselors of like teaching ability and camp experience; and

(b) The individual is not paid on the basis of the value he or she may have for the employer because of his or her reputation or contact with prospective student-athletes.

13.12.2.2.1 Prohibited Compensation. A member institution may not compensate or reimburse a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach, or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved based on the number of campers the individual sends to the camp. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/20/11)*

13.12.2.2.2 Employment as a Speaker in an Institutional Camp or Clinic -- Basketball. An institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) a speaker in any basketball camp or clinic (including a coaches clinic or a camp or clinic involving nonprospects) who is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball. Such an individual may be employed as a camp counselor (except as prohibited in Bylaw 13.12.2.2.4), but may not perform speaking duties other than those normally associated with camp counselor duties (e.g., skill instruction). *(Adopted: 1/17/09, Revised: 8/26/10)*

13.12.2.2.3 Employment as a Speaker in an Institutional Camp or Clinic -- Football. [FBS/FCS] An institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) a speaker in any football camp or clinic (including a coaches clinic or a camp or clinic involving nonprospects) who is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in football. Such an individual may be employed as a camp counselor (except as prohibited in Bylaw 13.12.2.2.5), but may not perform speaking duties other than those normally associated with camp counselor duties (e.g., skill instruction). *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

13.12.2.2.4 Individual Associated With a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1, 13.02.19 and 13.12.1.1.2) at the institution's camp or clinic, unless at least two years (24 months) have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the institution. (See Bylaws 13.2.1.4 and 13.12.3.) *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 4/26/17, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

13.12.2.2.5 Individual Associated With a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1, 13.02.20 and 13.12.1.1.3) at the institution's camp or clinic (including a coaches clinic or a camp or clinic involving nonprospects), unless at least two years (24 months) have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the institution. (See Bylaws 13.2.1.5 and 13.12.4.) *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.12.2.2.5.1 Exception -- Coach of Four-Year, NCAA Member Institution -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution or staff member may employ a coach of another four-year, NCAA member institution at the institution's camp or clinic regardless of whether the coach is an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.12.2.3 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.12.2.3.1 Camp/Clinic Providing Recruiting or Scouting Service. No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes. In addition, an athletics department staff member may not be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a coaches clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes, even if prospective student athletes are not involved in the coaches clinic. This provision does not prohibit an athletics department staff member from participating in an officiating camp where participants officiate for, but are not otherwise involved in, a scouting services camp. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 8/5/04, 7/24/14)*

13.12.2.3.1.1 Exception -- NCAA College Basketball Academy. The NCAA may use a recruiting or scouting service in conjunction with the NCAA College Basketball Academy. Such use does not prohibit the employment of athletics department staff at the event. *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

13.12.2.3.2 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Baseball. In baseball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). However, during a quiet period, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) only at his or her institution's camps or clinics that occur on his or her institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/14/17)*

13.12.2.3.3 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to basketball may be employed only at his or her institution's camps or clinics. Participation in such camps or clinics is limited to the months of June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3). It is not permissible for a basketball coach or a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to basketball to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional privately owned camps or clinics. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 for men's basketball, effective 8/1/05 for women's basketball, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

13.12.2.3.3.1 Exception -- NCAA College Basketball Academy. A noncoaching staff member with basketball specific responsibilities from the host institution and conference office personnel with basketball specific responsibilities may be employed in administrative roles (camp registration, camp logistics, facility usage) associated with hosting the NCAA College Basketball Academy.
(Adopted: 1/22/20)

13.12.2.3.4 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution's coach (including a graduate assistant coach who has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1) may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. A noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed only by his or her institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to 10 days in the months of June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. It is not permissible for a football coach to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. It is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, 1/23/19)*

13.12.2.3.5 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution's coach (including a graduate assistant coach who has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1) or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic may occur only in June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. It is not permissible for a football coach or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. *(Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.12.2.3.6 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Softball. In softball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). Employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to periods when evaluation at nonscholastic practice or competition activities is permissible. During periods when is not permissible to evaluate at nonscholastic practice or competition activities, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to

softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at institutional (his or her own or another institution's) camps or clinics that occur on any institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.12.2.3.7 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Women's Volleyball. In volleyball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). However, during a quiet period, an institution's women's volleyball coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball may be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) only at his or her institution's camps or clinics or noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics that occur on his or her institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 5/4/20)*

13.12.2.3.8 Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, softball and women's volleyball, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). **[D]** *(Revised: 8/15/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/26/06, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.12.2.3.9 Noncoaching Athletics Staff Members. A noncoaching athletics staff member who does not have sport-specific responsibilities may present an educational session at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp/clinic that is not operated under the restrictions applicable to institutional camps/clinics, provided the staff member does not make a recruiting presentation. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/5/04, 4/26/17)*

13.12.2.3.10 Noninstitutional Fundamental Skills Camp/Clinic. An institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity at a noninstitutional camp or clinic conducted under the following conditions: **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 8/5/04)*

(a) The camp or clinic is designed to develop fundamental skills in a sport (rather than refine the abilities of skilled participants in the sport);

(b) The camp or clinic is open to the general public (except for restrictions in age or number of participants);

(c) The camp or clinic is conducted primarily for educational purposes and does not include material benefits for the participants (e.g., awards, prizes, merchandise, gifts);

(d) Participants do not receive a recruiting presentation; and

(e) All participants reside in the state in which the camp/clinic is located or within 100 miles of the camp/clinic.

13.12.3 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences of Violation -- Basketball. In basketball, if a violation specified below occurs, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 8/12/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) A violation of Bylaw 13.12.2.2.4 in which an institution or a basketball staff member employs (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic.

(b) A violation of Bylaw 13.12 in which an institutional boys' basketball camp offers a participation registration, procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos) that differs from other institutional boys' basketball camps.

(c) A violation of Bylaw 13.12 in which an institutional women's/girls' basketball camp or clinic offers a participation registration, procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos) that differs from other institutional women's/girls' basketball camps or clinics.

13.12.4 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences of Violation -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, if a violation of Bylaw 13.12.2.2.5 occurs, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective

student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.13 High School All-Star Games.

13.13.1 Coach Involvement. A member institution shall not permit any coach or athletics department staff member directly involved in the recruiting of prospective student-athletes to participate (directly or indirectly) in the management, coaching, officiating, supervision, promotion or participant selection of any all-star team or contest involving interscholastic participants or those who, during the previous school year, were members of high school athletics teams. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04)*

13.13.1.1 Previous Contractual Agreement. If a coach has made a contractual commitment to coach in a high school all-star game prior to being employed by a member institution and then becomes a member of the institution's staff before the game is held, the coach shall be obligated to observe this provision and disassociate himself or herself from the all-star game. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

13.13.2 Use of Institutional Facilities. A member institution's facilities shall not be made available for a high school all-star game unless the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.2 are met. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.13.3 Use of Institutional Equipment. It is not permissible for an institution to provide its athletics equipment to a prospective student-athlete (e.g., for use in a high school all-star game). **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.14 Use of Recruiting Funds.

13.14.1 Institutional Control. All funds for the recruiting of prospective student-athletes shall be deposited with the member institution, which shall be exclusively and entirely responsible for the manner in which such funds are expended.

13.14.1.1 Exception -- Expenses From a Local Sports Club or State, Regional, National or International Training Program. An institution's coach may receive expenses from a local sports club or a state, regional, national or international training program related to duties performed while acting in a permissible capacity for the sports club or training program and also in his or her capacity as a permissible recruiter for the institution. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.14.2 Visiting a Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution's athletics department staff member may visit a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members at any location for recruiting purposes. However, on any such visit, the staff member may not expend any funds other than the amount necessary for his or her own personal expenses. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.14.3 Recruiting or Scouting Services.

13.14.3.1 Basketball and Football. In basketball and football, an institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the institution does not purchase more than one annual subscription to a particular service and the service: **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 1/16/10, 4/13/10, 1/14/12, 7/26/12, 1/15/14)*

(a) Is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers;

(b) Publicly identifies all applicable rates;

(c) Disseminates information (e.g., reports, profiles) about prospective student-athletes at least four times per calendar year;

(d) Publicly identifies the geographical scope of the service (e.g., local, regional, national) and reflects broad-based coverage of the geographical area in the information it disseminates;

(e) Provides individual analysis beyond demographic information or rankings for each prospective student-athlete in the information it disseminates;

(f) Provides access to samples or previews of the information it disseminates before purchase of a subscription;

(g) Provides information regarding each prospective student-athlete in a standardized format that ensures consistent distribution to all subscribers; and

(h) Does not provide information in any form (e.g., oral reports, electronic messages) about prospective student-athletes beyond the standardized, consistent information that is provided to all subscribers.

13.14.3.1.1 Video-Only Services. An institution is permitted to use or subscribe to a video service that only provides video of prospective student-athletes and does not provide information about or analysis of prospective student-athletes. Use of a subscription to such a service is subject to the provisions of Bylaw 13.14.3.1, except for subsections (c) and (e). **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/15/11, Revised: 1/14/12)*

13.14.3.2 Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. In sports other than basketball and football, an institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the service is made

available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers. The service must also provide information regarding each prospective student-athlete in a standardized format that ensures consistent distribution to all subscribers. An institution is not permitted to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service that provides information in any form (e.g., oral reports, electronic messages) about prospective student-athletes beyond the standardized, consistent information that is provided to all subscribers. An institution is permitted to subscribe to a service that provides scholastic and/or nonscholastic video. The institution may not contract with a service in advance to have a particular contest recorded or provided. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 7/26/12, 1/15/14)*

13.14.3.3 Subscription Limited to Approved Services -- Basketball and Football. In basketball and football, an institution shall not subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service unless the service has been approved by the NCAA pursuant to an annual approval process. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 6/1/12)*

13.14.4 Slush Funds. An institution shall not permit any outside organization, agency or group of individuals to use, administer or expend funds for recruiting prospective student-athletes, including the transportation and entertainment of, and the giving of gifts or services to, prospective student-athletes or their family members or friends. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.14.4.1 Pooled Resources. The pooling of resources for recruiting purposes by two or more persons shall constitute such a slush fund. However, this provision shall not apply to persons upon whom a prospect may be naturally or legally dependent.

13.14.4.2 Company Funds. The use of a company's funds to pay the expenses incurred in transporting a prospective student-athlete to the campus constitutes the use of pooled resources.

13.14.5 Alumni Organizations. Bona fide alumni organizations of an institution may sponsor luncheons, teas or dinners at which prospective students (athletes and nonathletes) of that immediate locale are guests. A member institution's area alumni organization may be considered a bona fide part of that institution, provided such an organization is accredited by the president or chancellor of the institution and meets these additional terms and conditions: *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

(a) A staff member of the institution periodically shall inspect the financial records of the alumni organization and certify that the expenditures comply with the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member; and

(b) A club official shall be designated by the president or chancellor as the institution's official agent in the administration of the club's funds, and said club official shall file regular reports to the institution relating the manner in which the club funds have been spent in the recruiting of student-athletes.

13.14.5.1 Subject to NCAA Rules. If an alumni organization is certified by the president or chancellor as being a bona fide part of the institution, said organization becomes subject to all of the limitations placed upon the member institution by NCAA legislation. A violation of such legislation by any member of the alumni organization shall be a violation by the member institution. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 3/8/06)*

13.15 Precollege Expenses.

13.15.1 Prohibited Expenses. An institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period prior to his or her enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete can obtain a postgraduate education. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.15.1.1 Extent of Prohibition. The provisions of Bylaw 13.15.1 apply to all prospective student-athletes, including those who have signed a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of admission or financial aid.

13.15.1.2 Fundraising for High School Athletics Program. An institution may not provide funding, directly or through paid advertisements, to benefit a high school athletics program. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01)*

13.15.1.2.1 Involvement by Local Representatives of Institution's Athletics Interests. A representative of an institution's athletics interests may provide funding to benefit a high school athletics program located in the community in which the athletics representative resides, provided: *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

(a) The representative acts independently of the institution;

(b) The funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fundraising activity; and

(c) The funds are not earmarked directly for a specific prospective student-athlete.

13.15.1.3 College Use of High School Facility. An institution may not contribute to a high school or its athletics booster club any funds realized from an athletics contest played or a practice held at a high school facility, except actual and necessary expenses for rental of the facility.

13.15.1.4 State High School Association Use of Member Institution's Facilities. An institution may permit a state high school association to use its facilities to host state high school championship events at a reduced rate. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

13.15.1.5 High School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition. A high school contest held in conjunction with an institution's intercollegiate contest shall be governed by the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) It shall involve a sport other than basketball, football, women's gymnastics or volleyball;

(b) It shall be regularly scheduled and approved by the appropriate state high school authority;

(c) The member institution shall not provide the high school with any financial compensation, including transportation expenses or a guarantee or percentage of the income realized from the contest; and

(d) The only expenses the member institution may incur are the operating and maintenance costs associated with its facility's use for the high school contest.

13.15.1.6 Donation of Equipment.

13.15.1.6.1 Athletics Equipment. A member institution may not provide athletics equipment to a high school. However, a member institution is permitted to provide athletics equipment to bona fide youth organizations (e.g., the YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, a summer recreation league) that may consist of some prospective student-athletes, provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/26/01, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12)*

13.15.1.6.1.1 Exception -- Women's Rowing. An institution may loan rowing equipment to a high school's or junior club program's women's team on an issuance and retrieval basis and may permit high schools' and junior club programs' women's teams to use its rowing facilities for practice and/or competition. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

13.15.1.6.1.2 Donation of Used Athletics Equipment to Foundation. An institution may donate used athletics equipment to a nonprofit foundation established to distribute such equipment to high schools, provided the request for such donations is initiated by the foundation and the institutions have no part in selecting the high schools that are to receive the equipment. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

13.15.1.6.1.3 Exception -- Catastrophic Event. An institution may donate equipment and/or apparel to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution that has suffered a catastrophic incident, provided the equipment or apparel does not contain the institution's name, logo or other identifiable markings and the institution does not publicize the donation. *(Adopted: 1/23/19)*

13.15.1.6.2 Nonathletics Equipment. A member institution may provide nonathletics equipment (e.g., a computer) to a high school, provided there is no athletics department involvement and the equipment is not used to benefit only the high school's athletics program. *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*

13.15.1.7 Ticket Sales. It is not permissible for a member institution to compensate a high school, preparatory school or two-year college for selling tickets to the institution's athletics contests. Specifically, the member institution may not provide such forms of compensation as a guarantee, a percentage of the income realized from the sale of the tickets or any other form of commission for providing such services.

13.15.1.8 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. A conference may provide actual and necessary expenses that are directly associated with implementing a conference-sponsored sportsmanship initiative as described in Bylaws 13.1.10, 13.4.3.4 and 13.10.2.3. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.15.1.9 Academic Services. An institution shall not provide academic expenses or services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist a prospective student-athlete in completing initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements or in improving his or her academic profile in conjunction with a waiver request. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/23/08)*

13.15.1.10 Donation to Nonprofit Foundation -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution or a staff member shall not provide a donation to a nonprofit foundation that expends funds for the benefit of a nonscholastic team or teams, prospective student-athletes or individuals associated with prospective student-athletes, regardless of whether the foundation provides funding to or services for prospective student-athletes and individuals who are not prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 8/26/10)*

13.15.1.11 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- Men's Basketball. If a violation of Bylaw 13.15.1 occurs in which a men's basketball staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests is involved in any way in the operation or planning of a boys'/men's basketball nonscholastic event on its campus, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall

provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 8/12/10)*

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

13.15.2.1 Expenses Related to Academic Evaluations and Test Scores. An institution may pay fees or provide expenses in the following situations related to a prospective student-athlete's academic evaluation or test scores: *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 10/20/14)*

(a) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores;

(b) Expenses (e.g., document fees, express delivery charges) to obtain information or receive documents that are necessary to certify or evaluate the academic standing of a prospective student-athlete (e.g., transcripts, translation of transcripts); or

(c) Expenses (e.g., transcript fee, express delivery charges) for a prospective student-athlete's institution to send his or her academic transcript to the Eligibility Center or for his or her ACT or SAT score to be sent from the testing agency to the Eligibility Center, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent 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 its offer of admission.

13.15.2.2 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may accept collect and toll-free (e.g., 1-800, 1-888) telephone calls placed by prospective student-athletes and prospective student-athletes' family members pursuant to Bylaw 13.1.3.6. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 12/12/06, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/25/18)*

13.15.2.3 Institution Providing Items to Athletics Youth Groups for Fundraising. An institution may provide items to assist in the fundraising efforts of athletics youth groups composed of individuals who have not started classes for the ninth grade without causing such individuals to become prospective student-athletes per Bylaw 13.02.12. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

13.15.2.4 Student Orientation Sessions. [A] An institution may pay on-campus expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) for prospective student-athletes to attend institutional orientation sessions conducted for all students. However, an institution may provide on-campus expenses to prospective student-athletes to attend orientation sessions for a particular group of students selected on a basis unrelated to athletics ability only if the institution is providing expenses on a uniform basis to all members of that particular group. An institutional staff member may provide transportation from and to the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus on the occasion of the prospective student-athlete's arrival or departure from the institution to attend the institution's required new-student orientation, provided the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for admission to the institution. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

13.15.2.5 Use of Bands Comprised of Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may hire a band (e.g., marching band, pep band) comprised of prospective student-athlete-aged individuals to perform at its regular-season home contests and/or postseason home or away-from-home contests, provided the band is paid commensurate with the going rate in that locale for similar services and the organization providing the band is located within 150 miles of the competition site. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02)*

13.15.2.6 Transportation of Equipment -- Women's Rowing. On an occasional basis, an institution may transport a local junior club rowing team's equipment to an out-of-state competition, provided the equipment is transported to the same competition in which the institution is participating and no additional costs are incurred due to the transportation of the equipment. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.16 U.S. Service Academy Exceptions and Waivers.

13.16.1 Contacts. *(Revised: 10/15/19)*

13.16.1.1 July 1 Before Junior Year in High School. Authorized athletics staff members of the U.S. Air Force, Military, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and Naval Academies, where congressionally required institutional procedures applying to all prospective cadets and midshipmen, regardless of athletics ability, are in conflict with the Association's legislation governing telephonic and off-campus recruiting contacts, may make in-person, telephonic and off-campus contacts beginning July 1 before a prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. Sport-specific recruiting calendar restrictions apply to off-campus contacts, except, in football, authorized staff members may make in-person off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the spring evaluation period of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school, including contact at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. The total number of

contacts, including those after the prospective student-athlete's junior year, shall not exceed the number permitted in the applicable sport. *(Revised: 4/24/08, 10/3/18)*

13.16.1.2 After National Letter of Intent Signing Date. There shall be no limit on the number of recruiting contacts with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members made by a national service academy to which the prospective student-athlete has applied for admission after the National Letter of Intent signing date in the sport. *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18)*

13.16.1.3 Freshmen at Summer Enrollment Programs. Freshmen entering the official summer enrollment program of one of the four national service academies (U.S. Air Force, Coast Guard, Military and Naval Academies) shall be considered student-athletes of a senior collegiate institution and may not be contacted by other member institutions without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process (see Bylaw 13.1.1.3). *(Revised: 10/15/19)*

13.16.2 Evaluation Days -- Football. [FBS] In football, each national service academy is limited to 54 evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the fall evaluation period. *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

13.16.3 Air Force, Military and Naval Academies Exception. A nonprofit, outside organization representing the interests of one of the service academies may collect contributions from alumni and other friends of the academy for the purpose of assisting candidates in obtaining a preparatory education, provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10)*

(a) The organization's arrangements with the preparatory school(s) shall provide that the organization's contributions shall be turned over to the preparatory school for the school's administration without interference or dictation from the organization or the academy;

(b) The preparatory school shall have sole jurisdiction in determining the recipient of financial assistance and the terms and conditions of the award;

(c) The organization may recommend candidates to the preparatory school; athletics staff members of the academy may not; and

(d) Such a foundation shall provide preparatory education assistance for prospective candidates who do not have specialized athletics abilities as well as those who do. The number of candidates with recognized ability assisted each year as the result of the organization's program shall be in equal ratio to the number of student-athletes on the regular intercollegiate squads of the academy compared with the total enrollment of the academy.

13.16.4 Precollege Expenses/Preparatory School Assistance -- Waiver. The Committee for Legislative Relief may approve waivers of Bylaw 13.15, provided such waivers are limited to procedures involving preparation for entrance into one of the U.S. service academies. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

13.17.1 Baseball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to baseball: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 12/5/05, 7/30/10, 5/22/13, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 7/9/18, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The third Monday of August through the second Thursday of September: Quiet Period

(b) The Friday following the second Thursday of September through the second Sunday in October: Contact Period

(c) The Monday following the second Sunday of October through the month of February [except for (1) and (2) below]: Quiet Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(2) The first official day of the national convention of the American Baseball Coaches Association through the day of adjournment of the convention: Dead Period

(d) March 1 through the Sunday immediately before the third Monday of August [except for (1) through (3) below]: Contact Period

(1) The last Monday in May through the following Monday: Dead Period

(2) The third Saturday in June through the following Monday: Dead Period

(3) July 3-5: Dead Period

13.17.2 Men's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to men's basketball: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/26/01, 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, 8/8/02, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 12/5/05, 1/8/07, 11/1/07, 1/14/08, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 7/22/13, 10/30/13, 8/8/18 effective*

4/1/19, 10/18/19, 1/22/20 Immediate; a contract signed for a camp or clinic before 10/30/19 may be honored or a camp or clinic publicized before 10/30/19 may be conducted during the dead period., 7/7/20)

(a) September 9 through the Sunday beginning the week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: **Recruiting Period**

(b) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(c) The Friday of the week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent through March 31 [except for (1) below]: **Recruiting Period**

(1) December 24 through December 26: **Dead Period**

(d) April 1 through the Wednesday immediately prior to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game [applicable only if April 1 falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday]: Quiet Period

(e) The Thursday immediately prior to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game to noon on the Thursday immediately after the game: **Dead Period**

(f) Noon on the Thursday immediately after the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game through seven days following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below]: **Recruiting Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(g) The eighth day after the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through July 5 [except for (1) through (5) below]: Quiet Period

(1) Up to two weekends in April (Friday through Sunday) other than Easter weekend and a weekend during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered: **Evaluation Periods (for certified events only)**

(2) The four days immediately following each April evaluation period: **Recruiting Period**

(3) The day after the conclusion of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period through the Friday before the first permissible day to conduct institutional basketball camps [except for (i) below]: **Dead Period**

(i) National Basketball Association Draft Combine: **Evaluation Period**

(4) Two days of the National Basketball Players Association Top 100 Camp: **Evaluation Period**

(5) The final two Friday (noon) through Sunday (6 p.m.) periods in June: Evaluation Periods (for approved scholastic events only)

(h) July 6 through July 31 [except for (1) through (3) below]: Dead Period

(1) The first Thursday-Sunday period in July beginning on or after July 6: Evaluation Period

(2) The final Tuesday-Sunday period in July: Evaluation Period (for NCAA College Basketball Academy only)

(3) The Monday after the conclusion of the NCAA College Basketball Academy through July 31: Quiet Period

(i) August 1 through September 8 [except for (1) below]: Quiet Period

(1) August 6 through August 15: Dead Period

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 8/2/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 8/14/96, 10/9/96, 7/22/97, 10/28/99 effective 4/1/00, 11/1/00, 4/25/02, 8/8/02, 10/30/03, 10/28/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 8/4/05, 12/5/05, 7/30/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/30/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 10/4/17 effective 8/1/18, 4/25/18, 1/22/20, 7/13/20)*

(a) August 1 through September 8 [except for (1) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) Monday through Friday of the week immediately following the second Saturday in August: **Recruiting Shutdown**

(b) September 9-29: **Contact Period**

(c) September 30 through the last day of February [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(2) December 24 through 26: **Dead Period**

(d) March 1 through Wednesday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game: Contact Period

(e) Thursday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below]: **Dead Period**

(1) The Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately prior to the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: **Quiet Period**

(f) Friday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through the following Tuesday: **Evaluation Period (evaluations at scholastic events only)**

(g) Wednesday of the week following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through July 5 [except for (1) through (3) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) The third weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April [except for (i) and (ii) below]: **Evaluation Period (evaluations at nonscholastic events only)**

(i) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered or during the Easter weekend.

(ii) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered or if Easter or the April scholastic evaluation period occurs during the third weekend in April, the April nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.

(2) Monday immediately after the first Sunday in May through the second Sunday in May: **Recruiting Shutdown**

(3) The third weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of May: **Evaluation Period (including evaluations at nonscholastic events**)

(h) July 6 through July 12: **Evaluation Period**

(i) July 13 through July 20: **Dead Period**

(j) July 21 through July 25: **Evaluation Period**

(k) July 26 through July 31: **Quiet Period**

(l) During the National Junior College Athletic Association championship competition: **Evaluation Period**

(m) The following state-specific evaluation times are permissible:

(1) In those states that play the high school basketball season in the spring, evaluations shall be permissible only April 8-28 and July 8-31.

13.17.4 Women's Beach Volleyball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's beach volleyball: *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 7/9/18)*

(a) August 1 through the first Sunday of December [except for (1) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(b) Monday following the first Sunday of December through the Tuesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship: **Evaluation Period**

(c) Wednesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship through December 31 [except for (1) below]: **Dead Period**

(1) Coaches attending the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) annual awards banquet may have incidental contact with two-year college prospective student-athletes being honored at the banquet. (See Bylaw 13.02.5.5.1.)

(d) January 1 through July 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) January 1 through the Friday prior to Martin Luther King Jr. Day: **Evaluation Period**

(2) May 1 through the Friday prior to Memorial Day [except for (i) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(i) The Wednesday before through the Sunday of the NCAA National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship [except for (ii) below]: **Dead Period**

(ii) An institution's authorized coaching staff members (see Bylaw 11.7.6) may evaluate on only one day and may attend only one event on that day during the dead period. Such an event shall occur within a 30-mile radius of the site of the championship. Coaches from the same institution who attend such an event shall attend the same event on the same day. Coaches shall not attend events that occur at the same time that any intercollegiate competition in conjunction with the NCAA championship occurs.

13.17.5 Football.

13.17.5.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to bowl subdivision football: *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/12/94, 8/12/95, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 9/6/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 2/24/03, 10/3/03, 1/10/05, 12/5/05, 12/15/06, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 2/22/08, 4/14/08, 5/27/09, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/30/13, 4/26/17, 11/16/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/23/19, 5/1/19, 7/7/20)*

(a) June 1 through the last Saturday in November [except for (1) through (3) below]: Quiet Period

(1) The Monday before the last Wednesday in June through July 24: **Dead Period**

(2) August 1-31 [except for (i) below]: **Dead Period**

(i) Forty-eight hours before a home contest (on the institution's campus or in a facility normally used for its home games) that occurs in August or on September 1 or 2 through 48 hours after the conclusion of the contest: **Quiet Period**

(3) Forty-two (54 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the months of September, October and November selected at the discretion of the institution ; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period: **Evaluation Period**

(b) The Sunday following the last Saturday in November through the Saturday prior to the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent except for (1) and (2) below. Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week: Contact Period

(1) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes and the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period (applicable to all prospective student-athletes): **Quiet Period**

(2) Monday of the week that includes the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes and the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period through the Thursday of the week of the annual American Football Coaches Association Convention [applicable to all prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2)] [except for (i) through (iii) below]: Dead Period

(i) The seven days immediately before the first day of classes of the institution's second academic term that are not part of the contact period (applicable only to prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear): **Quiet Period**

(ii) For national service academies, the calendar week (Sunday-Saturday) following the Army vs. Navy game: Contact Period (Monday-Thursday of the initial week of the midyear junior college NLI signing period remains a dead period for junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear. If the calendar week following the Army vs. Navy game coincides with the week that includes the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes, Monday-Thursday of that week shall remain a dead period for all high school prospective student-athletes.)

(iii) For national service academies, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately before the contact period resumes in January: **Quiet Period**

(c) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent: **Quiet Period**

(d) Monday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent through the last day of February: **Dead Period**

(e) March 1 through April 14: **Quiet Period**

(f) One hundred sixty-eight evaluation days (216 for U.S. service academies) (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) during April 15 through May 31 selected at the discretion of the member institution [as provided in (1) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(1) An authorized off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's academic qualifications during this evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on the same day during this evaluation period, the institution shall be charged with the

use of an academics evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospective student-athlete on a separate day during this evaluation period.

(g) Those days in April/May not selected in (f) above for evaluation opportunities: **Quiet Period**

13.17.5.2 Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to championship subdivision football: *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/12/94, 8/12/95, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 9/6/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 2/24/03, 10/3/03, 1/10/05, 12/5/05, 12/15/06, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 2/22/08, 4/14/08, 5/27/09, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/30/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 11/16/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/23/19)*

(a) June 1 through the last Saturday in November [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) August 1-31 [except for (i) below]: **Dead Period**

(i) Forty-eight hours before a home contest (on the institution's campus or in a facility normally used for its home games) that occurs in August or on September 1 or 2 through 48 hours after the conclusion of the contest: **Quiet Period**

(2) Forty-two evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the months of September, October and November selected at the discretion of the institution ; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period: **Evaluation Period**

(b) The Sunday following the last Saturday in November through the Saturday prior to the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent except for (1) and (2) below. Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week: **Contact Period**

(1) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes and the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period (applicable to all prospective student-athletes): **Quiet Period**

(2) Monday of the week that includes the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes and the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period through the Thursday of the week of the annual American Football Coaches Association Convention [applicable to all prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2)]: **Dead Period**

(i) The seven days immediately before the first day of classes of the institution's second academic term that are not part of the contact period (applicable only to prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear): **Quiet Period**

(c) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent: **Quiet Period**

(d) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(e) Friday following the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent through April 14: **Quiet Period**

(f) One hundred sixty-eight evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) during April 15 through May 31 selected at the discretion of the member institution [as provided in (1) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(1) An authorized off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's academic qualifications during this evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on the same day during this evaluation period, the institution shall be charged with the use of an academics evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospective student-athlete on a separate day during this evaluation period.

(g) Those days in April/May not selected in (f) above for evaluation opportunities: **Quiet Period**

13.17.6 Men's Golf. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to men's golf: *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) August 1 through the day before Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(b) Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday immediately after Thanksgiving Day: **Dead Period**

(c) The Monday immediately after Thanksgiving Day through December 22 [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) A coach may evaluate at the two events (showcase and combine) that are traditionally held in conjunction with the Golf Coaches Association of America National Convention: **Evaluation Period**

(2) The first official day of the Golf Coaches Association of America Convention to 12:01 a.m. on the day after the adjournment of the convention: **Dead Period**

(d) December 23 through January 1: **Dead Period**

(e) January 2 through July 31: **Contact Period**

13.17.7 Men's Lacrosse. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to men's lacrosse: *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 12/5/05, 1/14/08, 7/30/10, 4/28/16, 7/9/18)*

(a) The day after the first Sunday in January through Martin Luther King Jr. Day: **Contact Period/No Lacrosse Evaluations**

(b) The day after Martin Luther King Jr. Day through the last day of February: **Quiet Period**

(c) March 1 through the Thursday before the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship: **Contact Period**

(d) The Friday before the Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship to noon on the Tuesday after the championship: **Dead Period**

(e) Noon on the Tuesday after the Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship through the first Monday in August [except for (1) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) July 2-6: **Dead Period**

(f) The day after the first Monday in August through the second Monday in August: **Quiet Period**

(g) The day after the second Monday in August through August 31: **Dead Period**

(h) September 1 through October 31: **Contact Period/No Lacrosse Evaluations**

(i) November 1 through the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(j) The Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day: **Dead Period**

(k) The Monday after Thanksgiving Day through December 23: **Quiet Period**

(l) December 24 through the first Sunday in January: **Dead Period**

13.17.8 Women's Lacrosse. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's lacrosse: *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 12/5/05, 1/8/07, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, 7/30/10, 4/8/16 effective 9/1/16, 7/9/18)*

(a) January 3 through the Thursday before the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship: **Contact Period** (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)

(b) The Friday before the Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship through Sunday of the championship [except for (1) below]: **Dead Period**

(1) One event conducted during the weekend of the women's lacrosse championship, provided it is conducted within a 100-mile radius of the site of the championship (coaches may not attend the event two hours before through two hours after the semifinals competition and two hours before through two hours after the final game): **Evaluation Period**

(c) The Monday after the Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship through the Thursday immediately before the second full weekend in June: **Contact Period** (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)

(d) The Friday before the second full weekend in June through July 31 [except for (1) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(1) July 3-5: **Dead Period**

(e) August 1-14: **Dead Period**

(f) August 15-31: **Quiet Period**

(g) September 1 through November 30 [except for (1) through (3) below]: **Contact Period** (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(2) The three weekends (5 p.m. Friday through Sunday) immediately before Thanksgiving Day: **Evaluation Periods**

(3) The Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day through the Friday after Thanksgiving Day: **Dead Period**

(h) December 1-30 [except (1) below]: **Contact Period** (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)

(1) December 24-26: **Dead Period**

(i) December 31 through January 2: **Dead Period**

13.17.9 Softball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to softball: *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 4/26/01, 8/8/02, 10/31/02, 10/28/04, 1/10/05, 12/5/05, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/30/09, 7/30/10, 5/22/13, 6/29/16, 7/9/18)*

(a) August 1 through the 10th Sunday following the completion of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship: **Contact Period**

(b) The 10th Monday following the completion of the Division I Softball Championship through the Sunday immediately prior to Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(2) Evaluations at nonscholastic practice or competition activities shall not occur except on Saturdays and Sundays during the six weekends prior to Thanksgiving Day.

(c) The Monday immediately prior to Thanksgiving Day through January 1 [except for (1) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) The first official day of the national convention of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association through the day of adjournment of the convention: **Dead Period**

(d) January 2 through the Monday immediately prior to the Division I Softball Championship [except for (1) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(1) Evaluations at nonscholastic practice and competition activities are prohibited.

(e) The Tuesday immediately prior to the start of the Division I Softball Championship to the day after the final championship game: **Dead Period**

(f) The day after the completion of the Division I Softball Championship through July 31: **Contact Period**

(g) During high school regional and state championship competition that does not occur during a dead period: **Evaluation Period**

13.17.10 Cross Country/Track and Field. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to cross country and track and field: *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 10/2/07, 10/10/07, 7/30/10, 5/22/13, 11/4/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 7/9/18)*

(a) August 1-21 : **Evaluation Period**

(b) August 22 through the second Sunday in December [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(2) The day of the Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships: **Dead Period**

(c) The day after the second Sunday in December through January 1: **Dead Period**

(d) January 2 through July 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) The first day of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships through the day of the completion of the championships: **Dead Period**

(2) The first day of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships through the day of the completion of the championships: **Dead Period**

13.17.11 Women's Volleyball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's volleyball: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 8/15/02, 10/30/03, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/13/05, 12/5/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/26/07, 10/29/09, 7/30/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/31/15, 4/26/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 7/9/18)*

(a) August 1-31 : **Quiet Period**

(b) September 1 through November 30: **Contact Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(c) December 1 through January 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) Coaches attending the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) annual awards banquet may have incidental contact with two-year college prospective student-athletes being honored at the banquet. (See Bylaw 13.02.5.5.1.)

(2) Thursday of the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship through the Sunday immediately following the championship. An institution's authorized coaching staff members (see Bylaw 11.7.6) may evaluate on only one day and may attend only one event on that day during this period. Such an event shall occur within a 30-mile radius of the site of the championship. Coaches from the same institution who attend such an event shall attend the same event on the same day. Coaches shall not attend events that occur at the same time that any intercollegiate competition in conjunction with the NCAA championship occurs: **Evaluation Period**

(d) February 1 through July 31 [except for (1) through (2) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) February 1 through the Thursday prior to President's Day: **Quiet Period**

(2) May 1 through the Thursday immediately before the first weekend in June: **Quiet Period**

13.17.12 Contact Period Exception. An institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport and has an official admissions notification date (the date when all applicants are notified whether they are admitted) that occurs after the end of the final contact period of the academic year may extend the final contact period of the academic year through 30 days after the institution's official admissions notification date. The institution remains subject to all dead periods that occur during the extended contact period and may not exceed the maximum number of contacts permitted in the particular sport. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods. *(Revised: 10/27/05, 12/5/05, 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1 Dead Periods.

13.17.13.1.1 National Letter of Intent Signing Date. Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the fall or spring signing of the National Letter of Intent in the applicable sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 8/2/91, 8/14/96, 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.1.1 Exception -- U.S. Diving National Championships. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the U.S. Diving National Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event. *(Adopted: 8/14/96, Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.1.2 Exception -- North American Cup Fencing Championship. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the North American Cup Fencing Championship, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event. *(Adopted: 4/30/09, Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.1.3 Exception -- Junior Olympic Rifle Championships. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the Junior Olympic Rifle Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.17.13.1.2 Women's Gymnastics. The following dead periods apply to women's gymnastics: *(Revised: 6/9/10, 7/30/10, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) The day before the first day of the National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships to noon on the day after the championships;

(b) June 1-15; and

(c) December 1-30.

13.17.13.1.3 Men's Ice Hockey. The Wednesday before the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship to noon on the Sunday after the championship game. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.4 Women's Ice Hockey. The day before the NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey Championship to noon on the day after the game (Thursday to noon Monday based on the current Friday to Sunday format). *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.5 Women's Soccer. December 15 through January 5. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.17.13.1.6 Men's Soccer. Friday through Sunday of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship; however, a coaching staff member may attend an event conducted in conjunction with and in the host city of the championship. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.17.13.1.8 Men's Wrestling. The following dead periods apply to men's wrestling: *(Adopted: 1/23/19, Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) The day before the first day of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships to noon on the day after the championships; and

(b) The Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention.

13.17.13.1.9 Women's Wrestling. The Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

13.17.13.2 Quiet Periods.

13.17.13.2.1 Women's Ice Hockey. The Monday before the American Hockey Coaches Association Convention through May 31. *(Adopted: 10/27/05, Revised: 7/30/10, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.17.13.2.2 Men's Soccer. December 23-25. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.18 Basketball Event Certification.

In basketball, in order for an event (e.g., camp, league, tournament or festival) to be certified, it must be reviewed and conducted in accordance with certification policies and procedures established and maintained by the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees. The Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group shall administer the certification process in accordance with the certification policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03, 4/29/04, 1/8/07, 11/1/07, 10/30/08, 2/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/28/10 effective 5/1/11, 4/25/11, 10/27/11, 7/31/13, 6/12/14, 10/29/15, 6/29/16, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18, 8/8/18 effective 1/24/19, 1/24/19)*

Academic Eligibility

14.01 General Principles.

14.01.1 Institutional Responsibility. An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate athletics competition unless the student-athlete meets all applicable eligibility requirements, and the institution has certified the student-athlete's eligibility. A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify the student-athlete's eligibility before allowing him or her to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided all the necessary information to certify the student-athlete's eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition. *(Revised: 1/14/08)*

14.01.2 Academic Status. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, be in good academic standing and maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree. *(Revised: 5/29/08)*

14.01.2.1 Good Academic Standing. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students of the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. The standard of good academic standing required for a student-athlete to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition must be at least as demanding as the institutional standard applied to all students to participate in extracurricular activities. *(Revised: 5/29/08, 10/4/17)*

14.01.2.1.1 Additional Application -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who fails to meet the requirements of good academic standing at the beginning of an institution's fall term shall not be eligible for competition during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.01.3 Compliance With Other NCAA and Conference Legislation. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Association and all rules and regulations of the institution and the conference, if any, of which the institution is a member. A violation of this bylaw that relates only to a violation of a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 10/27/06, 5/29/08)*

14.01.4 Purpose of the Academic Performance Program. The central purpose of the academic performance program is to ensure that the Division I membership is dedicated to providing student-athletes with exemplary educational and intercollegiate-athletics experiences in an environment that recognizes and supports the primacy of the academic mission of its member institutions, while enhancing the ability of male and female student-athletes to earn a four-year degree. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13)*

14.01.5 Nature of Reward and Penalty Structure -- Academic Performance Program. The Division I membership is committed to providing higher education for a diverse body of male and female student-athletes within the context of an institution's academic and admissions standards for all students through a system that rewards those institutions and teams that demonstrate commitment toward the academic progress, retention and graduation of student-athletes and penalizes those that do not. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13)*

14.01.6 Disclosure Requirements -- Academic Performance Program.

14.01.6.1 Academic Progress Rate -- Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in postseason competition (including NCAA championships and bowl games) unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its academic progress rate (APR) in a form approved and administered by the Committee on Academics. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 9/14/07, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.01.6.2 Academic Performance Census -- Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in postseason competition (including NCAA championships and bowl games) unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its academic performance census (APC) in a form administered by the Committee on Academics. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 9/14/07, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.01.6.3 Graduation Success Rate -- Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in a postseason competition (including NCAA championships and bowl games) unless it has submitted, by the

applicable deadline, its graduation success rate (GSR) in a form approved and administered by the Committee on Academics. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 9/14/07, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.02 Definitions and Applications.

14.02.1 Academic Misconduct -- Post-Enrollment. All institutional staff members and student-athletes are expected to act with honesty and integrity in all academic matters. Post-enrollment academic misconduct includes any violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity (e.g., academic offense, academic honor code violation, plagiarism, academic fraud). *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

14.02.2 Academic Progress Rate. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the minimum acceptable academic progress rate (APR), which shall include a calculation that accounts for currently enrolled student-athletes. The rate shall account for the institution's success in retaining and graduating all such student-athletes. Further, the rate shall account for the academic eligibility of the student-athletes, including all applicable NCAA, conference and institutional academic eligibility requirements. The committee shall publish an explanation of the APR calculation to the membership annually. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.02.3 Branch School. A branch school is an educational institution that usually offers two years of college work, does not award degrees independently, and is wholly controlled and operated by a four-year, degree-granting parent institution.

14.02.4 Business Day. A business day is any weekday that is not recognized as a national holiday, including any weekday during which an institution is closed for other reasons (e.g., holiday break). *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

14.02.5 Collegiate Institution. A collegiate institution (for purposes of NCAA legislation) is an institution of higher education that: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 8/8/02)*

(a) Is accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree;

(b) Conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, even though the institution is not accredited at the college level and authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree; or

(c) Is located in a foreign country.

14.02.6 Education-Impacting Disability. An education-impacting disability is a current impairment that has a substantial educational impact on a student's academic performance and requires accommodation. *(Adopted: 8/8/08)*

14.02.7 Exception. An exception is the granting of relief from the application of a specific regulation (e.g., the residence requirement for a transfer student to become eligible for competition). The action granting the exception may be taken solely by the certifying institution, based on evidence that the conditions on which the exception is authorized have been met (see Bylaw 14.02.17). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.02.8 Good Academic Standing and Progress Toward Degree. The phrases "good academic standing" and "progress toward degree" are to be interpreted at each member institution by the academic officials who determine the meaning and application of such phrases for all students, subject to the controlling regulations of the institution; the conference(s) (or similar associations), if any, of which the institution is a member; and applicable NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 14.4).

14.02.9 Graduation Success Rate. The Committee on Academics shall determine the minimum acceptable graduation success rate (GSR). The Committee on Academic Performance shall publish an explanation of the GSR calculation to the membership annually. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.02.10 Impermissible Academic Assistance -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. Impermissible academic assistance by a current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution's athletics interests includes, but is not limited to, the provision or arrangement of: *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) Substantial assistance that is not generally available to an institution's students and is not otherwise expressly authorized in Bylaw 16.3, which results in the certification of a student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point; or

(b) An academic exception that results in a grade change, academic credit or fulfilment of a graduation requirement when such an exception is not generally available to the institution's students and the exception results in the certification of a student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point.

14.02.11 Institutional Staff Member. For purposes of Bylaw 14, an institutional staff member is any individual, excluding a student employee, who performs work for the institution or the athletics department, regardless of whether he or she receives compensation for such work. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

14.02.11.1 Student Employee. For purposes of Bylaw 14, a student employee is an institutional staff member if: *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) He or she has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes; or

(b) He or she engages in academic misconduct or provides impermissible academic assistance at the direction of a nonstudent employee, an institutional staff member per 14.02.11.1-(a) or a representative of the institution's athletics interests.

14.02.12 Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics. Participation in intercollegiate athletics occurs when a student-athlete either practices in a sport (see Bylaw 17.02.1) or competes in a sport, as defined in Bylaw 17.02.8. Eligibility rules for competition may differ from those for practice.

14.02.13 Qualification Status.

14.02.13.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is a student who, for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition, has met all of the following requirements (see Bylaw 14.3):

(a) Graduation from high school;

(b) Successful completion of a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses in specified subjects;

(c) Specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum; and

(d) Specified minimum SAT or ACT score.

14.02.13.2 Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the same academic qualifications applicable to qualifiers (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) except for the following: *(Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

(a) The required minimum core-curriculum grade-point average and minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1; and

(b) Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) shall not apply.

14.02.13.3 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3), has not successfully completed the required core curriculum or has not presented the required minimum core-curriculum grade-point average and/or the corresponding SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier or academic redshirt. *(Revised: 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.02.14 Residence. Residence is enrollment in a full-time academic program (as defined by the institution) at a collegiate institution during a regular term of an academic year. A summer term may not be used to satisfy an academic term of residence. Any student-athlete (e.g., qualifier, nonqualifier, transfer student) admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of satisfying an academic term or year of residence. *(Revised: 4/14/10)*

14.02.14.1 Academic Year of Residence. To satisfy an academic year of residence, a student shall: *(Revised: 4/14/10, 5/14/13)*

(a) Be enrolled in and complete a minimum full-time program of studies for two full semesters or three full quarters; or

(b) Be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies for two semesters or three quarters and pass a number of hours (including hours earned at the certifying institution during a summer term) that is at least equal to the sum total of the minimum load of each of the required terms.

14.02.15 Term of Full-Time Enrollment. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4, a term of full-time enrollment occurs when a student-athlete attends a class in a regular term (semester or quarter) of an academic year while registered as a full-time student, as determined by the institution. *(Adopted: 10/17/19)*

14.02.16 Transfer Student. A transfer student, in the application of NCAA eligibility requirements, is a student who transfers from any collegiate institution after having met any one of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.2.

14.02.17 Waiver. A waiver is an action exempting an individual or institution from the application of a specific regulation. A waiver requires formal approval (e.g., an NCAA committee or a conference, as specified in the legislation) based on evidence of compliance with the specified conditions or criteria under which the waiver is authorized or extenuating circumstances (see Bylaw 14.02.7). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.1 Admission, Enrollment and Academic Credentials.

14.1.1 Admission. A student-athlete shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition unless the student has been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of that institution.

14.1.1.1 Special Admission. A student-athlete may be admitted under a special exception to the institution's normal entrance requirements if the discretionary authority of the president or chancellor (or designated admissions officer or committee) to grant such exceptions is set forth in an official document published by the university (e.g., official catalog) that describes the institution's admissions requirements. *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, an institution is responsible for determining the validity of a student-athlete's academic record. *(Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

14.1.2.1 Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of athletics interests or a current or former institutional staff member shall not: *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) Arrange for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores) for a prospective student-athlete; or

(b) Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete's academic record.

14.1.2.2 Invalidation of Academic Credentials After Initial-Eligibility Certification. If a student-athlete's academic credentials (e.g., transcript, test scores) are invalidated after his or her initial eligibility has been certified, the institution must report any violation that may have occurred as a result of the student-athlete's receipt of financial aid or participation in practice or competition and declare the student-athlete ineligible for competition. If such a violation occurred, the student-athlete remains ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement regardless of whether an initial-eligibility waiver is granted after the invalidation of the academic credentials. *(Adopted: 3/3/11)*

14.1.2.3 High School Review Committee. The High School Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the academic review of high schools and to determine the validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a high school shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review and determination of the validity of a high school shall be approved by the Committee on Academics. (See Bylaw 21.6.4.) *(Adopted: 1/8/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

14.1.2.4 Student Records Review Committee. The Student Records Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the review of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials and to determine the validity of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review of academic credentials and the determination of the validity of such credentials shall be approved by the Committee on Academics. (See Bylaw 21.6.5.) *(Adopted: 1/8/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

14.1.2.5 NCAA Eligibility Center. An institution shall use the NCAA Eligibility Center approved by the Board of Governors to determine the initial eligibility of a student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/19/93 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 3/10/04, 4/27/06 1/8/07, 5/9/07, 10/30/14)*

14.1.2.5.1 Institutional Responsibility. An institution is responsible for promptly reporting all discrepancies in information used in a student-athlete's initial-eligibility certification to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Discrepancies in information include, but are not limited to, corrections, additions, potential academic misconduct with regard to high schools attended, grades, completion of coursework or test scores. *(Adopted: 4/27/06, Revised: 5/9/07)*

14.2 Full-Time Enrollment.

14.2.1 Requirement for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. (See Bylaw 12.8.2.5.) **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/92, 10/28/99, 3/27/18)*

14.2.1.1 Practice Prior to Initial Enrollment. A student-athlete may practice during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment, provided the student has been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of the individual's initial participation; is no longer enrolled in the previous educational institution; and is eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements.

14.2.1.1.1 Prohibited Practice Activities. A prospective student-athlete shall not engage in any practice activities (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review) with a coaching staff member prior to his or her enrollment. A prospective student-athlete may observe an institution's practice session, including a session that is closed to the general public. *(Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 3/3/11, 5/30/13, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

14.2.1.2 Drop/Add Course. A student-athlete no longer shall be considered enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies (after dropping a course that places the student below full-time status) when the dropped course becomes official in accordance with procedures determined by the institution for all students. A student who is adding a course to reach full-time status shall become eligible for practice and competition once the course has been approved by the appropriate department head (or designated representative) and submitted to the registrar. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

14.2.1.3 Exception -- Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate or graduate degree program, or a minor or undergraduate certificate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree, minor or certificate requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. To qualify for this exception, a minor or undergraduate certificate program must be officially designated (pursuant to institutional policy) by the student-athlete before the conclusion of the institution's first five days of classes of the applicable term. *(Revised: 3/27/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

14.2.1.3.1 Eligibility Following Final Term. A student-athlete who is eligible for practice while enrolled less than full time during his or her final term remains eligible for practice during the remainder of the institution's season, including postseason events. (See Bylaw 12.8.) *(Adopted: 3/27/18)*

14.2.1.4 Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement. A student-athlete may practice while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies in the final semester or quarter of the student's baccalaureate degree program before participating in an experiential learning requirement (e.g., student teaching, internship, clinical, capstone project, etc.) in the following term, provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements, other than the experiential learning requirement. A student-athlete who uses this exception is not permitted to use the final semester/quarter exception the following semester or quarter. *(Adopted: 6/28/17 effective 8/1/17 for certifications of eligibility for fall 2017 and after)*

14.2.1.5 Withdrawal or Dismissal. A student-athlete who withdraws or is dismissed from an institution is considered to be a prospective student-athlete eligible for recruitment by other NCAA member institutions and may not continue to practice with the original institution's team.

14.2.1.6 Exception -- Practice During First Week of Class. A student-athlete may practice, but may not compete, during the institution's first five days of classes if the student-athlete is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA requirements. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

14.2.1.7 Exception -- Former Student Participating in Practice on an Occasional Basis -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, a former student (e.g., former student-athlete) at the certifying institution may participate in an organized practice session on an occasional basis, provided the institution does not publicize the participation of the former student at any time before the practice session. *(Adopted: 3/3/11, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

14.2.1.8 Exception -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body -- Practice. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

(a) The practice sessions take place at the institution the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student, except that a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining may participate in practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended;

(b) In the case of a former student-athlete, the practice sessions involve an individual sport or women's rowing;

(c) In the case of a current student-athlete with eligibility remaining, the practice sessions involve an individual or team sport;

(d) The institution receives confirmation that the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;

(e) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;

(f) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately preceding the Olympic or Paralmypic Games; and

(g) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic or Paralympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever occurs earlier. A former student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

14.2.2 Requirement for Competition. To be eligible for competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree, which shall not be less than 12 semester or quarter hours. *(Revised: 6/1/07)*

14.2.2.1 Exceptions. The following exceptions to the minimum 12-semester or 12-quarter-hour enrollment requirement are permitted:

14.2.2.1.1 Competition Prior to Initial Enrollment. A student-athlete may compete during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment, provided the student has been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of the individual's initial participation; is no longer enrolled in the previous educational institution; and is eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. (See Bylaw 16.8.2.1.)

14.2.2.1.2 Eligibility Between Terms. To be eligible for competition that takes place between terms (including competition between a student-athlete's final term as an undergraduate student and first term as a graduate or postbaccalaurate student), the student-athlete shall: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 3/27/18)*

(a) Have been registered for the required minimum full-time load (see Bylaw 14.2.2) at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, if the student is continuing enrollment; or

(b) Be accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately following if the student is either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment (see Bylaw 14.4.3.4).

14.2.2.1.3 Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete may compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate or graduate degree program, or a minor or undergraduate certificate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree**,** minor or certificate requirements. To qualify for this exception, a minor or undergraduate certificate program must be officially designated (pursuant to institutional policy) by the student-athlete before the conclusion of the institution's first five days of classes of the applicable term. Thereafter, the student shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree, minor or certificate requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 2/1/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/12, 8/21/12, 3/27/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

14.2.2.1.3.1 Eligibility Following Final Term. A student-athlete who is eligible to compete while enrolled less than full time during his or her final term remains eligible for regular-season competition that occurs after the term and any postseason event that begins within 60 days following the term. A student-athlete who attends a quarter-system institution and who graduates at the end of the winter quarter may compete in any postseason event (and preceding regular-season competition) that occurs during the same academic year following the completion of the winter quarter. (See Bylaw 12.8.) *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 3/27/18)*

14.2.2.1.4 Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement. A student-athlete may compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies in the final semester or quarter of the student's baccalaureate degree program before participating in an experiential learning requirement (e.g., student teaching, internship, clinical, capstone project, etc.) in the following term, provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements, other than the experiential learning requirement. Thereafter, the student shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree requirements during the following final semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree granting date immediately following the final semester. A student-athlete who uses this exception is not permitted to use the final semester/quarter exception in the following semester or quarter. *(Adopted: 6/28/17 effective 8/1/17 for certifications of eligibility for fall 2017 and after)*

14.2.2.1.5 Graduate Program. A student may compete while enrolled in a full-time graduate program as defined by the institution (see Bylaw 14.6). *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.2.2.2 Noncredit Work. Hours of noncredit work (including remedial courses) may be counted toward fulfilling the minimum full-time enrollment requirement, provided the noncredit work is given the same academic load value and is considered by the institution to be a requirement for the degree currently being pursued by the student.

14.2.2.3 Concurrent Courses at Two Institutions. Courses taken concurrently at a second institution may be counted toward meeting the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement, provided:

(a) The certifying institution officially recognizes the student's combined hours as full-time enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours; and

(b) Courses taken at the second institution will be included on the student's transcript at the institution where the student is seeking the degree.

14.2.2.4 Cooperative Educational Exchange Program. A student-athlete may represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics even though at the time of competition the student is enrolled in another institution in a cooperative educational exchange program, provided:

(a) The certifying institution considers the student to be regularly enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies; and

(b) All work is placed on the student's transcript and accepted toward his or her undergraduate degree at the certifying institution.

14.2.2.5 Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program. A student-athlete may represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics while he or she is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) offered by the institution, provided the student is considered to be enrolled in a full-time program of studies, regardless of the credit value of the program. However, a student who participates in a cooperative educational work experience program that is not a required element of his or her degree program must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours, which may include the credit value of the cooperative educational work experience program, at the certifying institution during the same term. *(Adopted: 10/28/10)*

14.2.2.6 Nontraditional Courses. Enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) The course is available to any student at the institution;

(b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student;

(c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the institution's regular enrollment periods (pre-registration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures; and

(d) The course is conducted during the institution's regular academic schedule (term time) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.2.3 Waivers. Waivers may be granted to the minimum 12-semester or 12-quarter hour enrollment requirement as follows: *(Revised: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)*

14.2.3.1 Nontraditional Academic Calendars. A student-athlete at an institution that determines enrollment hours on a basis other than traditional semester or quarter hours or that conducts a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) may practice and compete, if the student is enrolled for a comparable minimum academic load as determined by the Committee on Academics (see Bylaw 4.4.2). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 10/8/10)*

14.2.3.2 Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships -- Competition. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships (including junior levels of such events) who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96, 9/12/03, 12/13/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 1/14/12, 1/22/20)*

14.2.3.3 Student-Athletes With Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) may waive the 12-hour requirement for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that an institution defines full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be less than 12 hours to

accommodate for the education-impacting disability. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)*

14.2.3.4 Full-Time Enrollment -- Practice and Competition. Unless otherwise specified under this bylaw, the Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) may waive the 12-hour requirement for practice and competition. *(Adopted: 8/4/05, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 5/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)*

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Qualifiers and Academic Redshirts. A student-athlete who enrolls in a member institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the following academic requirements, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, as approved by the Board of Governors, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be considered a qualifier or an academic redshirt. *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 3/22/06, 5/9/07, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, 10/30/14)*

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier shall be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year of residence. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following academic qualifications: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/90, 1/14/94 effective 8/1/96, 2/9/95, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/11, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/05, 4/24/02 effective 8/1/08, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03 and 8/1/05, 4/26/06, 5/31/06, 5/9/07, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, 5/9/18)*

(a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.3, including the following:

English	4 years
Mathematics (Three years of mathematics courses at the level of Algebra I or higher). (Computer science courses containing significant programming elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of mathematics also may be accepted.)	3 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school). (Computer science courses containing significant programming elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of natural or physical science also may be accepted.)	2 years
Additional courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science	1 year
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]	4 years

The record of the above courses and course grades must be certified by the Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office;

(b) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national, state or district testing date [no residual (campus) testing]; and

(c) Completion of 10 of the required 16 core courses before the start of his or her seventh semester (or the equivalent) of high school. Seven of the 10 core courses must include English, mathematics and natural or physical science. The 10 core courses used to fulfill this requirement and the grades achieved in such courses shall be used in determining the student-athlete's eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition during his or her first academic year of residence and shall not be replaced by courses or grades achieved in subsequently completed core courses, including courses completed after the core-curriculum time limitation pursuant to Bylaws 14.3.1.3.1.1 or 14.3.1.3.1.2. (See Bylaw 14.3.1.3.6.)

14.3.1.1.1 Exception -- International Prospective Student-Athletes. The provisions of Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) do not apply to a prospective student-athlete whose initial-eligibility certification is based entirely on international credentials. *(Adopted: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.1.1.2 Exception -- Early Academic Certification. A student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier, provided he or she has achieved the following academic criteria: *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 10/27/11, 4/26/12, 8/2/12 effective 8/1/13 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13, 2/2/16)*

(a) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections of 900 (for tests taken prior to March 1, 2016) or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 75, per the requirements of Bylaw 14.3.1.4. A concordant SAT score for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016 will be determined by the College Board; and

(b) A core-course grade-point average of 3.000 or higher (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 14 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 14 core courses shall include three core courses in English, two in mathematics, two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course, if offered), two additional core courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science and five additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the courses and course grades must be certified by the Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office.

14.3.1.1.2.1 Submission of Final Transcript. If a student-athlete is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception and his or her initial full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at the certifying institution during the first term of the academic year, the institution shall ensure submission of his or her final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the Eligibility Center by February 1 following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment. If a student-athlete is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception and his or her initial full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at the certifying institution after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year, the institution shall ensure submission of his or her final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the Eligibility Center by February 1 of the following academic year. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.3.1.1.2.1.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The committee shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests. *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 8/7/14)*

14.3.1.1.3 Initial-Eligibility Index for Qualifiers. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as a qualifier. The SAT scores in the table below apply to tests taken prior to March 1, 2016. SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, will be evaluated based on the concordance established by the College Board:

Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT
3.550 & above	400	37	2.900	660	54
3.525	410	38	2.875	670	55
3.500	420	39	2.850	680	56
3.475	430	40	2.825	690	56
3.450	440	41	2.800	700	57
3.425	450	41	2.775	710	58
3.400	460	42	2.750	720	59
3.375	470	42	2.725	730	60
3.350	480	43	2.700	740	61
3.325	490	44	2.675	750	61
3.300	500	44	2.650	760	62
3.275	510	45	2.625	770	63
3.250	520	46	2.600	780	64
3.225	530	46	2.575	790	65
3.200	540	47	2.550	800	66
3.175	550	47	2.525	810	67
3.150	560	48	2.500	820	68
3.125	570	49	2.475	830	69
3.100	580	49	2.450	840	70
3.075	590	50	2.425	850	70

3.050	600	50	2.400	860	71
3.025	610	51	2.375	870	72
3.000	620	52	2.350	880	73
2.975	630	52	2.325	890	74
2.950	640	53	2.300	900	75
2.925	650	53			

14.3.1.2 Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt may receive institutional athletically related financial aid but may not compete during the first academic year of residence. An academic redshirt may practice only on campus or at the institution's regular practice facility during the first regular academic term in residence. An academic redshirt must successfully complete nine semester or eight quarter hours of academic credit in each applicable regular academic term in order to be eligible for practice in the immediately subsequent term of his or her initial academic year of residence. An academic redshirt is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the same academic qualifications applicable to qualifiers (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) except for the following: *(Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

(a) The required minimum cumulative grade-point average and minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1;

(b) Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) shall not apply.

14.3.1.2.1 Initial-Eligibility Index for Academic Redshirts. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as an academic redshirt. The SAT scores in the table below apply to tests taken prior to March 1, 2016. SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, will be evaluated based on the concordance established by the College Board:

Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT
3.550	400	37	2.750	720	59
3.525	410	38	2.725	730	60
3.500	420	39	2.700	740	61
3.475	430	40	2.675	750	61
3.450	440	41	2.650	760	62
3.425	450	41	2.625	770	63
3.400	460	42	2.600	780	64
3.375	470	42	2.575	790	65
3.350	480	43	2.550	800	66
3.325	490	44	2.525	810	67
3.300	500	44	2.500	820	68
3.275	510	45	2.475	830	69
3.250	520	46	2.450	840	70
3.225	530	46	2.425	850	70
3.200	540	47	2.400	860	71
3.175	550	47	2.375	870	72
3.150	560	48	2.350	880	73
3.125	570	49	2.325	890	74
3.100	580	49	2.300	900	75
3.075	590	50	2.275	910	76
3.050	600	50	2.250	920	77
3.025	610	51	2.225	930	78

3.000	620	52	2.200	940	79
2.975	630	52	2.175	950	80
2.950	640	53	2.150	960	81
2.925	650	53	2.125	970	82
2.900	660	54	2.100	980	83
2.875	670	55	2.075	990	84
2.850	680	56	2.050	1000	85
2.825	690	56	2.025	1010	86
2.800	700	57	2.000	1020	86
2.775	710	58			

14.3.1.2.2 Outside Competition -- Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but during the first year of enrollment, such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team. *(Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.1.3 Core-Curriculum Requirements. [#] For purposes of meeting the core-curriculum requirement to establish eligibility at a member institution, a "core course" must meet all of the following criteria: *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/05 for those students first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/05, 8/7/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

(a) A course must be a recognized academic course and qualify for high school graduation credit in one or a combination of the following areas: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy;

(b) A course must be considered college preparatory by the high school. College preparatory is defined for these purposes as any course that prepares a student academically to enter a four-year collegiate institution upon graduation from high school;

(c) A mathematics course must be at the level of Algebra I or a higher-level mathematics course;

(d) A course must be taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority (e.g., high school, school district or state agency with authority of such matters); and

(e) A course must be taught at or above the high school's regular academic level (remedial, special education or compensatory courses shall not be considered core courses). However, the prohibition against the use of remedial or compensatory courses is not applicable to courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities (see Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1.2).

14.3.1.3.1 Core-Curriculum Time Limitation. A prospective student-athlete must complete his or her core-curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class [as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility]. Graduation from high school or secondary school shall be based on the prospective student-athlete's prescribed educational path in his or her country. The eligibility of an international student-athlete whose prescribed educational path culminates with a leaving examination (e.g., General Certificate of Secondary Education, Baccalaureat, Arbitur) shall be determined based on the leaving examination, regardless of a delay in graduation or completion of the leaving examination. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 9/15/97, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/12 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)*

14.3.1.3.1.1 Exception -- One Core Course after High School Graduation. If a prospective student-athlete graduates from high school within the core-curriculum time limitation, he or she may use one core course, completed in the year after graduation (summer or academic year), but not later than the end of the academic year immediately after the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class, to satisfy the core-curriculum or minimum grade-point average requirements or both. The prospective student-athlete may complete the core course at a location other than the high school from which he or she graduated and may initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution at any time after completion of the core course. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 9/24/09)*

14.3.1.3.1.1.1 Receipt of Athletically Related Financial Aid While Enrolled in Core Courses. A prospective student-athlete may not use a core course completed after high school graduation to satisfy initial-eligibility requirements if the prospective student-athlete is enrolled in the core course while concurrently receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term. A prospective student-athlete may use a core course completed after high school graduation, provided the prospective student-athlete either completes the core course prior to receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term or does not enroll in the core course until after he or she completes the institution's summer term for which he or she is receiving athletically related financial aid (see Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4). *(Adopted: 9/24/09)*

14.3.1.3.1.2 Exception -- Students with Education-Impacting Disabilities. If a prospective student-athlete with a diagnosed education-impacting disability graduates from high school within the core-curriculum time limitation, he or she may use up to three core courses completed after high school graduation to satisfy the core-curriculum or minimum grade-point average requirements or both. The prospective student-athlete may complete the core courses at a location other than the high school from which he or she graduated and may initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution at any time after completion of the core courses. A prospective student-athlete may not use a core course completed after graduation if he or she receives institutional financial aid while enrolled in a course during the summer after the high school graduation date of his or her class (see Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4). *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/17/08, 8/7/08, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

14.3.1.3.2 Nontraditional Courses. [#] Courses taught via the Internet, distance learning, independent study, individualized instruction, correspondence, and courses taught by similar means may be used to satisfy NCAA core-course requirements if all of the following conditions are satisfied: *(Adopted: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

(a) The course meets all requirements for a core course as defined in Bylaw 14.3.1.2;

(b) The instructor and the student have ongoing access to one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;

(c) The instructor and the student have regular interaction with one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;

(d) The student's work (e.g., exams, papers, assignments) is available for evaluation and validation;

(e) Evaluation of the student's work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school's established academic policies;

(f) The course includes a defined time period for completion; and

(g) The course is acceptable for any student and is placed on the high school transcript.

14.3.1.3.3 College Courses. [#] College courses may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements if accepted by the high school, provided the courses are accepted for any other student, meet all other requirements for core courses and are placed on the student's high school transcript. *(Revised: 4/26/12)*

14.3.1.3.4 English as a Second Language Course. [#] It is permissible to use an advanced-level English as a Second Language (ESL) course to satisfy a core-curriculum requirement, provided the is qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular-course offering and the course appears on the high school's list of approved core courses. Further, an advanced-level ESL course must be exclusively for ESL students and all students in the course must be at the same level. *(Adopted: 11/17/98, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 1/13/16)*

14.3.1.3.5 Courses for Students With Education-Impacting Disabilities. [#] High school courses for students with education-impacting disabilities may be used to fulfill the core-curriculum requirements, even if such courses appear to be taught at a level below the high school's regular academic instructional level (e.g., special education courses), if the high school principal submits a written statement to the Eligibility Center indicating that the courses are substantially comparable, quantitatively and qualitatively, to similar core course offerings in that academic discipline and the courses appear on the high school's list of approved core courses. Students with education-impacting disabilities still must complete the required core courses and achieve the minimum required grade-point average in the core curriculum. The fact that the title of a course includes a designation such as "remedial," "special education," "special needs," or other similar titles used for courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities does

not, in and of itself, disqualify a course from satisfying core-curriculum requirements. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 2/11/98, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.6 Grade Value of Core Courses. The following grade values are to be used in determining a student's grade-point average in the core courses: A = 4 quality points, B = 3 quality points, C = 2 quality points, D = 1 quality point. In determining the core-curriculum grade-point average, each grade earned in a course (including all numerical grades) must be converted to this 4.000 scale on an individual-course basis. Pluses or minuses within a grade level shall not receive greater or lesser quality points. A school's normal practice of weighting honors or advanced courses may be used to compute the quality points awarded in those courses and the cumulative grade-point average, provided a written statement verifying the grading policy accompanies the prospective student-athlete's official grade transcript. An honors or advanced course shall receive no greater than 1.000 additional quality point (e.g., A=5.000). In calculating the grade in a weighted honors or advanced course, if a high school does not assign quality points to its courses, quality points shall be added to each course before calculating the student's grade-point average and not added to a student's cumulative core-course grade-point average. The core-curriculum grade-point average may be calculated using the student's 16 best grades from courses that meet the distribution requirements of the core curriculum. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 4/15/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 5/2/13 effective 8/1/16 for those student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a college institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.1.3.7 Pass-Fail Grades. [#] Courses that are awarded pass-fail grades may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The Eligibility Center shall assign the course the lowest passing grade that the high school assigns for a pass-fail course. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/15/97, 5/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.8 Repeat Courses. [#] A repeated course may be used only once to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The best grade in that course may be used to calculate the grade-point average in the core curriculum. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.9 Multiple High School Attendance. [#] For a student-athlete who attends more than one high school, a Form 48-H (core-course form) and an official transcript from each high school the student-athlete attended must be used. However, the Eligibility Center may receive the official transcript from either the student-athlete's original high school or the high school from which the student-athlete graduated, or an institution's admissions office. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98, 3/30/06, 5/9/07, 4/26/12)*

14.3.1.4 Test-Score Requirements. [#] The minimum required SAT or ACT score (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national, state or district testing date [no residual (campus) testing]. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 5/9/18)*

14.3.1.4.1 Test-Score Time Limitation. The minimum required SAT or ACT score shall be achieved prior to registering for a minimum full-time program of studies (as determined by the institution) and attending classes in a regular term (e.g., semester or quarter) of an academic year at a collegiate institution. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 6/10/04)*

14.3.1.4.2 Combined Test Scores. [#] For students using the SAT examination, the highest scores achieved on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the SAT from two different national testing dates may be combined in determining whether the student has met the minimum test-score requirements. SAT scores for tests taken prior to March 1, 2016, will not be combined with SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016. For students using the ACT examination, the highest scores achieved on the individual subtests of the ACT from more than one national testing date or state-administered examination may be combined in determining whether the student's sum score has met the minimum test-score requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 2/2/16)*

14.3.1.4.3 Nonstandard Test Administration. [#] Students with education-impacting disabilities may use scores achieved during a nonstandard administration of the SAT or ACT. A student who takes a nonstandard SAT or ACT still must achieve the minimum required test score. *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 5/9/18)*

14.3.1.4.4 Test-Score Report. [#] The minimum SAT or ACT score(s) used for initial-eligibility purposes must be provided to the Eligibility Center by the appropriate testing agency through an official test-score report. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 5/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.5 Initial-Eligibility Waivers. The Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.1) shall have the authority to waive the initial-eligibility requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances in which a student's overall academic record warrants a waiver of the normal application of this regulation. The committee shall oversee the process for reviewing such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the

membership the actions taken in summary, aggregate form. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 8/7/14)*

14.3.1.6 Effect of Violations. A violation of Bylaw 14.3.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified as a qualifier shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/29/15)*

14.3.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Nonqualifiers.

14.3.2.1 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3), did not present the core-curriculum grade-point average and/or SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier or an academic redshirt. *(Revised: 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.2.1.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition. An entering freshman with no previous college attendance who was a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment in a Division I institution shall not be eligible for competition or practice during the first academic year of residence. However, such a student shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid that is not from an athletics source and is based on financial need only, consistent with institutional and conference regulations. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96)*

14.3.2.2 Practice-Session Attendance. A student-athlete who is a nonqualifier and who, therefore, is not eligible for practice, may not attend any practice sessions in any capacity, nor may the student-athlete attend any meeting characterized as practice (see Bylaw 17.02.1). *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

14.3.2.3 Outside Competition -- Nonqualifiers. A nonqualifier may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but during the first year of enrollment [including an institution's term-time official vacation periods (e.g., mid-term break, Labor Day weekend) and between terms when classes are not in session (e.g., winter break)], such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team, including a national team. *(Adopted: 1/10/13)*

14.3.3 Seasons of Competition -- Nonqualifiers. Nonqualifiers, recruited or nonrecruited, shall not engage in more than three seasons of competition in any one sport. A student who transfers to a Division I member institution from another collegiate institution shall not engage in more than four seasons of competition with not more than three of those seasons in Division I.

14.3.3.1 Application of Delayed Enrollment Legislation. A student-athlete who is charged with a season (or seasons) of eligibility due to the application of delayed enrollment legislation (Bylaws 12.8.3.2 and 12.8.3.5) is considered to have used that season (or seasons) of competition for purposes of Bylaw 14.3.3. *(Revised: 7/15/15)*

14.3.3.2 Fourth Season of Competition -- Nonqualifiers. A fourth season of intercollegiate competition shall be granted to a student-athlete who is a nonqualifier, provided that at the beginning of the fifth academic year following the student-athlete's initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, the student-athlete has completed at least 80 percent of his or her designated degree program. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/3/06, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.3.2.1 Waiver. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) shall have the authority to grant a fourth season of intercollegiate competition to a student-athlete who is a nonqualifier based on objective evidence of extraordinary circumstances that warrant a waiver of the normal application of this regulation. *(Adopted: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 8/4/05, 1/3/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.4 Residence Requirement -- Academic Redshirts and Nonqualifiers. An academic redshirt must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible to compete and to practice away from the institution. A nonqualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible for practice, competition and athletically related financial aid (see Bylaw 14.3.2.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, 1/3/06, 4/14/10, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.5 Determination of Freshman Eligibility.

14.3.5.1 Participation Prior to Certification. If a student-athlete reports for athletics participation before his or her qualification status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements (as

certified by the Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 10/7/05, 5/9/07, 9/18/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

14.3.5.1.1 Effect of Violations. A violation of Bylaw 14.3.5.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified as a qualifier shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/29/15)*

14.3.5.2 High School Graduate. In order to be considered a high school graduate, a prospective student-athlete shall meet all graduation requirements, including academic and nonacademic (e.g., state exit exams, community service, senior project) requirements, as defined for all students by his or her high school or secondary school. *(Adopted: 4/23/08)*

14.3.5.2.1 Equivalency Test/Diploma. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school but completes a state high school equivalency test [e.g., General Educational Development (GED)] and obtains a state high school equivalency diploma may satisfy the graduation requirement, provided the equivalency test is completed on or after the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class [as determined by his or her first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility]. *(Revised: 6/16/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 6/15/15)*

14.3.5.3 Advanced Placement. If the student-athlete is admitted with a minimum of 24 semester hours or a minimum of 36 quarter hours of advanced placement from a College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) examination (or from a similar proficiency examination) and/or concurrent high school/college credit without previous enrollment at a collegiate institution, the student-athlete shall be immediately eligible. Credits earned from extension or summer-session courses may not be counted in satisfaction of this requirement. A "similar proficiency examination" must be an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. *(Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

14.3.5.3.1 International Certification. An institution shall use the Eligibility Center to determine whether a "similar proficiency examination" taken by an international student-athlete is an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. In addition, the Eligibility Center shall certify the eligibility of an international student-athlete based on the number of advanced placement hours accepted by the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

14.3.5.4 International Academic Standards. A student from a foreign country shall satisfy both the requirements outlined in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and the test-score requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(b).

14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

14.4.1 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at that institution as determined by the regulations of that institution subject to controlling legislation of a conference or similar association of which the institution is a member and applicable NCAA legislation. (See Constitution 3.2.4.13 regarding the obligations of members to publish their progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes.) *(Revised: 5/29/08, 4/15/09)*

14.4.1.1 Bona Fide International Exchange Student. The eligibility for competition of a bona fide international exchange student, as defined in Bylaw 14.5.1.5.1, shall be based on satisfactory completion of at least: *(Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/14/09)*

(a) Six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term in which the student has enrolled full time at the certifying institution;

(b) Eighteen semester or 27 quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement) (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4); and

(c) A minimum grade-point average per academic term of enrollment as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.3.

14.4.1.2 Temporary Student. A student-athlete having the status of temporary, transient or exchange student shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition unless such status is specifically allowed and governed by provisions adopted by the membership.

14.4.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. Eligibility for institutional financial aid and practice during each academic year after a student-athlete's initial year of residence or after the student-athlete has used one season of eligibility in a sport shall be based upon the rules of the institution and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member.

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04, 4/28/05)*

(a) Twenty-four semester or 36 quarter hours of academic credit prior to the start of the student-athlete's second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter);

(b) Eighteen semester or 27 quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement) (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4); and

(c) Six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution (see Bylaw 14.4.3.4.3 for postseason certification).

14.4.3.1.1 Regular Academic Year. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1, the regular academic year shall be defined as the time beginning with the opening of the institution's fall term and concluding with the institution's spring commencement exercises. *(Adopted: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 6/1/06)*

14.4.3.1.2 Transfer. To be eligible for competition, a transfer student-athlete must meet the following credit-hour requirements based on attendance at the previous institution(s) for the specified time and may use any hours of academic credit earned at any collegiate institution: *(Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 5/12/05)*

(a) Equivalent of one semester/one quarter: six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit;

(b) Equivalent of one academic year (e.g., two semesters/three quarters): 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of academic credit;

(c) Equivalent of three semesters/four quarters: 30 semester or 42 quarter hours of academic credit; or

(d) Equivalent of four semesters/six quarters and thereafter: six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the previous term of full-time enrollment, if applicable (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.2.1).

14.4.3.1.2.1 Six-Hour Requirement for Transfer. A transfer student-athlete from a domestic two-year or four-year collegiate institution must complete six hours of academic credit during the previous term of full-time enrollment regardless of when the student-athlete enrolls in the certifying institution. A transfer student-athlete from a foreign collegiate institution is not required to complete six hours of academic credit in the previous term of full-time enrollment. *(Adopted: 5/12/05)*

14.4.3.1.3 Regaining Eligibility. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a), a student-athlete who does not meet the 24 semester or 36 quarter credit-hour requirement prior to the start of his or her second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter), may become eligible at the beginning of the next academic term by successfully completing 24 semester or 36 quarter hours during the previous two semesters or three quarters. *(Adopted: 4/14/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 4/28/05)*

14.4.3.1.3.1 Exception -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who is subject to the 24 semester or 36 quarter credit-hour requirement at the beginning of an institution's fall term and fails to meet the requirement based on the student-athlete's academic record in existence at that time shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.4.3.1.4 Application of Rule. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b), once a student-athlete initially enrolls as a full-time student [including a midyear enrollee (freshman or transfer)], he or she must meet the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement prior to the start of the institution's third semester or fourth quarter following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment. Further, the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement applies to each academic year in which a student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student during any term of that academic year. (See Bylaw 14.02.15.) Credits earned during a term in which a student-athlete is enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies may be used to satisfy the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement only if such credits are combined with credits earned during a term that immediately precedes or immediately follows a term in which the student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student. Credits earned during a part-time term may be completed at an institution other than the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 4/14/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 9/18/07, 4/8/09, 10/17/19)*

14.4.3.1.4.1 Application to a Midyear Enrollee. After a midyear enrollee's initial certification, (prior to the start of the institution's third semester or fourth quarter following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment), the student-athlete's completion of the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement shall be certified prior to the start of each academic year based on the student-athlete's record since the beginning of the previous fall term. *(Adopted: 4/8/09)*

14.4.3.1.4.2 Additional Application -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who is subject to the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement at the beginning of an institution's fall term and fails to meet the requirement based on the student-athlete's academic record in existence at that time shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.4.3.1.5 Additional Application of Six-Hour and Transfer Rules -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who fails to meet the requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.1-(c) or 14.4.3.1.2, or both, to be eligible for an institution's fall term shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.4.3.1.6 Additional Requirements -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete who is a member of the institution's football team and who does not successfully complete at least nine semester hours or eight quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term or does not earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term (or does not successfully complete either requirement) shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 5/28/13)*

14.4.3.1.6.1 Regaining Eligibility for Two Contests. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who is ineligible, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6, to compete in the first four contests of a playing season against outside competition may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27 semester hours or 40 quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27 semester/40 quarter credit-hour requirement. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 2/6/12)*

14.4.3.1.6.2 Regaining Full Eligibility -- One-Time Exception. [FBS/FCS] One time during a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, a student-athlete who is ineligible, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6, to compete in the first four contests of a playing season against outside competition may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27 semester hours or 40 quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27 semester/40 quarter credit-hour requirement. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 2/6/12, 5/28/13)*

14.4.3.1.7 Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit. The calculation of credit hours for the application of Bylaws 14.4.3.1-(a), 14.4.3.1-(c) and 14.4.3.1.6 shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit at the certifying institution in a student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program, as follows: *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 3/12/12, 3/27/18, 1/29/19 effective 8/1/19 August 1, 2019; for certification of eligibility for competition that occurs on or after 8/1/19.)*

(a) During the first two years of enrollment, a student-athlete may use credits acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs;

(b) By the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), a student-athlete shall be required to have designated a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree. From that point, the credits used to meet the progress-toward-degree requirements must be degree credit toward the student's designated degree program;

(c) A student-athlete who changes his or her designated degree program between terms may comply with the progress-toward-degree requirements if:

(1) The change in programs is documented appropriately by the institution's academic authorities;

(2) The credits earned prior to the change are acceptable toward the degree previously sought; and

(3) The credits earned from the time of the change are acceptable toward the new desired degree.

(d) A student-athlete who, in accordance with institutional policy, changes his or her designated degree program during a regular academic term may use credits earned during the term to fulfill credit-hour requirements toward the degree previously sought or the newly designated degree; and

(e) Once a student-athlete has begun his or her third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), a course may not be used to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree if the student ultimately must repeat the course to fulfill the requirements of the student's major, even if the course fulfills an elective component of the student-athlete's degree program.

14.4.3.1.7.1 Exception -- Final Academic Year of Degree Program. A student-athlete who is in the final academic year (final two semesters or three quarters) of his or her designated degree program may use credit hours acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs to satisfy the six-hour requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) and the nine semester or eight quarter-hour requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6), provided the institution certifies that the student is enrolled in courses necessary to complete degree requirements at the end of the two semesters or three quarters or the following summer. Thereafter, the student shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree requirements and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 3/27/18)*

14.4.3.1.7.2 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. Credit hours earned or accepted toward a minor, including a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may be used to satisfy the credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, provided the minor is officially designated (pursuant to institutional policy) by the student-athlete before the conclusion of the institution's first five days of classes of the applicable term. *(Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/18/18)*

14.4.3.1.7.3 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward an Undergraduate Certificate Program. Credit hours earned or accepted toward an undergraduate certificate program may be used to satisfy credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, provided the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 4/18/18)*

(a) Completion of the certificate requires a minimum of nine credit hours;

(b) Enrollment in the program is only available to regular, degree-seeking, undergraduate students; and

(c) The student-athlete officially designates the program (pursuant to institutional policy) before the conclusion of the institution's first five days of classes of the applicable term.

14.4.3.2 Fulfillment of Percentage of Degree Requirements. A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 60 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 80 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. The course requirements must be in the student's specific degree program (as opposed to the student's major). *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/9/96, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03)*

14.4.3.2.1 Five-Year Degree Program. If the student-athlete's degree is identified in the institution's official catalog as a five-year program or otherwise requires the completion of a minimum of 150 semester or 225 quarter hours, the student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully 33 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully 50 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully 67 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03)*

14.4.3.2.2 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year of residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*

14.4.3.2.2.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 shall only apply to the eligibility of a student-athlete for those years in which the student-athlete is enrolled at a national service academy. *(Adopted: 4/24/03)*

14.4.3.2.3 Timing of Certification. A student-athlete's eligibility under this provision shall be determined on the basis of the student's academic record in existence at the beginning of that student's third or later academic year (fifth semester or seventh quarter) of full-time enrollment (see Bylaw 14.02.15). If the student-athlete is ineligible under the provisions of the progress-toward-degree legislation at the beginning of that term, eligibility may be reinstated at the beginning of any other regular term of that student's specific academic year, based on the student's later fulfillment of the necessary degree requirements. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 10/17/19)*

14.4.3.2.3.1 Exception -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who is ineligible under this provision at the beginning of an institution's fall term shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.4.3.2.4 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. Credit hours earned or accepted toward a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may not be used to satisfy percentage-of-degree requirements even if the student-athlete must complete the requirements of the voluntary or optional minor to graduate. A student-athlete may use credits earned in a minor only if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree. *(Adopted: 9/24/09)*

14.4.3.3 Fulfillment of Minimum Grade-Point Average Requirements. A student-athlete who is entering his or her second year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum 4.000) that equals at least 90 percent of the institution's overall cumulative grade-point average required for graduation. A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) that equals 95 percent of the institution's overall cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth or later year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) that equals 100 percent of the institution's overall cumulative grade-point average required for graduation. If the institution does not have an overall grade-point average required for graduation, it is permissible to use the lowest grade-point average required for any of the institution's degree programs in determining the cumulative minimum grade-point average. The minimum grade-point average must be computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/15/09)*

14.4.3.3.1 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.3 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution who has completed an academic term in residence at the certifying institution. A student-athlete who attends the certifying institution as a full-time student, transfers to another institution and later returns to the original institution is immediately subject to the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.3 on re-enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/15/09, 9/24/09)*

14.4.3.3.2 Timing of Certification. A student-athlete's eligibility under this provision shall be certified by the first date of competition or contest of each regular term of an academic year beginning with that student's second or later academic year (third semester or fourth quarter) of full-time enrollment (see Bylaw 14.02.15). The certification shall be based on the student-athlete's academic record in existence at the beginning of the applicable term. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 5/9/08, 4/15/09, 10/17/19)*

14.4.3.3.2.1 Exception -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who is ineligible under this provision at the beginning of an institution's fall term shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.4.3.4 Change in Eligibility Status. If a student-athlete's academic eligibility changes at the end of a quarter or semester, the student-athlete shall become eligible or ineligible to compete on the date his or her eligibility officially is certified by the appropriate institutional authority. In a case in which the student becomes eligible at the end of the term, the earliest date on which the student can become eligible to compete is the day after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution's official calendar for the term that is ending. In a case in which the student becomes ineligible, the ineligibility shall become effective not later than the first day of classes of the following semester or quarter. In any case, if the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete at the time of the student-athlete's or the institution's first participation in an NCAA championship, he or she shall remain eligible for the remainder of the championship. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

14.4.3.4.1 Certification of Eligibility at the End of the Academic Year. A student-athlete who was ineligible to compete during an entire academic year (did not meet progress-toward-degree requirements or was serving a transfer year of residence) may not be certified as eligible to compete in the season already in progress (e.g., outdoor track and field, baseball) at the end of the academic year. A student-athlete who was eligible for competition at the beginning of the academic year but became ineligible at midyear (e.g., due to failure to meet the six-hour requirement) may be certified as eligible at the end of the academic year for competition in a season already in progress (e.g., outdoor track and field, baseball), provided the student-athlete meets all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition during the subsequent fall term. *(Adopted: 10/4/16)*

14.4.3.4.2 Exception.

14.4.3.4.2.1 Institutions With Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official posting date for grades falls within three days of the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have three business days from the official date on which grades must be posted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) and to certify that student-athletes have satisfied the grade-point average requirements per Bylaw 14.4.3.3. For those institutions that post grades on a rolling basis, the three-business-day period shall begin within the first week of classes. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14)*

14.4.3.4.2.2 Institutions With No Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official submission date for grades falls on or after the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have five business days from the date on which grades are submitted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) and to certify that student-athletes have maintained grade-point average requirements per Bylaw 14.4.3.3. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14)*

14.4.3.4.2.3 Certification of Eligibility. During the three-business-day or five-business day period, a student-athlete who is otherwise eligible under NCAA, conference and institutional requirements, shall be permitted to compete. If during the exception period, a student-athlete is certified ineligible, the student-athlete shall be declared immediately ineligible for competition. If the three-business-day or five-business-day period concludes prior to the certification of eligibility for any student-athlete, the student-athlete shall be ineligible until such time the student-athlete is declared eligible for competition. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14)*

14.4.3.4.3 Eligibility for Postseason Competition -- Between Terms. To be eligible to compete in a postseason event (e.g., conference tournament, bowl game, National Invitation Tournament, NCAA championship) that occurs between regular terms (including summer) a student-athlete shall have satisfactorily completed six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment (see Bylaws 14.02.15, 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.1.7). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/12/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 7/31/14, 10/17/19)*

14.4.3.4.3.1 Less Than Full-Time Enrollment. A student-athlete who was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies pursuant to an exception or waiver during the term immediately prior to the postseason event is subject to the following requirements: *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

(a) If the student-athlete was enrolled in at least six credit hours, he or she shall have satisfactorily completed six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit; or

(b) If the student-athlete was enrolled in less than six credit hours, he or she shall have satisfactorily completed the number of semester or quarter hours of academic credit in which he or she was enrolled.

14.4.3.4.3.2 Timing of Certification. A student-athlete's eligibility under this provision shall be determined within 14 business days (see Bylaw 14.02.4) (regardless of the date on which grades are posted or submitted) after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution's official calendar for the term that is ending. If the postseason event occurs prior to the conclusion of the 14 business days, eligibility shall be determined by using grades from the immediately preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall term if certifying for a bowl game), provided a sufficient number of grades from the term have been posted. All grades posted in accordance with institutional procedures by 5 p.m. local time (where the institution is located) on the day prior to the postseason event must be considered. If the postseason event occurs prior to the conclusion of the 14 business days and an insufficient number of grades from the immediately preceding term have been posted, eligibility shall be determined by using grades from the most recent regular academic term for which a sufficient number of grades have been posted. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 7/31/14)*

14.4.3.4.3.2.1 Certification for Multiday Events. A student-athlete who is certified eligible for the first day of a multiday event (e.g., conference track and field championship) remains eligible for the entire event regardless of whether additional grades are posted after the certification deadline, provided the event concludes prior to the start of the next regular academic term. If an insufficient number of grades are posted for a student-athlete to be certified eligible based on the immediately preceding term and he or she will participate in another postseason event (e.g., NCAA championship) that occurs during the same period between regular terms, the institution must recertify the student-athlete with grades available by 5 p.m. local time (where the institution is located) on the day prior to the start of the additional postseason event. *(Adopted: 10/21/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

14.4.3.4.4 Eligibility for Postseason Competition -- Postseason Football Bowl Game During an Institution's Second Academic Term. [FBS] If an institution is selected to participate in a postseason bowl game that will occur during the institution's second regular term (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) of the academic year, a student-athlete's eligibility to compete in the bowl game shall be certified consistent with the standards applicable to postseason competition that occurs between terms (see Bylaws 14.4.3.4 and 14.4.3.4.3). However, a student-athlete must meet full-time enrollment requirements applicable to term-time competition (see Bylaw 14.2.2). *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 7/31/14)*

14.4.3.5 Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree.

14.4.3.5.1 Nontraditional Terms. An institution that determines registration other than on a traditional semester- or quarter-hour basis shall submit a statement describing the continuing-eligibility requirements applicable to its student-athletes for approval by the Committee on Academics. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

14.4.3.5.2 Advanced-Placement Tests/Credit by Examination. Credit received through advanced-placement tests or by examination before initial full-time enrollment may be used to meet the 24 semester or 36 quarter-hour requirement specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a) and percentage-of-degree requirements specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.2, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit. Credit received after initial full-time enrollment through advanced-placement tests or by examination may be used to meet all progress-toward-degree requirements, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

14.4.3.5.3 Nontraditional Courses From Another Institution. Nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the certifying institution, may be used to meet credit-hour and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) The course is available to any student at the certifying institution;

(b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student; and

(c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the offering institution's regular enrollment periods (pre-registration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.4.3.5.3.1 Summer Courses. A student-athlete may enroll in a nontraditional course during the certifying institution's summer vacation period at a time other than during the offering institution's regular enrollment periods for traditional courses and may use credits from such courses to meet the 24 semester or 36 quarter credit-hours requirement and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided the course is completed before the first day of the certifying institution's regular fall term. *(Adopted: 10/21/13)*

14.4.3.5.4 Remedial, Tutorial or Noncredit Courses. Remedial, tutorial or noncredit courses may be used by the student to satisfy the minimum academic progress requirement of Bylaw 14.4.3.1 only if they meet all of the following conditions: *(Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/27/18)*

(a) The courses must be considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program;

(b) The courses must be given the same weight as others in the institution in determining the student's status for full-time enrollment;

(c) Noncredit courses may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for such courses in any baccalaureate degree program (or the student's specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated); and

(d) Credit in such courses shall not exceed six semester or nine quarter hours, and the courses must be taken before the start of the student's second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter).

14.4.3.5.5 Incomplete Grades. A student who receives an incomplete grade in a course may use the course in question to fulfill the minimum progress-toward-degree requirements, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The incomplete grade must have been removed in accordance with the institution's regulations applicable to all students;

(b) Such a course may be counted only once after a grade has been achieved that is acceptable to the institution for determining progress toward degree; and

(c) The course with the acceptable grade shall be counted either during the term in which the student initially enrolled in the course or during the term in which the incomplete grade was removed and acceptable credit was awarded.

14.4.3.5.5.1 Summer Courses -- Credit-Hour Requirements. If a student enrolls in a summer course but completes the course during the regular academic year, for purposes of Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.1.6, credit for the course must be counted in the summer term of initial enrollment in the course. *(Adopted: 3/27/18)*

14.4.3.5.6 Repeated Courses. Credit for courses that are repeated may be used by a student to satisfy the minimum academic progress requirements only under the following conditions: *(Revised: 3/27/18)*

(a) A course repeated due to an unsatisfactory initial grade (as determined by the institution's regulations applicable to all students) may be used only once, and only after it has been satisfactorily completed;

(b) Credit for a course for which credit is given only once may not be used in the term in which the course is repeated if the same grade is received as was received for the course in a previous term;

(c) Credit for a course for which credit may be earned more than once (e.g., a physical education activities course) shall be limited by institutional regulations; and

(d) Credits earned in courses for which credit may be earned more than once may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for credits of that type for any baccalaureate degree program (or for the student's specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated).

14.4.3.5.7 Credit From Other Institutions.

14.4.3.5.7.1 Before Initial Full-Time Enrollment. Credit hours earned before initial full-time enrollment may be used to fulfill the 24 semester or 36 quarter-hours requirement specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a) and the percentage-of-degree requirements specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.2. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/5/06, 7/27/16)*

14.4.3.5.7.2 Concurrent Enrollment. Credit hours earned from a traditional course during a regular term at another institution while enrolled as a full-time student at the certifying institution may be used to satisfy progress-toward-degree requirements specified in Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.2 (see Bylaw 14.4.3.5.3). Such credits may be used to meet the requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.1-(b) and 14.4.3.1-(c), provided: *(Revised: 7/27/16)*

(a) The course is available to any student at the certifying institution;

(b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student; and

(c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the offering institution's regular enrollment periods (preregistration or drop/add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.4.3.5.8 Cooperative Educational Work Experience and Study-Abroad Programs. A student-athlete shall not be required to complete six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during a regular academic term or terms of full-time enrollment in a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 10/8/10)*

14.4.3.6 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Rule. The following provisions are exceptions to the progress-toward-degree rule: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/24/03 effective after the 2003 fall term, 4/29/04, 8/25/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 5/28/09, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 3/27/18)*

(a) **Missed Term.** One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The student-athlete did not attend class during a regular academic term while enrolled in a full-time program of studies;

(2) The student-athlete engaged in no outside competition in the sport during the academic term or terms in which the student was not in attendance; and

(3) At the time of certification, the student has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaw 14.4.3.1) for the terms in which the student was in attendance.

A transfer student from a two-year college is not eligible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year of residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year of residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the "missed term" may be used to satisfy the 24/36 hour [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3).

(b) **Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant.** A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulation for the initial season of eligibility if the student was not recruited by the certifying institution; has never received athletically related financial assistance; has never practiced or participated in intercollegiate athletics,

except that a student may have participated in limited preseason tryouts; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The student-athlete's eligibility in following seasons would be governed by the provisions of the progress-toward-degree rule, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student began participation. This exception shall not apply to the percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and minimum grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3) requirements.

(c) **Graduate Student Exception.** A graduate student-athlete who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation, except the student-athlete shall successfully complete a minimum of six semester or quarter hours of academic credit from course work that meets graduate program requirements during each regular academic term in which the student is enrolled full time as a graduate student. A graduate student-athlete who is enrolled in a specific degree program must earn six hours of academic credit applicable toward his or her designated degree program. (See Bylaw 14.6.)

(d) **Postbaccalaureate Exception.** A student-athlete who graduates and returns for a second baccalaureate degree or is taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation, except the student-athlete shall successfully complete a minimum of six semester or quarter hours of academic credit during each regular academic term in which the student is enrolled full time. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a specific degree program must earn six hours of academic credit applicable toward his or her designated degree program. (See Bylaw 14.6.)

(e) **Cooperative Educational Work Experience and Study Abroad Programs.** The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b) may be prorated at nine hours for each term the student-athlete is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The institution considers the student-athlete to be a full-time student while participating in the cooperative educational work experience or study-abroad program;

(2) The student-athlete satisfactorily completes the cooperative educational work experience or study-abroad program; and

(3) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaw 14.4.3) for the terms in which the student-athlete has been in regular full-time attendance.

14.4.3.7 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Rule. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. The following waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee. *(Revised: 1/9/96, 10/28/97, 4/27/00, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04, 4/28/05, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/14/12, 5/22/13, 3/27/18, 1/22/20, 1/22/20)*

(a) **Medical Absence.** The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaws 14.4.3.1-(b), 14.4.3.1-(c), 14.4.3.1.6 and 14.4.3.6-(c) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student misses a term or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of an injury or illness. Such an exception may be granted only when circumstances clearly supported by appropriate medical documentation establish that a student-athlete is unable to attend a collegiate institution as a full-time student as a result of an incapacitating physical injury or illness involving the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's immediate family. Credits earned by the student during the term to which the waiver applies may be used to satisfy the 24/36 hour [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3). However, a term to which a medical absence waiver applies does not count as a term of full-time enrollment for purposes of the 24/36 credit-hour requirement, percentage-of-degree requirements or grade-point average requirements.

(b) **International Competition.** The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.6-(c) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of participation in the Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, FIFA U-20 World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters. Credits earned by the student during the term or terms to which the waiver applies may be used to satisfy the 24-/36-hour [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3). However, a term to which an international competition waiver applies does not count as a term of

full-time enrollment for purposes of the 24/36 credit-hour requirement, percentage-of-degree requirements or grade-point average requirements.

14.4.3.8 Waiver -- Olympic or Paralympic Games. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee may waive this general progress-toward-degree requirement for any participant in the Olympic or Paralympic Games, who because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport. *(Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/22/20)*

14.4.3.9 Waiver -- Student-Athletes With Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) may waive the general progress-toward-degree requirements for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that the institution has defined full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be less than 12 hours to accommodate for the student's education-impacting disability. *(Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 8/7/08)*

14.4.3.10 Additional Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) shall have the authority to waive all other progress-toward-degree requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary, aggregate form. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 8/7/14)*

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

14.5.1 Residence Requirement -- General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to complete one full academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.14) at the certifying institution before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw 16.8.1), unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or qualifies for an exception as set forth in this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 5/19/08, 6/24/09, 4/14/10)*

14.5.1.1 Fulfillment of Residence Requirement in Night School. When a student transfers to a member institution and is required to fulfill a residence requirement before being eligible to participate in competition, it is permissible for the transfer student to meet the requirement by attending an institution's night school, provided the following conditions are met:

(a) The night school has regular terms (semesters or quarters) that are the same as the institution's day school;

(b) The student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies during each night term counted; and

(c) The student is considered by the institution to be a regularly matriculated student in each term.

14.5.1.2 Disciplinary Suspension. A student who transfers to any NCAA institution from a collegiate institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution (as opposed to one of the institution's teams) for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/4/17)*

14.5.1.3 Outside Competition -- Not a Qualifier. A two-year college transfer student who is not a qualifier and does not meet the applicable transfer requirements may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year of residence. A four-year college transfer student who is not a qualifier and who has not completed an academic year of residence may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year of residence. *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 1/3/06)*

14.5.1.4 Eligibility for Championship in Progress. A transfer student shall be eligible for any NCAA championship that is in progress after a full calendar year has elapsed and at the time he or she has completed two full semesters or three full quarters of academic work.

14.5.1.5 Foreign Institution Transfers. A transfer student from a foreign collegiate institution (college, university or two-year college), except one entering as a bona fide exchange student, shall comply with the one-year residence requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.1.

14.5.1.5.1 Bona Fide International Exchange Student Exception. A bona fide international exchange student is an individual who is sponsored by his or her nation's government, or is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Rotary International, the Ford Foundation, the Institute of International Education or a similar organization. For a

student to be considered a bona fide exchange student, the sponsoring organization shall identify the student prior to the student's departure from his or her home country and make the necessary arrangements to finance the student's education under the international exchange program. If these arrangements have not been completed before the student's enrollment at the certifying institution, the student is considered to be a transfer student and may not represent the institution in competition until the individual has met the required residence requirement.

14.5.2 Conditions Affecting Transfer Status. A transfer student is an individual who transfers from a collegiate institution after having met any one of the following conditions at that institution: *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 4/26/01, 4/14/03, 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19 applicable to full time enrollment in a regular term on or after 8/1/19)*

(a) The student attended a class or classes in any quarter or semester in which the student was enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, even if the enrollment was on a provisional basis and the student was later determined by the institution not to be admissible;

(b) The student is or was enrolled in an institution in a minimum full-time program of studies in a night school that is considered to have regular terms (semesters or quarters) the same as the institution's day school, and the student is or was considered by the institution to be a regularly matriculated student;

(c) The student attended a branch school that does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, but the student had been enrolled in another collegiate institution prior to attendance at the branch school;

(d) The student attended a branch school that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to an institution other than the parent institution;

(e) The student reported for a regular squad practice (including practice or conditioning activities that occur prior to certification per Bylaws 14.3.5.1 and 14.5.4.6.7), announced by the institution through any member of its athletics department staff, prior to the beginning of any quarter or semester, as certified by the athletics director. Participation only in picture-day activities would not constitute "regular practice";

(f) The student participated in practice or competed in a given sport even though the student was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies; or

(g) The student received institutional financial aid while attending a summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program (see Bylaws 15.2.8.1.3 and 15.2.8.1.4). A recruited student who receives institutional aid pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4 is subject to the transfer provisions, except that a prospective student-athlete (recruited or nonrecruited) who is denied admission to the institution for full-time enrollment shall be permitted to enroll at another institution without being considered a transfer student.

14.5.3 Conditions Not Constituting Transfer Status. Unless otherwise covered by conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.2, a student-athlete is not considered a transfer under the following enrollment conditions:

14.5.3.1 Summer School, Extension Courses or Night School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a summer school, extension course or night school, unless the night school is considered by the institution to be a regular term (semester or quarter) the same as its day school, the student is enrolled for a minimum full-time load in this regular night term, and the student is considered by the institution to be a regularly enrolled student.

14.5.3.2 Prospective Student-Athlete Attending Summer School Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment. A prospective student-athlete receiving financial aid to attend summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment who is denied admission to the institution for full-time enrollment. *(Adopted: 4/26/01)*

14.5.3.3 Branch School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a branch school, provided the branch school does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program. If the branch school conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, the student shall not be considered a transfer only upon enrollment at the parent institution directly from the branch school. (For definition of "branch school," see Bylaw 14.02.3.)

14.5.3.4 Second Campus of Institution. The student is in residence at an institution's campus that is not in the same city as the institution's main campus, provided the campus at which the student is in residence does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, classes on the campus are taught by the same instructors who teach classes on the main campus, the credits received by all class enrollees are considered as regular credits by the institution's main campus, and the degrees awarded to all students come from the institution's main campus.

14.5.3.5 Academic Exchange Program. The student participates in a regular academic exchange program between two four-year institutions that requires a participant to complete a specified period of time at each institution, and the program provides for the student-athlete to receive at least two baccalaureate or equivalent degrees at the conclusion of this joint academic program.

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements. *(Revised: 1/19/92, 4/14/10)*

14.5.4.1 Qualifier. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) is eligible for competition in the first academic year of residence if the student meets the requirements for a nonqualifier to be eligible for competition (per Bylaw 14.5.4.2.1) or: *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12, 6/28/17 effective 8/1/17 for certifications of eligibility for fall 2017 and after)*

(a) Has spent at least one full-time semester or one full-time quarter in residence at the two-year college (excluding summer sessions);

(b) Has presented a minimum grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2); and

(c) Has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college.

14.5.4.1.1 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a qualifier who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4.1, but initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 3/10/04, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.5.4.2 Nonqualifier.

14.5.4.2.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.2.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year of residence only if the student: *(Revised: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; for incoming two-year college transfer student-athletes initially enrolling full-time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2020.)*

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six-semester or eight-quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math or quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

(c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2).

14.5.4.2.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.2.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid and practice during the first academic year of residence only if the student: *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 for those student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12, Revised: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; for incoming two-year college transfer student-athletes initially enrolling full-time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2020.)*

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math or quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

(c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2).

14.5.4.2.3 Use of Hours Earned During Summer Terms. Not more than a total of 18 semester or 27 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during summer terms, and not more than nine semester or 13.5 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during the summer term(s) immediately prior to the

academic year in which the transfer occurs (including a midyear transfer). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/4/17)*

14.5.4.2.4 Three-Semester/Four-Quarter Attendance Requirement. A student-athlete is not permitted to satisfy the three-semester/four-quarter attendance requirement during one academic year. *(Adopted: 6/8/99)*

14.5.4.2.5 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a student who was not a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4.2, but initially enrolls at a certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 3/10/04, 6/1/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.5.4.3 Academic Redshirt. A transfer student from a two-year college who was an academic redshirt (per Bylaw 14.3.1.2) is eligible for competition during the first academic year of residence only if the student: *(Adopted: 8/1/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, Revised: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; for incoming two-year college transfer student-athletes initially enrolling full-time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2020.)*

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math or quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

(c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2).

14.5.4.3.1 Use of Hours Earned During Summer Term. Not more than a total of 18 semester or 27 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during summer terms, and not more than nine semester or 13.5 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during the summer term(s) immediately prior to the academic year in which the transfer occurs (including a midyear transfer). *(Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, Revised: 10/4/17)*

14.5.4.3.2 Three-Semester/Four-Quarter Attendance Requirement. A student-athlete is not permitted to satisfy the three-semester/four-quarter attendance requirement during one academic year. *(Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.3.3 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a student who was an academic redshirt (per Bylaw 14.3.1.2) who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4.3 but initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. *(Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.4 Status as Nonqualifier. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school before enrolling as a regular student in a two-year college may not transfer work back to the high school, graduate from the high school and establish initial eligibility at a member institution on the basis of the revised high school record. Such a student is considered to be a two-year college transfer who was a nonqualifier.

14.5.4.5 Status of Nonqualifier, Nonrecruited. A two-year college student-athlete who transferred to a Division I institution without meeting the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.4.2 shall not be eligible for regular-season competition and practice during the first academic year of residence. However, such a student who was not recruited per Bylaw 13.02.14.1 and for whom admission and financial aid were granted without regard to athletics ability shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid. *(Revised: 1/23/19)*

14.5.4.6 Two-Year College Transfer Regulations. The following regulations shall be applied in administering the eligibility requirements for two-year college transfers.

14.5.4.6.1 Multiple Two-Year Colleges. If a student-athlete has been in residence at two or more two-year colleges, the terms of residence at all two-year colleges may be combined in order to satisfy the residence requirement. All grades and all course credits that are transferable from the two-year colleges to the certifying institution shall be considered in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under Bylaw 14.5 (see also Bylaw 14.5.6). In addition, at

least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student's academic degree requirements must be earned at the two-year college that awards the degree. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

14.5.4.6.2 Credit Earned at Four-Year Institution. If a student-athlete attends a two-year college and, prior to regular enrollment at a member institution, attains additional credits as a part-time student in a four-year collegiate institution, the hours accumulated at the four-year institution may be used by the member institution in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under the two-year college transfer provisions, provided: *(Revised: 4/28/14)*

(a) The hours are accepted by the two-year college and are placed on the transcript by the two-year college from which the student-athlete transfers prior to the date of initial regular enrollment at the NCAA member institution; or

(b) The hours are accepted by the two-year college and are placed on any other official document (other than the student's transcript) used by the two-year college for this purpose prior to the date of initial regular enrollment at the NCAA member institution. Such a document must include the official seal of the two-year college, be signed by the appropriate academic official of the two-year college and be forwarded directly from the two-year college to the appropriate admissions official of the certifying institution.

14.5.4.6.3 Determination of Transferable Degree Credit. For the purpose of determining transferable degree credit, the institution may count those courses accepted as degree credit in any of its colleges, schools or departments.

14.5.4.6.3.1 Transferable Credit, Unacceptable Grade. Credit hours for courses with grades not considered acceptable for transferable degree credit for all students at an institution shall not be counted in determining whether the transfer requirement for total number of hours is satisfied.

14.5.4.6.3.2 Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Transferable Credit. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the qualitative grade-point average for meeting transfer requirements, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable degree credit. Only the last grade earned in a course that has been repeated shall be included in the grade-point-average calculation.

14.5.4.6.4 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/13/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

14.5.4.6.5 Degree Requirement. In order to satisfy the two-year-college graduation requirement for eligibility immediately upon transfer from a two-year college to a member institution, a student-athlete must receive an associate or equivalent degree in an academic or technical, rather than a vocational, curriculum. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) shall have the authority to determine whether a two-year college degree is academic or technical, rather than vocational, in nature. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)*

14.5.4.6.6 Transfer to Four-Year College Prior to Completion of Requirements. The requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 must be met prior to a student-athlete's transfer to the certifying institution. Thus, if a two-year college student transfers (as defined in Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution prior to the completion of applicable transfer requirements, the student is subject to the one-year residence requirement at the certifying institution, even though the student transfers back to the two-year college and completes the necessary requirements.

14.5.4.6.7 Participation Prior to Certification. If a two-year college transfer student reports for athletics participation before the student's high school or two-year college academic record has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period unless he or she has established the minimum requirements to receive such aid. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a transfer student to continue practicing or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid. *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 9/18/07, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

14.5.4.6.8 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a two-year institution, who has met the two-year transfer eligibility requirements per Bylaw 14.5.4, is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed at the two-year college during that segment of the same academic year in that sport. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

14.5.4.7 Exceptions for Transfers From Two-Year Colleges. A transfer student from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program is not subject to the residence requirement at the certifying institution if any one of the following conditions is met. An individual who is not a qualifier shall not be permitted to use the exceptions under this bylaw. *(Revised: 4/27/06)*

14.5.4.7.1 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue participation in a sport because the student's original two-year college dropped the sport from its intercollegiate program (even though it may subsequently establish that sport on a club basis) or never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at that institution, provided the student never transferred (see Bylaw 14.5.2) from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport while the student was in attendance and the student earned at least a minimum 2.500 grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2) at the two-year college. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12, 10/4/17)*

14.5.4.7.1.1 Original Collegiate Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the two-year college in which the student was enrolled immediately prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, provided that, if the student is transferring from a two-year college that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport while the student was in attendance. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

14.5.4.7.2 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from a two-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither engaged in intercollegiate competition nor engaged in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14 consecutive-day period, and has neither practiced with a noncollegiate amateur team nor engaged in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14 consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/9/06)*

14.5.4.8 Submission of Information Necessary to Determine Academic Initial-Eligibility Status. An institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the academic initial-eligibility status of a two-year college transfer student-athlete prior to the end of the student-athlete's first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution. If a two-year college transfer student-athlete is added to an institution's squad list after the end of his or her first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution, the institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine his or her academic initial-eligibility status prior to end of the academic year in which the student-athlete is added to the squad list. The necessary information may be submitted through official or unofficial transcripts or test-score reports. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for two-year college transfer student-athletes who initially enroll full time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/10)*

14.5.4.8.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The Committee on Academics shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests. *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for two-year college transfer student-athletes who initially enroll full time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/10, Revised: 8/7/14)*

14.5.4.9 Waivers. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) shall have the authority to waive all two-year college transfer requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary aggregate form. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14)*

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director.

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/14/10)*

14.5.5.1.1 Attendance for One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who attended a four-year institution at least one academic year shall be eligible for financial aid (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4) and practice at a

member institution under the rules of the institution and the conference of which the institution is a member, regardless of the student's qualification status (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) at the time of initial enrollment. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

14.5.5.1.2 Attendance for Less Than One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was not a qualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.13) and who attended a four-year institution less than one full academic year shall not be eligible for competition during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution. Participation in practice sessions and the receipt of financial aid during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution by such students is governed by the provisions of Bylaw 14.3.2.1 (see Bylaw 14.5.5.4). *(Revised: 1/3/06, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

14.5.5.1.3 Competition on a Foreign Tour. See Bylaw 17.31.1.4 for exceptions to allow a transfer student-athlete who is subject to the residence requirement to participate in competition on a foreign tour. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

14.5.5.2 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring (except for the return to original institution without participation or with minimal participation exception) and any of the following exceptions is satisfied. During the student-athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement only for transfer students who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for qualifiers (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1) in Division I. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 3/10/04, 5/19/08, 6/24/09)*

14.5.5.2.1 Educational Exchange Exception. The student returns to his or her original institution under any of the following conditions:

(a) After participation in a cooperative educational exchange program, provided the student is to receive a baccalaureate degree from the institution from which the student transferred to participate in the exchange program;

(b) After one semester or quarter of attendance at another institution for purposes of taking academic courses not available at the original institution, regardless of whether they are required in the degree program the student-athlete is pursuing at the first institution. In such an instance, the student also may take additional courses that were available at the first institution; or

(c) After one academic year of attendance at another collegiate institution, in accordance with the program recommended by the appropriate academic officer at the original institution, provided the student was in good academic standing at the time the student left the original institution.

14.5.5.2.2 Exchange Student Exception. The student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as a bona fide exchange student participating in a formal educational exchange program that is an established requirement of the student-athlete's curriculum. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92)*

14.5.5.2.3 Discontinued Academic Program Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue a major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program in the student's major. *(Revised: 4/27/00)*

14.5.5.2.4 International Student Program Exception. The individual is an international student who is required to transfer (one or more times) because of a study program predetermined by the government of the student's nation or the sponsoring educational organization.

14.5.5.2.5 Military Service Exception. The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.5.5.2.5.1 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Military Service. The amount of time that an individual is enrolled as a regular student in a collegiate institution while concurrently on active military duty may not be counted as a part of the 12-month active-duty period that qualifies a student for an exception to the transfer-residence requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.5.5.2.6 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. In a particular sport when the student transfers at any time to the certifying institution and participates in the sport on the intercollegiate level after any of the following conditions has occurred: *(Revised: 3/10/04, 10/4/17)*

(a) The student's original four-year collegiate institution dropped (or has publicly announced it will drop) the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed at that institution in intercollegiate competition) from its intercollegiate program while the student was in attendance at the institution; or

(b) The student's original four-year collegiate institution reclassified (or has publicly announced it will reclassify) the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed at that institution in intercollegiate competition) from Division I to Division III status while the student was in attendance at the institution, and the student subsequently had not competed in that sport on the Division III level; or

(c) The student's original four-year collegiate institution never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution, provided the student had never transferred (see Bylaw 14.5.2) from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport while the student was in attendance.

14.5.5.2.6.1 Original Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the one in which the student was enrolled immediately prior to transfer to the certifying institution, it being understood that, if the student is transferring from an institution that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport while the student was in attendance. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

14.5.5.2.7 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither engaged in intercollegiate competition nor engaged in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-day period, and has neither practiced with a noncollegiate amateur team nor engaged in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/06)*

14.5.5.2.8 Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete at the second institution and does not engage in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). A student may use this exception even if he or she has an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. *(Revised: 3/10/04, 1/9/06)*

14.5.5.2.9 Nonrecruited or Nonscholarship Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution and either of the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/9/06, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The student-athlete's previous institution does not provide athletically related financial aid in the sport and the student-athlete was not recruited by the previous institution (per Bylaw 13.02.14.1); or

(b) The student-athlete's previous institution provides athletically related financial aid in the sport and no athletically related financial aid was received by the student-athlete.

14.5.5.2.10 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw 14.6.1): *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 1/11/97, 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01, 4/26/01, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/27/06 effective 10/15/06, 12/15/06, 4/27/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/22/11)*

(a) The student is a participant in a sport other than baseball, basketball, bowl subdivision football or men's ice hockey at the institution to which the student is transferring. A participant in championship subdivision football at the institution to which the student is transferring may use this exception only if the participant transferred to the certifying institution from an institution that sponsors bowl subdivision football and has two or more seasons of competition remaining in football or the participant transfers from a Football Championship Subdivision institution that offers athletically related financial aid in football to a Football Championship Subdivision institution that does not offer athletically related financial aid in football;

(b) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.2.6 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception);

(c) At the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), the student would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, except that he or she is not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution; and

(d) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student's previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer-residence requirement. If an institution receives a written request for a release from a student-athlete, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within seven business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.

14.5.5.2.10.1 Hearing Opportunity. If the student's previous institution denies his or her written request for the release or enters a denial of the release in the NCAA Transfer Portal, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon written request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 15 business days (see Bylaw 14.02.4) of receipt of the student-athlete's written request for a hearing. The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 15 business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 4/26/01, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/19/19)*

14.5.5.2.11 Head Coach Departure Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year institution and the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19 August 1, 2019; applicable to a student-athlete who initially enrolls full-time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2019.)*

(a) The student has not previously enrolled as a full-time student in a regular term (semester or quarter) of a collegiate institution (see Bylaw 12.8.1.1); and

(b) The head coach at the student's previous institution left the institution after the student met a condition affecting transfer status (see Bylaw 14.5.2) and before the start of the next regular academic term (e.g., fall semester).

14.5.5.3 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution who has received a waiver of or qualifies for an exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.5.5.2) shall not be eligible for competition in which his or her performance could be used for NCAA championship qualification or consideration if the student-athlete participated in competition at the previous four-year institution in the same sport in which his or her performance could have been used for NCAA championship qualification or consideration. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

14.5.5.3.1 Receipt of Athletically Related Financial Aid in Year of Transfer -- Tennis. In tennis, in addition to the application of Bylaw 14.5.5.3, a transfer student from a four-year institution who enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the following academic year if he or she has received athletically related financial aid during the same academic year from the previous four-year institution. *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

14.5.5.4 Eligibility for Institutional Athletically Related Financial Aid. A transfer student from a four-year institution may receive institutional athletically related financial aid during his or her first academic year at the certifying institution only if he or she would have been academically eligible to compete during the next regular academic term had the student-athlete remained at the previous institution. A student-athlete who transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year institution and then to the certifying institution shall complete at least one regular academic term of enrollment at the two-year institution to be eligible for institutional athletically related financial aid at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

14.5.5.4.1 Exceptions. A four-year transfer student-athlete may receive institutional athletically related financial aid during his or her first academic year at the certifying institution, provided: *(Adopted: 9/18/07)*

(a) The student-athlete transferred from a four-year institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete's sport on the intercollegiate level while he or she was in attendance and the student did not previously transfer from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in the sport; or

(b) The student-athlete has not participated in intercollegiate competition and has not engaged in other countable athletically related activities in the sport beyond a 14-consecutive-day period.

14.5.5.5 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and

qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. (See Bylaw 14.6.1.1 for the application to graduate transfer student-athletes.) *(Adopted: 6/24/09, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

14.5.5.5.1 Return to Original Institution -- Baseball. In baseball, a midyear four-year college transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-original institution exception (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2.8) to the transfer residence requirement is not eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. *(Adopted: 6/24/09)*

14.5.5.5.2 Return to Original Institution -- Basketball. In basketball, a midyear four-year college transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-the original institution exception (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2.8) to the transfer residence requirement is not subject to the restriction in Bylaw 14.5.5.5. *(Adopted: 6/24/09)*

14.5.6 4-2-4 College Transfers. A student who transfers from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to the certifying institution shall complete one academic year of residence at the certifying institution prior to engaging in intercollegiate competition, unless: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 2/16/00, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 3/27/18)*

(a) The student has completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2), acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance at the two-year college following transfer from the four-year college most recently attended;

(b) One calendar year has elapsed since the student's departure from the previous four-year college (one year since the date that the student-athlete takes formal action with the appropriate institutional authorities required for all students to indicate that the student-athlete is leaving the previous four-year institution and no longer will be attending classes); and

(c) The student has graduated from the two-year college.

14.5.6.1 Exceptions. A "4-2-4" transfer student who does not meet the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.6 is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition if any of the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 9/8/07, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)*

(a) The student returns to the four-year college from which he or she transferred to the two-year college, provided the student did not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the time of the transfer from the four-year college. The amount of time originally spent in residence at the first four-year college may be used by the student in completing the unfulfilled residence requirement at that institution;

(b) The student initially was enrolled in a four-year collegiate institution that never sponsored the student's sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution (provided the student never had attended any other four-year collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport) and provided the student was a qualifier and satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution during each academic term of attendance with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2), and spent at least two semesters or three quarters in residence at the two-year college (excluding summer sessions); or

(c) The student qualifies for an exception to the two-year college transfer requirements (see Bylaw 14.5.4.7) and qualifies for the same exception to the four-year college transfer residence requirement (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2).

14.5.6.2 Additional Transferable Degree Credit Requirements for Academic Redshirts and Nonqualifiers. A student who was not a qualifier shall have satisfactorily completed a minimum of six semesters or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit. Remedial English, math and natural/physical science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. The student may use transferable English, math and natural/physical science credits earned while enrolled at a previous four-year college to meet these requirements. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12, Revised: 5/16/18)*

14.5.6.3 Multiple Two-Year Colleges. If a student-athlete has been in residence at two or more two-year colleges following transfer from the four-year collegiate institution most recently attended, all grades and all course credits that are transferable from the two-year colleges to the certifying institution shall be considered in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under Bylaw 14.5.6-(a). In addition, at least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student's academic degree requirements must be earned at the two-year college that awards the degree. *(Adopted: 3/27/18)*

14.5.6.4 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for

the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/13/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

14.5.6.5 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a student who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.6, but initially enrolls at a certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. *(Revised: 3/10/04, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.5.6.5.1 Return to Original Institution -- Baseball. In baseball, a midyear 4-2-4 transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-original institution exception [see Bylaw 14.5.6.1-(a)] to the transfer residence requirement is not eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. *(Adopted: 6/24/09)*

14.5.6.5.2 Return to Original Institution -- Basketball. In basketball, a midyear 4-2-4 transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-original institution exception [see Bylaw 14.5.6.1-(a)] to the transfer residence requirement is not subject to the restriction in Bylaw 14.5.6.5. *(Adopted: 6/24/09)*

14.5.6.6 Calendar-Year Time Lapse. It is not required that the calendar year specified in Bylaw 14.5.6 elapse prior to the student's initial enrollment as a regular student in the second four-year institution, but the calendar year must elapse before the student represents the certifying institution in intercollegiate competition. However, the student-athlete shall be eligible on the first day of classes or on the date of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest that falls earlier than the first day of classes in the regular academic term in which the student would become eligible, provided the student has fulfilled the one-academic-year requirement.

14.5.6.7 Transfer Prior to Completion of Requirements. All transfer requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.6, except the calendar-year time-lapse requirement (see Bylaw 14.5.6.6), must be met prior to the student-athlete's transfer to the certifying institution. Thus, if a student-athlete transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year college and, prior to completing the applicable transfer requirements, transfers to a member institution, the student-athlete shall be subject to the one-year residence requirement, even though during the course of that one-year residence at the certifying institution, the student-athlete may complete the necessary requirements.

14.5.6.8 Eligibility for Institutional Athletically Related Financial Aid. A student-athlete who transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year institution and then to the certifying institution shall complete at least one regular academic term of enrollment at the two-year institution to be eligible for institutional athletically related financial aid at the certifying institution. (See Bylaw 14.5.5.4.) *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

14.5.6.9 Submission of Information Necessary to Determine Academic Initial-Eligibility Status. An institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the academic initial-eligibility status of a 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete prior to the end of the student-athlete's first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution. If a 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete is added to an institution's squad list after the end of his or her first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution, the institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine his or her academic initial-eligibility status prior to the end of the academic year in which the student-athlete is added to the squad list. The necessary information may be submitted through official or unofficial transcripts or test-score reports. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10)*

14.5.6.9.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The Committee on Academics shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests. *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 8/7/14)*

14.5.6.10 Waivers. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) shall have the authority to waive all two-year college transfer requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary aggregate form. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14)*

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation.

A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.5). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 7/31/14)*

14.6.1 One-Time Transfer Exception. A student-athlete who is enrolled in an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree and is enrolled in a graduate or professional school, is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 12.8. A student-athlete who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) shall qualify for this exception, provided: *(Adopted: 1/8/96 effective 7/31/96, Revised: 4/26/06, 1/5/07 effective 7/31/07, 4/27/11 effective 7/31/11, 7/30/14, 4/19/19, 4/29/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020, for a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2020.)*

(a) The student fulfills the remaining conditions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10;

(b) The student has at least one season of competition remaining; and

(c) Either the student's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year or did not offer athletically related financial aid in the student's sport, or the student never received athletically related financial aid as an undergraduate student.

14.6.1.1 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a graduate transfer student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for the one-time transfer exception may be immediately eligible for competition, provided he or she satisfies all other applicable eligibility requirements. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

14.6.2 International Student Exception. The remaining eligibility of a student who has received a foreign postsecondary degree that is identified as a "baccalaureate" but is not equivalent to a U.S. baccalaureate and who is entering an undergraduate program must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the International-Student Records Committee. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14)*

14.6.3 Eligibility Following Final Term. A student-athlete who is eligible during the term in which degree work is completed (or is eligible as a graduate, per Bylaw 14.6) remains eligible for practice, regular-season competition that occurs after the term and any postseason event that begins within 60 days after the end of the term [including an academic year interim term (e.g., mini-term, J-term)] in which the student completes the requirements for the degree (or graduate eligibility). A student-athlete who attends a quarter-system institution and who graduates at the end of the winter quarter may compete in any postseason event (and preceding regular-season competition) that occurs during the same academic year following the completion of the winter quarter. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 2/1/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/12, 8/21/12, 7/31/14, 3/27/18)*

14.6.4 Disciplinary Suspension. A graduate student who transfers to the certifying institution while disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution before he or she may be eligible for competition. *(Adopted: 4/15/14, Revised: 7/31/14)*

14.7 Additional Waivers for Eligibility Requirements.

Conditions under which exceptions are permitted or waivers may be granted to specific eligibility requirements in this bylaw are noted in other sections of this bylaw. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.7.1 Academic and General Requirements Waivers. The Committee on Academics may waive academic eligibility requirements under the following conditions or circumstances: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

(a) For student-athletes in times of national emergency;

(b) For member institutions that have instituted a trimester or other accelerated academic program, provided any member institution applying for a waiver shall demonstrate a reasonable need for such waiver. Further, no waiver shall be granted that permits a student-athlete to compete in more than the maximum permissible number of seasons of intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 12.8). Under the waiver allowed, if a student in an accelerated academic program completes the requirements for a degree before completing eligibility, the student may participate in competition that begins within 90 days after completion of the requirements for the degree; and

(c) For institutions that have suffered extraordinary personnel losses from one or more of their intercollegiate athletics teams due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.

14.7.2 Residence Requirement Waivers. The Committee for Legislative Relief may waive the one-year residence requirement for student-athletes under the following conditions or circumstances: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93 effective 1/1/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/19/13, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18)*

(a) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution for reasons of health. Such request for waiver shall be initiated by the member institution from which the student-athlete is transferring and shall be supported by medical recommendations of that institution's team physician and/or the student-athlete's personal physician;

(b) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution after loss of eligibility due to a violation of the regulation prohibiting pay for participation in intercollegiate athletics (see Bylaw 12.1.2); a violation of recruiting regulations (see Bylaw 13.01.1); or for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division I institution after loss of eligibility due to involvement in a violation of the freshman or transfer eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.3.1, 14.5.4, 14.5.5 and 14.5.6. These requirements may be waived only on a determination of the innocence or inadvertent involvement of the student-athlete in the violation;

(c) On the recommendation of the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution was placed on probation by the NCAA with sanctions that would preclude the institution's team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility (see also Bylaw 13.1.1.3.4); and

(d) On the recommendation of the Committee on Academics, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution is ineligible for postseason competition, pursuant to the Academic Performance Program, that would preclude the institution's team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility, provided the student-athlete would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at his or her original institution (see also Bylaw 13.1.1.3.5).

14.8 Academic Performance Program.

14.8.1 Penalties, Rewards and Access to Postseason Competition.

14.8.1.1 Penalties. The Committee on Academics shall notify an institution or team when it fails to satisfy the appropriate academic standards as outlined in the academic performance program. The institution shall then apply the applicable penalty pursuant to the policies of the academic performance program. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.1.1.1 Determination of Penalties. The Committee on Academics shall apply multiple levels of analysis when identifying those institutions or teams that fail to satisfy the academic performance program. The Committee on Academics shall publish annually to the Division I membership the standards for determining unsatisfactory performance under the academic performance program. An institution or team may be required to apply penalties for failing to meet the identified review factors, as determined by the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.1.1.2 Appeal Opportunity. An institution or team may appeal the application of penalties to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 6/29/16)*

14.8.1.1.3 Monitoring Period. An institution or team that receives penalties must satisfy the identified review factors, as determined by the committee's policies and procedures, for three consecutive years before it is released from being subject to additional penalties. *(Adopted: 6/29/16)*

14.8.1.2 Access to Postseason Competition. An institution or team that fails to satisfy the academic performance program shall be ineligible for any postseason competition, as specified in the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13)*

14.8.1.2.1 Determining Access to Postseason Competition. The Committee on Academics shall apply multiple levels of analysis to identify institutions or teams that are ineligible for postseason competition. The Committee on Academics shall publish annually to the Division I membership the standards for determining ineligibility for postseason competition under the academic performance program. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.1.2.2 Individual Sports. A student-athlete who is a member of an individual sport team (see Bylaw 17.02.18.2) that is ineligible for postseason competition pursuant to Bylaw 14.8.1.2 shall not participate in postseason competition, including NCAA championships, as an individual (see Bylaw 14.4). *(Adopted: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13)*

14.8.1.2.3 Appeal Opportunity. An institution or team may appeal the application of postseason ineligibility to the Committee on Academics, as specified in the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.2 Appeal Procedures. An institution or team subject to penalty (or penalties) due to its failure to satisfy the appropriate standards of the academic performance program may appeal the application of such penalty (or penalties) to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.2.1 Authority and Duties of Committee. The Committee on Academics shall act on appeals from institutions or teams subject to penalty (or penalties) pursuant to the legislation and the standards and procedures of the academic performance program published to the membership on an annual basis. The committee's determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority unless otherwise specified in this bylaw (see Bylaw 14.8.2.2). *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.3 Establishment and Revision of Academic Performance Policies and Procedures.

14.8.3.1 Amendment of Policies and Procedures. The Committee on Academics may establish or amend the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may review, amend and/or act on any academic performance program policy adopted by the Committee on Academics. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/13, 8/7/14, 11/5/14)*

14.8.3.1.1 Notification to Membership. The Committee on Academics shall notify the membership of any changes to the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.4 Institutional Staff Member Responsibility -- Academic Performance Program. An institutional staff member shall not knowingly submit erroneous material information to the academic performance program. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

14.9 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct.

14.9.1 Policies and Procedures. An institution must: *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) Have written institutional policies and procedures regarding academic misconduct applicable to the general student body, including student-athletes. The policies and procedures must be approved through the institution's normal process for approving such policies and must be kept on file or be accessible on the institution's website.

(b) Investigate and adjudicate alleged academic misconduct in accordance with established policies regardless of whether the misconduct is reported to the NCAA or whether the student-athlete acted alone or in concert with others.

14.9.1.1 Exception. An institution may establish a policy that permits an expedited investigation and adjudication of academic misconduct by a student-athlete, provided other applicable policies and procedures are observed and the policy for expedited review is approved through the institution's normal process for approving such policies and is approved by the institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designee). Further, the policy that permits an expedited review must be kept on file or must be accessible on the institution's website. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

14.9.2 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct.

14.9.2.1 Student-Athlete. A student-athlete shall not be involved in: *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) Academic misconduct involving a current or former institutional staff member or representative of athletics interests;

(b) Academic misconduct, without the involvement of a current or former institutional staff member or representative of athletics interests, that results in:

(1) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics and the student-athlete subsequently competes for the institution while ineligible;

(2) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to receive financial aid and the student-athlete subsequently receives financial aid while ineligible; or

(3) The erroneous awarding of an Academic Progress Rate point; or

(c) Academic misconduct involving the alteration or falsification of a student-athlete's transcript or academic record.

14.9.2.2 Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution's athletics interests shall not be involved (with or without the knowledge of the student-athlete) in: *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) Academic misconduct related to a student-athlete; or

(b) The alteration or falsification of a student-athlete's transcript or academic record.

14.9.2.3 Impermissible Academic Assistance -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution's athletics interests shall not provide impermissible academic assistance to a student-athlete (see Bylaw 14.02.10). *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

14.9.2.3.1 Application. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has occurred, a violation of Bylaw 14.9.2.3 shall not be cited by the institution or through an enforcement investigation. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has not occurred, the conduct in question may still constitute a violation of Bylaw 14.9.2.3. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

FIGURE 14-1
Initial Eligibility

How NCAA legislation (Bylaw 14.3) affects student-athletes during their initial year of college attendance.

Are they eligible for...	Qualifier	Academic Redshirt	Nonqualifier
Academic/tutoring services	Yes	Yes	Yes
Competition	Yes	No	No
Complimentary admissions			
One for self; all regular-season home athletics contests	Yes	Yes	Yes
Four complimentary admissions; home or away contests in the student-athlete's sport	Yes	Yes (home contests only	No
Conditioning program (including workout apparel)	Yes	Yes	Yes (supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer for safety purposes)
Drug-rehabilitation expenses	Yes	Yes	Yes
Financial aid			
Regular term	Yes	Yes	Yes (aid must be based on financial need and may not be from an athletics source)
Summer-orientation program (subject to the conditions of Bylaws 15.2.8.1.3 and 15.2.8.1.4)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Summer school prior to initial year (subject to the conditions of Bylaws 15.2.8.1.3 and 15.2.8.1.4)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Training table	Yes	Yes	No (unless student-athlete pays full cost)
Institutional awards Banquets—expenses/meals	Yes	Yes	No
Insurance, athletics medical	Yes	Yes	Yes
Occasional home meal	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outside competition (basketball)			
During the season	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)
During remainder of the academic year (other than during the season)	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)
Summer after initial academic year	Yes (only in approved summer league)	Yes (only in approved summer league)	Yes (only in approved summer league)

Are they eligible for...	Qualifier	Academic Redshirt	Nonqualifier
Outside competition (sports other than basketball)			
During the season	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)
During remainder of the academic year (other than during the season)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)
Summer after initial academic year	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tryouts for outside teams	Yes	Yes	Yes
Practice	Yes	Yes (on campus during first term)*	No
Promotional activities that do not involve countable athletically related activities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Promotional activities that involve countable athletically related activities (e.g., midnight madness)	Yes	Yes (on campus during first term)*	No
Promotional materials, inclusion of photos in media guide, game programs, brochures, etc.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rehabilitation expenses (postsurgical) for injury unrelated to athletics participation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Student host	Yes	No	No
Surgical expenses for injury during voluntary workout	Yes	Yes	Yes
Team manager	Yes	No	No
Team travel	Yes	No	No
Training-room facilities (in conjunction with weight-training program)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Weight training	Yes	Yes	Yes (supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer for safety purposes)

*Must successfully complete nine semester or eight quarter hours of academic credit during each applicable regular academic term of the initial year of residence in order to be eligible for practice in the immediately subsequent term of the initial year of residence.

FIGURE 14-2
Academic Misconduct Analysis

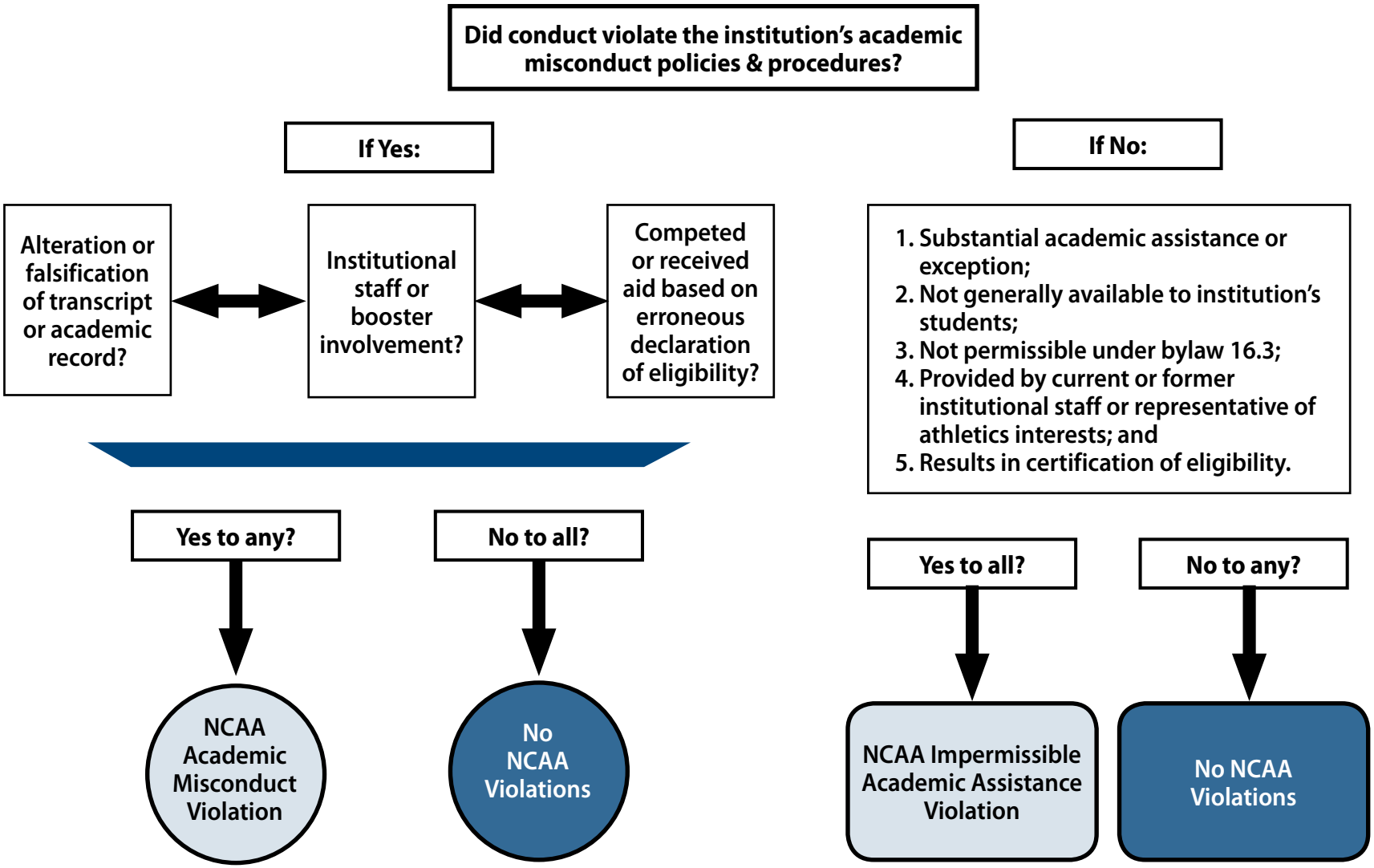


FIGURE 14-3
New SAT (On or After March 1, 2016) to Old SAT (Before March 1, 2016)
Concordance Table

New SAT Total Score	Old SAT Total Score		New SAT Total Score	Old SAT Total Score		New SAT Total Score	Old SAT Total Score
400	400		640	560		880	800
410	410		650	570		890	810
420	410		660	580		900	820
430	420		670	580		910	830
440	430		680	590		920	840
450	430		690	600		930	850
460	440		700	600		940	860
470	450		710	610		950	870
480	450		720	620		960	880
490	460		730	630		970	890
500	470		740	640		980	900
510	470		750	660		990	910
520	480		760	670		1000	920
530	490		770	680		1010	930
540	490		780	690		1020	940
550	500		790	700		1030	950
560	510		800	710		1040	960
570	510		810	720		1050	970
580	520		820	730		1060	980
590	530		830	740		1070	990
600	540		840	750		1080	1000
610	540		850	760		1090	1010
620	550		860	780		1100	1020
630	560		870	790			

[Note: This concordance table was determined by the College Board and is accurate as of May 4, 2018. For the most up to date information, reference the College Board website at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/higer-ed/scoringchanges/concordance]

Financial Aid

15.01 General Principles.

15.01.1 Institutional Financial Aid Permitted. A student-athlete may receive scholarships or educational grants-in-aid administered by (see Bylaw 15.02.1) an educational institution that do not conflict with the governing legislation of this Association. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) *(Revised: 5/26/09)*

15.01.1.1 Financial Aid to Attend Another Institution. An institution may not provide financial aid to a student-athlete to attend another institution, except as specifically authorized by NCAA legislation. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

15.01.2 Improper Financial Aid. Any student-athlete who receives financial aid other than that permitted by the Association shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics.

15.01.3 Financial Aid Not Administered by Institution. Any student who receives financial aid other than that administered by the student-athlete's institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition, unless it is specifically approved under the Association's rules of amateurism (see Bylaw 12) or the aid is: *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) Received from one upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent; or

(b) Awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability; or

(c) Awarded through an established and continuing program to aid students under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.4.

15.01.4 Contributions by Donor. An individual may contribute funds to finance a scholarship or grant-in-aid for a particular sport, but the decision as to how such funds are to be allocated in the sport shall rest exclusively with the institution. It is not permissible for a donor to contribute funds to finance a scholarship or grant-in-aid for a particular student-athlete.

15.01.5 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Institutional Financial Aid. A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for institutional financial aid. If these regulations are met, the student-athlete may be awarded institutional financial aid during any term in which a student-athlete is in regular attendance [was enrolled initially in a minimum full-time program of studies as defined by the certifying institution during that term (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.3 for final term exception, Bylaw 14.2.2.1.4 for final term before experiential learning requirement exception and Bylaw 15.2.8 for summer-term exception)] under the following circumstances: *(Revised: 6/8/99, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, 10/27/11, 5/16/18)*

(a) The student-athlete is an undergraduate with eligibility remaining under Bylaw 12.8 (five-year rule); or

(b) The student-athlete is a graduate student eligible under Bylaw 14.6.

[Note: See Bylaw 14.5.5.4 for financial aid implications related to the academic eligibility of four-year college transfers.]

15.01.5.1 Exception -- Part-Time Enrollment After Exhausted Eligibility. An institution may provide financial aid to a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in his or her sport and is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) The student-athlete is carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete degree requirements; or

(b) The student-athlete is carrying for credit all the degree-applicable courses necessary to complete his or her degree requirements that are offered by the institution during that term.

15.01.5.2 Exception -- Former Student-Athletes. [A] Institutional financial aid may be awarded to a former student-athlete for any term during which he or she is enrolled (full time or part time). *(Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.01.5.2.1 Degree-Completion Program -- Basketball. [A] An institution that provides athletically related financial aid to basketball student-athletes shall provide, at a minimum, tuition and fees, and course-related books to a former basketball student-athlete who requests financial aid to complete his or her first baccalaureate degree, provided: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The former student-athlete received athletically related financial aid while previously enrolled at the institution;

(b) Fewer than 10 years have elapsed since the former student-athlete's departure from the institution;

(c) The former student-athlete's most recent enrollment as a full-time student occurred at the institution;

(d) The former student-athlete was previously enrolled as a full-time student at the institution for a minimum of two academic years (four semesters or six quarters);

(e) The former student-athlete meets all institutional admissions and financial aid requirements;

(f) The former student-athlete has exhausted other available degree completion funding options (e.g., funds from a professional league or contract); and

(g) The former student-athlete is in good academic standing at the institution and meets NCAA and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements. This requirement applies to initial and continuing eligibility for degree completion funds.

15.01.5.3 Effect of Violation of Conference Rule. A violation of Bylaw 15.01.5 that relates only to a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/27/06)*

15.01.6 Maximum Institutional Financial Aid to Individual. An institution shall not award financial aid to a student-athlete that exceeds the cost of attendance that normally is incurred by students enrolled in a comparable program at that institution (see Bylaw 15.1). *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

15.01.6.1 Student Assistance Fund. The receipt of money from the NCAA Student Assistance Fund for student-athletes is not included in determining the permissible amount of financial aid that a member institution may award to a student-athlete. Member institutions and conferences shall not use money received from the fund to finance salaries and benefits; tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books during a regular term (other than summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility; capital improvements; stipends; competition-related travel expenses for student-athletes who are ineligible for competition (e.g., nonqualifier, transfer student-athlete); and outside athletics development opportunities (e.g., participation in a sports camp or clinic, private sports-related instruction, greens fees, batting cage rental, outside foreign tour expenses) for current student-athletes with remaining eligibility. *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 1/8/07, 2/24/12, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, 10/5/16, 3/28/17)*

15.01.7 Sport-by-Sport Financial Aid Limitations. Division I may establish limitations on the number of financial aid awards a member institution may provide to countable student-athletes (counters) (see Bylaw 15.5).

15.01.8 Additional Financial Aid Limitations. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that would require an institution or team(s) that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to apply additional financial aid limitations. The Committee on Academics shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances (see Bylaw 14.8). *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.02 Definitions and Applications.

15.02.1 Administered By. Financial aid is administered by an institution if the institution, through its regular committee or other agency for the awarding of financial aid to students generally, makes the final determination of the student-athlete who is to receive the award and of its value.

15.02.2 Cost of Attendance. The "cost of attendance" is an amount calculated by an institutional financial aid office, using federal regulations, that includes the total cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

15.02.2.1 Calculation of Cost of Attendance. An institution must calculate the cost of attendance for student-athletes in accordance with the cost-of-attendance policies and procedures that are used for students in general. Accordingly, if an institution's policy allows for students' direct and indirect costs (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies, transportation, child care, cost related to a disability and miscellaneous personal expenses) to be adjusted on an individual basis from the institution's standard cost figure, it is permissible to make the same adjustment for student-athletes, provided the adjustment is documented and is available on an equitable basis to all students with similar circumstances who request an adjustment. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

15.02.3 Counter. A "counter" is an individual who is receiving institutional financial aid that is countable against the aid limitations in a sport.

15.02.3.1 Initial Counter. [FBS/FCS] An "initial counter" is a counter who is receiving countable financial aid in a sport for the first time. (See Bylaw 15.5.6.3 in football for instances in which the institution is permitted to defer the counting of such financial aid until the following academic year.)

15.02.4 Family Member. A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the prospective student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the prospective student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

15.02.5 Financial Aid. "Financial aid" is funds provided to student-athletes from various sources to pay or assist in paying their cost of education at the institution. As used in NCAA legislation, "financial aid" includes all institutional financial aid and other permissible financial aid as set forth below. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4.) *(Revised: 5/26/09)*

15.02.5.1 Athletically Related Financial Aid. Athletically related financial aid is financial aid that is awarded on any basis that is related to athletics ability, participation or achievement. If an application process specifically requests athletics participation or achievements as criteria for consideration in determining whether an applicant receives financial aid, aid received pursuant to such a process is athletically related financial aid. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

15.02.5.2 Institutional Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are considered to be institutional financial aid: *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) All funds administered by the institution, which include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Scholarships;

(2) Grants;

(3) Tuition waivers;

(4) Employee dependent tuition benefits, unless the employee has been employed as a full-time faculty/staff member for a minimum of five years; and

(5) Loans.

(b) Aid from government or private sources for which the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient.

15.02.5.3 Other Permissible Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are also permitted: *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/17/19)*

(a) Financial aid received from anyone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent;

(b) Financial aid awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability;

(c) Financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4; and

(d) Educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, which count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and against the individual's maximum limit on financial aid.

15.02.5.4 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 4/25/02, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 7/27/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; for institutional merit-based and need-based awards received by a student-athlete on or after August 1, 2020.)*

(a) An institutional need-based grant awarded based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and institutional guidelines. However, such aid is not exempted for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1;

(b) A nondiscretionary institutional merit-based award with no relationship to athletics ability awarded based on documented criteria that apply to all students. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1;

(c) An honorary award for outstanding academic achievement or an established institutional research grant that meets the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.02.7 (and must be included in determining if the student-athlete's cost of attendance has been met);

(d) A postgraduate scholarship awarded by an institution in accordance with Bylaw 16.1.4.1.1;

(e) Federal government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need [e.g., Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (SEOG)], regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient;

(f) State government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient, provided the aid is administered in accordance with the federal methodology for determining a student's financial need and has no relationship to athletics ability. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1;

(g) State government merit-based grants, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient, provided the aid is awarded consistent with the criteria of Bylaws 15.5.3.2.2.1, 15.5.3.2.2.2 or 15.5.3.2.2.3 and has no

relationship to athletics ability. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1; and

(h) Contributions made by the institution and matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program [see Bylaw 15.2.5.1-(e)].

15.02.5.5 Exempted Government Grants. Government grants listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.1 shall not be included when determining the cost of attendance for a student-athlete. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

15.02.5.6 Operation Gold Grant. Funds administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant program shall not be included when determining the cost of attendance for a student-athlete. *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/17/19)*

15.02.6 Full Grant-in-Aid. [A] A full grant-in-aid is financial aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, books and other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance established pursuant to Bylaws 15.02.2 and 15.02.2.1. *(Revised: 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

15.02.7 Honorary Academic Award/Research Grant. An honorary academic award for outstanding academic achievement or a research grant is an award that meets the following criteria: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 10/28/04, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

(a) The award or grant is a standing scholarship award or an established research grant;

(b) The basis for the award or grant shall be the candidate's academic record at the awarding institution;

(c) The award or grant shall be determined by competition among the students of a particular class or college of the institution. Competition for the award or grant may include additional objective criteria unrelated to athletics abilities (e.g., gender, race and ethnicity, financial need); and

(d) The award or grant is included in determining if the student-athlete's cost-of-attendance limitation has been met.

15.02.8 Period of Award. The period of award begins when the student-athlete receives any benefits as a part of the student's grant-in-aid on the first day of classes for a particular academic term, or the first day of practice, whichever is earlier, and continues until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement. The period of award of a multiyear grant-in-aid may include one or more academic years of no athletically related financial aid after the first academic year in which athletically related aid is provided, including the final year of the award (e.g., 50 percent in year one, zero percent in year two, 50 percent in year three; 50 percent in year one, zero percent in year two, zero percent in year three). An athletics grant-in-aid shall not be awarded in excess of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility. *(Revised: 10/27/11, 9/29/15)*

15.02.9 Recruited Student-Athlete. For purposes of Bylaw 15, a recruited student-athlete is a student-athlete who, as a prospective student-athlete: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 4/25/18)*

(a) Was provided an official visit to the institution's campus;

(b) Had an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with a member of the institution's coaching staff (including a coach's arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members); or

(c) Was issued a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of athletically related financial aid by the institution for a regular academic term.

15.02.10 Signature. For purposes of Bylaw 15, a signature includes an electronic authorization (e.g., electronic signature). *(Adopted: 3/5/12)*

15.1 Maximum Limit on Financial Aid -- Individual. [A]

A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she receives financial aid that exceeds the value of the cost of attendance as defined in Bylaw 15.02.2. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) and educational expenses awarded per Bylaw 15.2.6.5 up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/26/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14)*

15.1.1 Exception for Pell Grant. [A] A student-athlete who receives a Pell Grant may receive financial aid equivalent to the limitation set forth in Bylaw 15.1 or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus the Pell Grant, whichever is greater. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.1.2 Types of Aid Included in Limit. In determining whether a student-athlete's financial aid exceeds the cost of attendance, all institutional financial aid (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) and all funds received from the following and similar sources shall be included (see Bylaws 15.02.5.4, 15.02.5.5 and 15.02.5.6 for types of financial aid that are exempt from a student-

athlete's individual limit): *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/17/19)*

(a) **Government Grants.** Government grants for educational purposes, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.5;

(b) **Other Scholarships and Grants.** Other outside scholarships or grants-in-aid;

(c) **Gifts.** The value of gifts given to a student-athlete following completion of eligibility in appreciation for or recognition of the student-athlete's athletics accomplishments;

(d) **Professional Sports Stipend.** Any bonus or salary (no matter when received or contracted for) from a professional sports organization;

(e) **Athletics Participation Compensation.** Any other income (no matter when received or contracted for) from participation in an athletics event (except funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant Program) unless eligibility has been exhausted in that sport; and

(f) **Loans.** Loans, except legitimate loans that are based upon a regular repayment schedule, available to all students and administered on the same basis for all students.

15.1.3 Reduction When Excess Aid Is Awarded. In the event that a student-athlete's financial aid from the sources listed in Bylaw 15.1.2, which includes institutional financial aid, will exceed the cost of attendance for the balance of the academic year, the institution shall reduce institutional financial aid so as not to exceed the cost of attendance. Payments credited to a student-athlete's account that are not refundable by the institution to the scholarship office or other appropriate institutional agency shall not become the student's obligation. *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

15.2 Elements of Financial Aid.

15.2.1 Tuition and Fees. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that includes the actual cost of tuition and required institutional fees.

15.2.1.1 Permissible Fees. A student-athlete may be awarded financial aid that covers the payment of fees for a course in which the student-athlete is enrolled, if the course is part of the institution's regular curriculum (included in the institution's catalog of classes), and the institution pays these same fees for other students enrolled in the course who receive fees as a part of a grant-in-aid or scholarship.

15.2.1.2 Optional Fees. An institution may not pay fees for services offered on an optional basis to the student body in general.

15.2.1.3 Noninstitutional Fees and Expenses. Fees paid by an institution are confined to required institutional fees and do not include noninstitutional fees or expenses (e.g., the cost of typing reports for student-athletes).

15.2.2 Room and Board. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that includes the cost of room and board, based on the official allowance for a room as listed in the institution's official publication (e.g., catalog) and a board allowance that consists of three meals per day or the institution's maximum meal plan that is available to all students, whichever is greater. *(Revised: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

15.2.2.1 Room and Board Stipend. An institution may provide the student-athlete an amount equal to the institution's official on-campus room allowance as listed in its catalog, the average of the room costs of all of its students living on campus or the cost of room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. The institution also may provide the student-athlete an amount that is equivalent to the value of the maximum meal plan that is available to all students or the cost of meals as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students, excluding those meals provided as part of the training table. Meals provided on the training table shall be deducted at the regular cost figure from such a student-athlete's board allowance. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 11/12/97, 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

15.2.2.1.1 Determination of Off-Campus Room Rates. An institution with several official on-campus room rates listed in its catalog may use the average of the room cost for all students living on campus (based on a weighted average for all students who reside in on-campus facilities) or the cost of room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. *(Revised: 11/12/97, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

15.2.2.1.2 Institution With No On-Campus Room and Board Facilities. If an institution does not provide an official dollar amount for room and board in its catalog and does not have on-campus student room and board facilities, the figure provided to student-athletes for off-campus student room and board shall be the amount determined by the institution's office of financial aid as being commensurate with the average cost a student at that institution normally would incur living and eating in off-campus facilities. *(Revised: 11/12/97)*

15.2.2.1.3 Married Student Housing. Married student-athletes who live in noninstitutional housing are permitted to receive the same room and board allowance that is provided to married students with on-campus housing. If the institution does not provide on-campus room and board facilities for married students but has other on-campus dormitory facilities, it must use the provisions of Bylaw 15.2.2.1 in determining the amount of room-and-board expenses a married student-athlete who lives in noninstitutional facilities may receive. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

15.2.2.1.4 Cost-Free Apartment. It is permissible for the institution to arrange for a cost-free, off-campus apartment rather than to give a student-athlete an amount equal to the institution's official room allowance (as listed in its catalog) or the cost of a room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students, provided the apartment is not rented by the institution at a reduced rate. However, if the actual rental rate is more than the institutional room allowance, the student-athlete shall pay the additional amount from the student-athlete's own resources. *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

15.2.2.1.5 Training-Table Meals. The cost of meals provided on the institution's training table shall be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance. In determining the cost figure to be deducted, the institution may use the actual meal costs listed in the institution's catalog or the average meal costs of its student-athletes living on campus.

15.2.2.1.6 Meals Incidental to Participation. The cost of meals and snacks provided as benefits incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics need not be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance. Such meals and snacks also may be received by a student-athlete who is not receiving athletically related financial aid inasmuch as they constitute a benefit incidental to athletics participation [see Bylaw 16.5.2-(d)]. *(Revised: 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14)*

15.2.2.2 Facility Designated by Institution. It is permissible for the institution to require a grant-in-aid recipient to obtain room and board in a facility designated by the institution, provided the requirement is contained in the written statement outlining the amount, duration, conditions and terms of the financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.2.2).

15.2.2.3 Summer Dormitory Rentals. An institution may rent dormitory space to a prospective or enrolled student-athlete during the summer months at the regular institutional rate, if it is the institution's policy to make such dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective or enrolled students.

15.2.2.4 Food Stamps. A grant-in-aid recipient who lives and eats off campus may use the money provided for his or her board to obtain governmental food stamps, provided the stamps are available to the student body in general. Additionally, the student-athlete must be eligible for such stamps without any special arrangements on the part of athletics department personnel or representatives of the institution's athletics interests.

15.2.3 Books. A member institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that covers the actual cost of required course-related books. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

15.2.3.1 Dollar Limit. There is no dollar limit for books a student-athlete may receive, provided each book is required for a course in which the student-athlete is enrolled. The institution may provide the student-athlete with cash to purchase books, as long as the amount of cash provided is equal to the actual cost of the books purchased. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

15.2.4 Other Expenses Related to Attendance. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that covers other expenses related to attendance in combination with other permissible elements of financial aid (per Bylaw 15.2) up to the cost of attendance (see Bylaws 15.02.2 and 15.1). (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 5/26/09)*

15.2.5 Government Grants. Government grants for educational purposes shall be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance for a student-athlete, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.1. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/21/05)*

15.2.5.1 Exempted Government Grants. The following government grants for educational purposes shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance of a student-athlete: *(Adopted: 1/11/89, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 4/28/05, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **AmeriCorps Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the AmeriCorps Program;

(b) **Disabled Veterans.** State government awards to disabled veterans;

(c) **Military Reserve Training Programs.** Payments to student-athletes for participation in military reserve training programs;

(d) **Montgomery G.I. Bill.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the Montgomery Bill -- Active Duty and the Montgomery G.I. Bill -- Selected Reserve;

(e) **Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.** Benefits received under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, including matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program;

(f) **Special U.S. Government Entitlement Programs.** Payments by the U.S. government under the terms of the Dependents Education Assistance Program (DEAP), Social Security Insurance Program [including the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS)] or Non-Service-Connected Veteran's Death Pension Program;

(g) **U.S. Military Annuitant Pay.** United States Military Annuitant Pay or other family member service-related death benefits received by student-athletes from the United States Military.

(h) **U.S. Navy Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the U.S. Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program (NUPOC);

(i) **Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP).** Benefits received by student-athletes under the VEAP;

(j) **Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program; or

(k) **Welfare Benefits.** Welfare benefits received from a state or federal government.

15.2.6 Financial Aid From Outside Sources.

15.2.6.1 Family Members. A student-athlete may receive financial aid from anyone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

15.2.6.1.1 Prepaid College Tuition Plans. A state-sponsored or private prepaid college tuition plan, purchased by a family member and paid to an institution on behalf of a student-athlete, is not considered aid from an outside source. Such aid is considered financial aid from someone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent. *(Revised: 6/10/04)*

15.2.6.2 No Relationship to Athletics Ability. A student-athlete may receive financial aid awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability.

15.2.6.3 Athletically Related Financial Aid From an Established and Continuing Program -- Up to $1,000. A student-athlete may receive up to a total of $1,000 of athletically related outside financial aid per academic year, without restrictions, through one or more established and continuing programs to aid students. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

15.2.6.4 Athletically Related Financial Aid From an Established and Continuing Program -- Aid Exceeding $1,000. Each academic year, after a student-athlete has received $1,000 of athletically related outside financial aid, he or she may receive additional athletically related outside financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students without the additional aid counting in the institution's financial aid limitations, provided: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 4/23/14, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19, 7/2/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid;

(b) There is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution; and

(c) The financial aid is not provided by an outside sports team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program to an individual who is or has been a member of that team or organization.

If any of the conditions are not satisfied and the student-athlete receives the additional athletically related outside financial aid, the recipient shall be considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount shall be applied to the maximum awards limitation of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question.

15.2.6.5 Educational Expenses -- Olympic Committee or National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country). The amount of the financial assistance shall be subject to the following limitations: *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, 11/1/00, 10/17/19)*

(a) Disbursement of the aid shall be through the member institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending that institution;

(b) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country);

(c) The value of the award alone or in combination with other aid per Bylaw 15.1.2 shall not exceed the value of the individual's maximum limit on financial aid; and

(d) The recipient shall be considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount shall be applied to the maximum awards limitation of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question.

15.2.7 Employment. Earnings from a student-athlete's on- or off-campus employment that occurs at any time is exempt and is not counted in determining a student-athlete's cost of attendance or in the institution's financial aid limitations, provided: *(Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

(a) The student-athlete's compensation does not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletics ability;

(b) The student-athlete is compensated only for work actually performed; and

(c) The student-athlete is compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services (see Bylaw 12.4).

15.2.8 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution's summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program, provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92)*

(a) The student has been in residence a minimum of one term during the regular academic year;

(b) The student is attending a summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program and financial aid is administered pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.8.1.2, 15.2.8.1.3 or 15.2.8.1.4; or

(c) The student is a two-year or a four-year college transfer student and is receiving aid to attend the awarding institution's summer-orientation program.

15.2.8.1 General Stipulations. A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaws 15.02.5.1 and 15.02.5.2) and educational expenses awarded (per Bylaw 15.2.6.5) up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/26/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.2.8.1.1 Exception for Pell Grant. A student-athlete who receives a Pell Grant may receive financial aid equivalent to the limitation set forth in Bylaw 15.2.8.1 or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus the Pell Grant, whichever is greater. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

15.2.8.1.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. After initial full-time enrollment during a regular academic year, a student-athlete shall not receive athletically related financial aid to attend the certifying institution's summer term or summer school unless the student-athlete received such athletically related aid from the certifying institution during any previous academic year at that institution or the student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 11/12/97, 4/26/12, 4/28/16, 1/22/20)*

15.2.8.1.2.1 Attendance During Only One Term of Previous Academic Year. A student-athlete who attended the institution on a full-time basis for only one regular term during the previous academic year may receive financial aid during the following summer term. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/28/16)*

15.2.8.1.2.2 Exception for Nonqualifiers. A nonqualifier may receive athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term or summer school after the first academic year of residence under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/16)*

(a) The student-athlete has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements and, thus, would be eligible for competition for the succeeding year (the student-athlete must have successfully satisfied the applicable requirements of Bylaw 14.4.3 and be in good academic standing at the institution); and

(b) The student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the succeeding academic year.

15.2.8.1.3 Prior to Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Institutional Nonathletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of institutional nonathletics financial aid to a prospective student-athlete to attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student-athlete's initial, full-time collegiate enrollment: **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 4/26/01, 3/10/04, 4/29/04, 1/10/05 effective 5/1/05, 3/4/05, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/14/12, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

(a) The recipient shall be admitted to the awarding member institution in accordance with regular, published entrance requirements;

(b) The recipient, if recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9), is subject to NCAA transfer provisions pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.2-(g); and

(c) During the summer term or orientation period, the recipient shall not engage in any countable athletically related activities except for those activities specifically permitted in Bylaws 13 and 17 (see Bylaws 13.11.3.9, 17.1.1 and 17.1.1.1).

15.2.8.1.4 Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution -- Athletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete (including a prospective student-athlete not certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier) or student-athlete to attend an institution in the summer prior to his or her initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution: *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 9/6/00, 4/26/01, 6/21/01, 3/10/04, 4/29/04, 1/10/05 effective 5/1/05, 3/14/05, 5/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/14/12, 4/26/17, 1/23/20)*

(a) The recipient shall be admitted to the awarding member institution in accordance with regular, published entrance requirements;

(b) The recipient is enrolled in a minimum of three hours of academic course work (other than physical education activity courses) that is acceptable degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy the minimum three-hour requirement, provided the course or courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses offered by the institution;

(c) The recipient, if recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9), is subject to NCAA transfer provisions pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.2-(g), unless admission to the institution as a full-time student is denied;

(d) During the summer term or orientation period, the recipient shall not engage in any countable athletically related activities except for those activities specifically permitted in Bylaws 13 and 17; and

(e) Summer coursework is not used for the purpose of completing initial-eligibility, transfer eligibility or progress-toward-degree requirements other than percentage-of-degree requirements per Bylaw 14.4.3.2. However, the hours earned during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the applicable progress-toward-degree requirements in following years (see Bylaw 14.4.3).

15.2.8.2 Branch School. An institution may not provide a student-athlete with financial aid to attend a summer session at a branch campus of the institution.

15.3 Terms and Conditions of Awarding Institutional Financial Aid. [A]

15.3.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Financial Aid. [A] Institutional financial aid may be awarded for any term during which a student-athlete is in regular attendance as an undergraduate with eligibility remaining under Bylaw 12.8, or as a graduate eligible under Bylaw 14.6. *(Revised: 10/27/11, 8/7/14)*

15.3.1.1 Applicable Requirements. [A] A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for institutional financial aid (see Bylaws 15.01.5 and 15.01.6). A violation of this bylaw that relates only to a violation of a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 10/27/06, 8/7/14)*

15.3.1.2 Withdrawal From Institution. [A] A student-athlete who withdraws from the institution may not receive financial aid during the remainder of the term. *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.1.3 Retroactive Financial Aid. [A] Institutional financial aid awarded to an enrolled student-athlete after the first day of classes in any term may be made retroactive to the beginning of that academic year. *(Revised: 8/7/14, 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.3.1.4 Institutional Financial Aid to Professional Athlete. [A] It is permissible to award institutional financial aid to a student-athlete who is under contract to or currently receiving compensation from a professional sports organization in the same sport. A professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport and may receive institutional financial assistance in the second sport. *(Revised: 8/11/98, 4/26/01, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11, 8/7/14)*

15.3.2 Terms of Institutional Financial Aid Award. [A]

15.3.2.1 Physical Condition of Student-Athlete. [A] Financial aid awarded to a prospective student-athlete may not be conditioned on the recipient reporting in satisfactory physical condition. If a student-athlete has been accepted for admission and awarded financial aid, the institution shall be committed for the term of the original award, even if the student-athlete's physical condition prevents him or her from participating in intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.2 Written Statement Requirement. [A] The institutional agency making a financial aid award for a regular academic year or multiple regular academic years shall give the recipient a written statement of the amount, duration, conditions and terms of the award. The chair of the regular committee or other agency for the awarding of financial aid to students generally, or the chair's official designee, shall sign or electronically authorize (e.g., electronic signature) the written statement. The signature of the athletics director, attesting to the committee's award, does not satisfy this requirement. *(Revised: 3/10/04, 7/26/12, 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.3 Hearing Opportunity. [A] The institution's regular financial aid authority shall notify the student-athlete in writing of the opportunity for a hearing when institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability is to be reduced or canceled during the period of the award, or is reduced or not renewed for the following academic year or years. The institution shall have established reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request and shall not delegate the responsibility for conducting the hearing to the university's athletics department or its faculty athletics committee. The written notification of the opportunity for a hearing shall include a copy of the institution's established policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/3/07, 4/23/08, 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.3.1 Reduction of a Multiyear Award. [A] A reduction of a multiyear award shall occur if the renewal period is for fewer years than the original agreement, unless the renewal includes the remaining years of the student-athlete's eligibility in all sports (e.g., five-year period of eligibility) or if the average amount of aid provided per year in the renewal is less than the average amount of aid provided per year in the original agreement, including any increases during the period of the original award. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.3.2 Athletics Department Staff as Member of Committee. [A] An institution's athletics department staff member may be a member of a committee (other than an athletics department or faculty athletics committee) that conducts hearings related to the nonrenewal or reduction of a student-athlete's financial aid. Under such circumstances, the athletics department staff member must be a standing member of the committee and may not serve as a member of a committee only for a specific student-athlete's hearing. *(Adopted: 4/3/07, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.4 Release of Obligation to Provide Athletically Related Financial Aid. Before becoming a counter for an academic year pursuant to a one-year or multiyear grant-in-aid, if a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics that would count toward the team limit if he or she were a counter and that is equal to or greater than the amount of his or her signed award of athletically related financial aid for the specific academic year, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may, on his or her initiative, release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletically related financial aid for that academic year. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 6/12/19)*

15.3.3 Period of Institutional Financial Aid Award. [A]

15.3.3.1 Period of Award. [A] If a student's athletics ability is considered in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall neither be awarded for a period less than one academic year nor for a period that would exceed the student's five-year period of eligibility (see Bylaws 12.8 and 15.01.5). One-year grants-in-aid shall be awarded (as set forth in the written statement per Bylaw 15.3.2.2) in equal amounts for each term of the academic year. (See Bylaw 15.02.8.) *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14, 9/29/15)*

15.3.3.1.1 One-Year Period. [A] An institution may award athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete for a period of less than one academic year only under the following circumstances: *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/9/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 5/19/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) **Midyear Enrollment.** A student-athlete whose first full-time attendance at the certifying institution during a particular academic year occurs at midyear (e.g., the beginning of the second semester or second or third quarter of an academic year) may receive a financial aid award for the remainder of that academic year.

(b) **Final Semester/Quarter.** A student-athlete may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year, provided the student is in the final semester or final two quarters of his or her degree program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements.

(c) **Graduated During Previous Academic Year and Will Exhaust Eligibility During the Following Fall Term.** A student-athlete who graduated during the previous academic year (including summer) and will exhaust his or her athletics eligibility during the following fall term may be awarded athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year.

(d) **One-Time Exception.** One time during a recruited student-athlete's enrollment at the certifying institution he or she may be awarded athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term and has not previously received athletically related financial aid from the certifying institution.

(e) **Nonrecruited Student-Athlete Exception.** At any time during a student-athlete's enrollment at the certifying institution, he or she may be awarded athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided he or she has been enrolled full time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term and was not recruited by the certifying institution.

(f) **Eligibility Exhausted/Medical Noncounter.** A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility and is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.5.1.5) in the institution's financial aid limit, or a student-athlete who is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.5.1.2) due to an injury or illness may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year. If an institution awards aid under this provision, the institutional financial aid agreement shall include specific nonathletically related conditions (e.g., academic requirements) the student-athlete must satisfy in order for the aid to be renewed for the next academic term or terms. If the student-athlete satisfies the specified conditions, the institution shall award financial aid at the same amount for the next term or terms of the academic year. If the student-athlete does not satisfy the specified conditions, he or she must be provided a hearing opportunity per Bylaw 15.3.2.3.

15.3.3.1.2 Effect of Violation. [A] A violation of Bylaw 15.3.3.1 in which financial aid is awarded for a period of less than one academic year shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. *(Adopted: 10/29/09, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.3.2 Regular Academic Year vs. Summer Term. [A] An institution may award financial aid to a student-athlete for one or more academic years or, pursuant to the exceptions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.3.1.1, part of one academic year. An institution also may award financial aid for a summer term or summer-orientation period, provided the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.8 have been met. *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)*

15.3.3.2.1 Summer Term as Additional Award. [A] It is necessary to make an additional award for a summer term; however, an institution is not required to provide the recipient with a written statement of the amount, duration, conditions or terms of the award. *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 7/26/12, 10/9/12, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4 Reduction or Cancellation During Period of Award. [Note: Bylaw 15.3.4 applies to nonautonomy conferences and institutions that have elected not to apply the more restrictive autonomy provisions found in Bylaw 15.3.5.]

15.3.4.1 Increase Permitted. Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason at any time. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 2/26/03, 4/23/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2 Reduction or Cancellation Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 12/13/05, 9/11/07, 8/7/14, 6/19/18 effective 10/15/18)*

(a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;

(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.3);

(c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.4);

(d) Voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid is reduced or canceled; or

(e) Provides written notification of transfer (see Bylaw 13.1.1.3) to the institution; however, the student-athlete's financial aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification of transfer is received. If a student-athlete provides written notification of transfer to the institution between regular academic terms (winter break, summer break) the institution may reduce or cancel the financial aid immediately.

15.3.4.2.1 Timing of Reduction or Cancellation. Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has been provided an opportunity for a hearing per Bylaw 15.3.2.3 (other than as permitted in Bylaw 15.5.6.4.1). *(Adopted: 5/15/07, Revised: 4/23/08, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2.2 Nonathletically Related Conditions. An institutional financial aid agreement may include nonathletically related conditions (e.g., compliance with academics policies or standards, compliance with athletics

department rules or policies) by which the aid may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award. *(Adopted: 4/23/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2.3 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement and would permit the institution to cancel or reduce the financial aid. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2.4 Misconduct. An institution may cancel or reduce the financial aid of a student-athlete who is found to have engaged in misconduct by the university's regular student disciplinary authority, even if the loss-of-aid requirement does not apply to the student body in general. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.3 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07, 1/14/08, 8/7/14)*

(a) On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;

(b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.2); or

(c) For any other athletics reason.

15.3.4.3.1 Athletically Related Condition Prohibition. An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of the award if the conditions are not satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.3.2 Decrease Not Permitted. An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete's or a student-athlete's financial aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.4.2. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5 Reduction, Cancellation or Nonrenewal of Institutional Financial Aid. [A] [Note: Bylaws 15.3.5 and 15.3.6 apply to autonomy conferences. They also apply to nonautonomy conferences and institutions that have elected to apply the more restrictive autonomy provisions related to reduction and nonrenewal of institutional financial aid.]

15.3.5.1 Reduction, Cancellation or Nonrenewal Permitted. [A] Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award or reduced or not renewed for the following academic year or years of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility if the recipient: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 12/13/05, 9/11/07, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, 6/19/18 effective 10/15/18)*

(a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;

(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.5.1.2);

(c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty, as determined by the institution's regular student disciplinary authority;

(d) Voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid is reduced or canceled;

(e) Violates a nonathletically related condition outlined in the financial aid agreement or violates a documented institutional rule or policy (e.g., academics policies or standards, athletics department or team rules or policies); or

(f) Provides written notification of transfer (see Bylaw 13.1.1.3) to the institution; however, the student-athlete's financial aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification of transfer is received. If a student-athlete provides written notification of transfer to the institution between regular academic terms (winter break, summer break) the institution may reduce or cancel the financial aid immediately.

15.3.5.1.1 Timing of Reduction or Cancellation. [A] Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has been provided an opportunity for a hearing per Bylaw 15.3.2.3 (other than as permitted in Bylaw 15.5.6.4.1). *(Adopted: 5/15/07, Revised: 4/23/08, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5.1.2 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. [A] If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

15.3.5.2 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted -- During the Period of the Award. [A] Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07, 1/14/08, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

(a) On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;

(b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.5.1); or

(c) For any other athletics reason.

15.3.5.2.1 Athletically Related Condition Prohibition. [A] An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of the award if the conditions are not satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5.2.2 Decrease Not Permitted. [A] An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete's or a student-athlete's financial aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.5.1. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5.3 Reduction or Nonrenewal Not Permitted -- After the Period of the Award. [A] If a student-athlete receives athletically related financial aid in the academic year of his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, the following factors shall not be considered in the reduction or nonrenewal of such aid for the following academic year or years of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility: *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

(a) A student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position);

(b) An injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition; or

(c) Any other athletics reason.

15.3.6 Increase Permitted. [A] Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason at any time. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 2/26/03, 4/23/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

15.3.7 Renewals and Nonrenewals. [A]

15.3.7.1 Institutional Obligation. [A] The renewal of institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall be made on or before July 1 prior to the academic year in which it is to be effective. The institution shall promptly notify in writing each student-athlete who received an award the previous academic year and who has eligibility remaining in the sport in which financial aid was awarded the previous academic year (under Bylaw 12.8) whether the grant has been renewed or not renewed for the ensuing academic year. Notification of financial aid renewals and nonrenewals must come from the institution's regular financial aid authority and not from the institution's athletics department. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 8/7/14)*

15.3.7.2 Reconsideration of Nonrenewal. [A] It is permissible for an institution that has notified a student-athlete that he or she will not be provided institutional financial aid for the next academic year subsequently to award financial aid to that student-athlete. *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.5 Maximum Institutional Grant-in-Aid Limitations by Sport.

15.5.1 Counters. A student-athlete shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw under the following conditions: *(Revised: 6/10/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/17/19)*

(a) **Athletics Aid.** A student-athlete who receives financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall become a counter for the year during which the student-athlete receives the financial aid; or

(b) **Educational Expenses -- Olympic Committee/National Governing Body.** A student-athlete who receives educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country) per Bylaw 15.2.6.5 shall become a counter for the year during which the student-athlete receives the aid.

15.5.1.1 Football or Basketball, Varsity Competition. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.9) by the awarding institution and who receives institutional financial aid (as set forth in Bylaw 15.02.5.2) granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability does not have to be counted until the student-athlete engages in varsity intercollegiate competition (as opposed to freshman, B-team, subvarsity, intramural or club competition) in those sports. *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/11/94, 6/20/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

15.5.1.1.1 Exception -- Receipt of Institutional Academic Aid Only. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.9) by the awarding institution and whose only source of institutional financial aid is academic aid based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may compete without counting in the institution's financial aid team limits, provided he or she has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.1.2 Counter Who Becomes Injured or Ill. A counter who becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not be considered a counter beginning with the academic year following the incapacitating injury or illness.

15.5.1.2.1 Incapacitating Injury or Illness. If an incapacitating injury or illness occurs prior to a prospective student-athlete's or a student-athlete's participation in athletically related activities and results in the student-athlete's inability to compete ever again, the student-athlete shall not be counted within the institution's maximum financial aid award limitations for the current, as well as later, academic years. However, if the incapacitating injury or illness occurs on or after the student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities in the sport, the student-athlete shall be counted in the institution's maximum financial aid limitations for the current academic year but need not be counted in later academic years. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 3/26/04, 9/18/07)*

15.5.1.2.2 Change in Circumstances. If circumstances change and the student-athlete subsequently practices or competes at the institution at which the incapacitating injury or illness occurred, the student-athlete again shall become a counter, and the institution shall be required to count that financial aid under the limitations of this bylaw in the sport in question during each academic year in which the financial aid was received. *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

15.5.1.3 Aid Not Renewed, Successful Appeal. If an institution does not renew financial aid for a counter in a following year, and a hearing before the institution's regular financial aid authority results in a successful appeal for restoration of aid, the student-athlete shall continue to be a counter if the individual continues to receive athletically related financial aid. However, the student-athlete shall not be a counter if he or she receives institutionally arranged or awarded, nonathletically related financial aid available to all students, provided such financial aid was granted or arranged without regard in any degree to athletics ability. If the student-athlete ever participates again in intercollegiate athletics at that institution, he or she will be considered to have been a counter during each year the financial aid was received.

15.5.1.4 Cancellation of Aid. Once an individual becomes a counter in a head-count sport (see Bylaws 15.5.2, 15.5.4, 15.5.5, 15.5.6, 15.5.7 and 15.5.8), the individual normally continues as a counter for the remainder of the academic year. However, if he or she voluntarily withdraws from the team prior to the first day of classes or before the first contest of the season (whichever is earlier) and releases the institution from its obligation to provide financial aid, the individual no longer would be considered a counter (see Bylaws 15.5.2.2 and 15.5.6.4.1).

15.5.1.5 Eligibility Exhausted. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after having exhausted his or her eligibility in a sport is not a counter in that sport in later academic years following completion of eligibility in the sport. For this provision to be applicable, the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for the aid and is not permitted to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport unless the individual has eligibility remaining under the five-year rule. (See Bylaw 15.3.1 for eligibility for financial aid.) *(Revised: 1/10/91)*

15.5.1.5.1 Cross Country/Track and Field. A student-athlete who is awarded athletically related financial aid and who has exhausted eligibility in either cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field, but has eligibility remaining in any of the other sports, is not a counter in the cross country/track and field financial aid limitations, provided the student-athlete subsequently does not practice or compete in any of the sports that he or she has eligibility remaining in during the academic year in which the aid was awarded. *(Adopted: 6/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

15.5.1.6 Student-Athlete Whose Five-Year Period of Eligibility Expires Midyear. In sports in which performance from the nonchampionship and championship segments is considered for NCAA championship qualification or selection, a student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid is not a counter, provided: *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) The student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility will expire before the NCAA championship in the applicable sport (e.g., end of fall semester); and

(b) The student-athlete does not compete in the involved sport during that academic year.

15.5.1.7 Aid After Departure of Head Coach. A student-athlete who receives athletically related institutional financial aid in subsequent academic years after the departure of a head coach from the institution is not a counter in a year in which he or she does not participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided: *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/1/19)*

(a) The student-athlete participated in the applicable sport and received athletically related institutional financial aid during the coach's tenure at the institution; and

(b) The student-athlete does not participate in the applicable sport beyond the next regular academic year (including completion of the championship season in spring sports) after the departure of the head coach.

15.5.1.7.1 Subsequent Participation. If the student-athlete subsequently participates in the applicable sport at the institution, the student-athlete shall become a counter for all years during which athletically related institutional aid was received. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.1.8 Aid After Student-Athlete Becomes Permanently Ineligible. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after becoming permanently ineligible due to a violation of NCAA regulations (e.g., amateurism legislation) may receive athletics aid during later academic years without counting in the institution's financial aid limitations, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for the aid and does not practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics again. If circumstances change and the student-athlete practices or competes, the institution is required to count the financial aid received by the student-athlete during each academic year in which the aid was received (see Bylaw 15.3.1.4). *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

15.5.1.9 Summer-Term Aid. Institutional financial aid received during a summer term is not countable in these limitations and does not make a student-athlete a counter.

15.5.1.9.1 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a prospective student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid during a summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be an initial and overall counter for the ensuing academic year. (See Bylaws 15.02.3 and 15.5.6.) *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

15.5.1.10 Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards. An institution may offer more than the maximum number of permissible awards in a sport (per Bylaw 15.5) in anticipation that not all of the offers will be accepted, but the institution shall not exceed the awards limitation in the sport in question.

15.5.1.10.1 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

15.5.1.10.1.1 Application. [FBS] A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year shall count toward the annual limit on signings for that academic year. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the academic year may count toward the limit for that academic year or the limit for the next academic year. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

15.5.1.10.1.2 Exception -- Agreement After One Year. [FBS] A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.1.10.1.3 Exception -- Incapacitating Injury or Illness. [FBS] A prospective student-athlete or student-athlete who, prior to participation in athletically related activities, becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not count toward the institution's annual limit on signings. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

15.5.2 Head-Count Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

15.5.2.1 Maximum Limits. An institution shall be limited in any academic year to the total number of counters (head count) in each of the following sports: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

Women's Gymnastics 12 Women's Tennis 8

Women's Volleyball 12

15.5.2.2 Preseason Voluntary Withdrawal. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws from the team in a head-count sport other than football or basketball by providing the financial aid to another student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. For this replacement to occur, the counter must withdraw prior to the first day of classes or before the first game of the season, whichever is earlier, and release the institution from its obligation to provide financial aid. The institution may not award the financial aid to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. Further, if the financial aid is canceled before a regular academic term (e.g., preseason practice period), the aid may not be provided to another student-athlete during the ensuing academic term.

15.5.2.3 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. 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 student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.2.4 Midyear Replacement -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)*

15.5.2.5 Midyear Graduate Replacement -- Women's Gymnastics and Women's Tennis. In women's gymnastics and women's tennis, the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear with eligibility remaining and who does not return to the institution for the following academic term may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

15.5.2.6 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.2.7 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.2.8 Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete. An institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete rendered himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter). *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.3 Equivalency Sports.

15.5.3.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

15.5.3.1.1 Men's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following men's sports: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

Cross Country/Track and Field	12.6	Swimming and Diving	9.9
Fencing	4.5	Tennis	4.5
Golf	4.5	Volleyball	4.5
Gymnastics	6.3	Water Polo	4.5
Lacrosse	12.6	Wrestling	9.9
Rifle	3.6		
Skiing	6.3		
Soccer	9.9		

15.5.3.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following women's sports: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/94, 1/16/93, 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

Acrobatics and Tumbling	14	Rugby	12
Bowling	5	Skiing	7
Cross Country/Track and Field	18	Soccer	14
Equestrian	15	Softball	12
Fencing	5	Swimming and Diving	14
Field Hockey	12	Triathlon	6.5
Golf	6	Water Polo	8
Lacrosse	12	Wrestling	10
Rowing	20		

15.5.3.1.3 Maximum Equivalency Limits -- Institutions That Sponsor Cross Country but Do Not Sponsor Track and Field. There shall be a limit of five on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in men's cross country, if the institution does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field for men. There shall be a limit of six on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in women's cross country, if the institution does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field for women. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

15.5.3.1.4 Midyear Replacement -- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field and Men's Water Polo. In cross country, field hockey, soccer, track and field and men's water polo, the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) and has exhausted eligibility but remains enrolled at the institution may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter. The financial aid provided to the second student-athlete does not count toward the team's maximum equivalency limits for the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)*

15.5.3.2 Equivalency Computations. In equivalency sports, each institutional financial aid award (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) to a counter shall be computed as follows: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/20/08, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

(a) Once a student becomes a counter, the institution shall count all institutional aid (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) received up to the value of a full grant-in-aid. Exempted government grants per Bylaw 15.2.5 and exempted institutional aid per Bylaw 15.02.5.4 specifically are excluded from this computation.

(b) A fraction shall be created, with the amount received by the student-athlete (up to the value of a full grant-in-aid) as the numerator and the full grant-in-aid value for that student-athlete as the denominator based on the actual cost or average cost of a full grant for all students at that institution.

(c) The sum of all fractional and maximum awards received by counters shall not exceed the total limit for the sport in question for the academic year as a whole.

15.5.3.2.1 Application to Autonomy Conferences. [A] A member institution of one of the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 shall use a full grant-in-aid in its equivalency computations as defined in Bylaw 15.02.6. The elements of a grant-in-aid are tuition and fees, room and board, books, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution. *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

15.5.3.2.2 Application to Other Conferences. A member institution of a conference other than the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 may use a full grant-in-aid in its equivalency computations as defined in Bylaw 15.02.6 or one that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books, subject to the discretion of its conference pursuant to Constitution 5.3.2.1.2.2. If the institution uses a full grant-in-aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books, financial aid unrelated to athletics ability received by a student-athlete in excess of a full grant-in-aid shall not be included in his or her equivalency computation. *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

15.5.3.2.3 Additional Requirements. The following additional requirements shall apply to equivalency computations: *(Revised: 10/20/08, 1/15/11, 10/18/11, 4/17/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

(a) An institution may use either the actual cost or average cost of any or all the elements (other than books) of the equivalency calculation, provided the same method is used in both the numerator and denominator for each element. Either method (or different combinations of methods among elements) may be used for each student-athlete on the same team or for separate teams generally.

(b) In computing equivalencies for tuition and fees, it is not permissible to average the value of in-state and out-of-state tuition and fees to determine an average cost for tuition and fees.

(c) Books shall count for calculation purposes as $800 in the denominator. If a student-athlete receives any portion of a book allowance for the academic year, the institution must use $800 in the denominator and numerator for books, regardless of the actual cost of the books. If a student-athlete is enrolled for less than a full academic year (e.g., one semester, one or two quarters) and receives any portion of a book allowance, the institution must use the amount in the numerator that is proportionate to the number of terms of enrollment ($400 for semester systems, $534 or $267 for quarter systems).

15.5.3.2.4 Exceptions.

15.5.3.2.4.1 Academic Honor Awards -- Based on High School Record. Academic honor awards that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient's high school record and awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, are exempt from an institution's equivalency computations, provided the recipient was ranked in the upper 10 percent of the high school graduating class or achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.500 (based on a maximum of 4.000) or a minimum ACT sum score of 105 or a minimum SAT score of 1200 (critical reading and math) for SAT tests taken before March 1, 2016; or a minimum SAT score of 1270 (critical reading and math) for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, based on the concordance determined by the College Board. *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 2/2/16)*

15.5.3.2.4.1.1 Additional Requirements. The following additional requirements shall be met: *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

(a) The awards may include additional, nonacademic criteria (e.g., interviews, essays, need analysis), provided the additional criteria are not based on athletics ability, participation or interests, and the awards are consistent with the pattern of all such awards provided to all students;

(b) No quota of awards shall be designated for student-athletes;

(c) Athletics participation shall not be required before or after collegiate enrollment;

(d) No athletics department staff member shall be involved in designating the recipients of such awards; and

(e) Any additional criteria shall not include athletics ability, participation or interests.

15.5.3.2.4.1.2 Renewals. The renewal of an academic honor award (per Bylaw 15.5.3.2.4.1) may be exempted from an institution's equivalency computation regardless of whether the recipient qualified for exemption in his or her initial academic year enrollment, provided: *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 3/18/10)*

(a) The recipient achieves a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the certifying institution; and

(b) The recipient meets all NCAA, conference and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements.

15.5.3.2.4.2 Academic Honor Awards -- Transfer Students. Academic honor awards that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, either based solely on the recipient's cumulative academic record from all collegiate institutions previously attended or based on the recipient's high school record and cumulative academic record from all collegiate institutions previously attended, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may be exempted from a team's equivalency computation, provided the recipient achieved a cumulative transferable grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000). *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.3.2.4.2.1 Calculation of Grade-Point Average. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the grade-point average for meeting this exception, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable-degree credit. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)*

15.5.3.2.4.2.2 Renewals. The renewal of an academic honor award (per Bylaw 15.5.3.2.4.2) may be exempted from an institution's equivalency computation, provided: *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) The recipient achieves a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the certifying institution; and

(b) The recipient meets all NCAA, conference and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements.

15.5.3.2.4.3 Institutional Academic Scholarships. Institutional academic scholarships that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, are exempt from an institution's equivalency computation, provided the recipient has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.3.2.4.4 Academic Study Abroad Exception. All countable financial aid of a student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study-abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 is exempt from an institution's equivalency computation. Countable financial aid in an amount equal to the countable financial aid provided to the participating student-athlete may be provided to a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team for the term or terms of participation in the study-abroad program. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.3.2.4.5 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Exception. All countable financial aid of a student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 is exempt from an institution's equivalency computation. Countable financial aid in an amount equal to the countable financial aid provided to the participating student-athlete may be provided to a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team for the term or terms of participation in the internship or cooperative educational work experience program. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.3.2.5 Cancellation of Athletically Related Aid. If a student-athlete is dismissed from or voluntarily withdraws from a team and his or her athletically related financial aid is canceled (see Bylaws 15.3.2.3, 15.3.4.2 and 15.3.5.1) during an academic term, all other countable financial aid the student-athlete receives during the remainder of the term is countable toward the student-athlete's equivalency for the academic year; however, the institution is not required to count other countable financial aid toward the student-athlete's equivalency during any remaining terms of the academic year. If a student-athlete is dismissed from or voluntarily withdraws from a team and his or her athletically related financial aid is canceled at the end of an academic term, the institution is not required to count other countable financial aid toward the student-athlete's equivalency during any remaining terms of the academic year. *(Adopted: 12/13/05)*

15.5.4 Baseball Limitations. There shall be an annual limit of 11.7 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters and an annual limit of 27 on the total number of counters in baseball at each institution. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

15.5.4.1 Minimum Equivalency Value. An institution shall provide each counter athletically related and other countable financial aid that is equal to or greater than 25 percent of an equivalency. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08 for student-athletes who initially enroll full time at any four-year collegiate institution on or after 8/1/08, Revised: 8/9/07)*

15.5.4.1.1 Exception -- Need-Based Athletics Aid Only. In baseball, an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not subject to the 25 percent minimum equivalency value per counter. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

15.5.4.1.2 Exception -- Final Year of Eligibility and Not Previously Aided. An institution may provide less than 25 percent of an equivalency to a student-athlete, provided the student-athlete is in the final year of eligibility and has not previously received athletically related financial aid in baseball at any collegiate institution. *(Adopted: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 8/20/12)*

15.5.4.2 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.4.3 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.4.4 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. 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 student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.5 Basketball Limitations.

15.5.5.1 Men's Basketball. There shall be a limit of 13 on the total number of counters in men's basketball at each institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

15.5.5.1.1 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.5.1.2 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.5.2 Women's Basketball. There shall be an annual limit of 15 on the total number of counters in women's basketball at each institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/93, 1/16/93)*

15.5.5.2.1 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.5.2.2 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.5.3 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. 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 student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.5.4 Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete. An institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete rendered himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter). *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6 Football Limitations. [FBS/FCS]

15.5.6.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] There shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of initial counters (per Bylaw 15.02.3.1) and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of counters (including initial counters) in football at each institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 12/15/06)*

15.5.6.2 Championship Subdivision Football. [FCSD] There shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of initial counters (per Bylaw 15.02.3.1), an annual limit of 63 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters, and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of counters (including initial counters) in football at each Football Championship Subdivision institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 12/15/06)*

15.5.6.2.1 Exception -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] Championship subdivision football programs that meet the following criteria are exempt from the championship subdivision football counter and initial-counter

requirements of Bylaws 15.5.1 and 15.5.6, regardless of multisport student-athletes who receive athletics aid in a sport other than football: *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 12/15/06)*

(a) In football, the institution awards financial aid only to student-athletes who demonstrate financial need, except loans, academic honor awards, nonathletics achievement awards, or certain aid from outside sources may be provided without regard to financial need;

(b) The institution uses methodologies for analyzing need that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines. The methodologies used to determine the need of a student-athlete must be consistent with the methodologies used by the institution's financial aid office for all students; and

(c) The composition of the financial aid package offered to football student-athletes is consistent with the policy established for offering financial assistance to all students. The financial aid packages for football student-athletes also shall meet the following criteria:

(1) The institution shall not consider athletics ability as a criterion in the formulation of any football student-athlete's financial aid package; and

(2) The procedures used to award financial aid to football student-athletes must be the same as the existing financial aid procedures used for all students at the institution.

15.5.6.3 Initial Counters -- Football (Also see Bylaw 15.02.3.1). [FBS/FCS]

15.5.6.3.1 Recruited Student-Athlete Entering in Fall Term, Aided in First Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.9) by the awarding institution who enters in the fall term and receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) during the first academic year of residence shall be an initial counter for that year in football. Therefore, such aid shall not be awarded if the institution has reached its limit on the number of initial counters prior to the award of institutional financial aid to the student-athlete. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.6.3.2 Recruited Student-Athlete Entering After Fall Term, Aided in First Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9) by the awarding institution who enters after the first term of the academic year and immediately receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) shall be an initial counter for either the current academic year (if the institution's annual limit has not been reached) or the next academic year. The student-athlete shall be included in the institution's total counter limit during the academic year in which the aid was first received. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.6.3.3 Nonrecruited Student-Athlete Receiving Institutional Financial Aid During First Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete not recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9) by the institution who receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) after beginning football practice during the first year of enrollment becomes a counter but need not be counted as an initial counter until the next academic year if the institution has reached its initial limit for the year in question. However, the student-athlete shall be considered in the total counter limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.6.3.4 Midyear Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) may be replaced by an initial counter, who shall be counted against the initial limit either for the year in which the aid is awarded (if the institution's annual limit has not been reached) or for the following academic year, or by a student-athlete who was an initial counter in a previous academic year and is returning to the institution after time spent on active duty in the armed services or on an official religious mission. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may use the midyear replacement exception only if it previously has provided financial aid during that academic year to the maximum number of overall counters (85 total counters). In championship subdivision football, an institution may use the midyear replacement exception only if it previously has provided financial aid during that academic year that equals the maximum number of overall equivalencies or overall counters. *(Revised: 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 6/8/99, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 8/2/05, 12/15/06, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/2/10, 1/15/11)*

15.5.6.3.5 Aid First Awarded After First Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year may receive athletically related financial aid for the first time without such aid counting as an initial award, provided the aid falls within the overall grant limitation. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.6.3.6 Recruited Student-Athlete, Varsity Competition. [FBS/FCS] In accordance with Bylaw 15.5.1.1, a recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.9) receiving institutional financial aid having been granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability becomes an initial counter in the first academic year in which the student-athlete

competes on the varsity level. (See Bylaw 15.5.1.1.1.) *(Revised: 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

15.5.6.3.7 Returning Two-Year Transfer. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who previously was an initial counter and who transferred to a two-year college shall not be an initial counter upon return to the original institution.

15.5.6.3.8 Delayed Initial Counter Who Does Not Return to School. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who receives countable financial aid but whose status as an initial counter under this bylaw is delayed until the following academic year shall be counted against the initial limit the following academic year, regardless of whether the student-athlete reports for participation or attends the institution in that academic year.

15.5.6.3.9 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team may replace a counter who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 for the term or terms of participation without being counted as an initial counter. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.3.10 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team may replace a counter who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 for the term or terms of participation without being counted as an initial counter. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.4 Exceptions. [FBS/FCS]

15.5.6.4.1 Preseason Voluntary Withdrawal. [FBS/FCS] An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws from the football team by providing the financial aid to another student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the football squad. For this replacement to occur, the counter must withdraw prior to the first day of classes or the first game of the season, whichever is earlier, and provide the institution with a signed statement releasing the institution from its obligation to provide institutional financial aid and verifying the voluntary nature of the withdrawal. The institution may immediately (beginning with the fall term) award the financial aid to a student-athlete who has been a member of the team for at least one academic year and has not previously received athletically related financial aid. A student-athlete who has not been a member of the team for at least one academic year may not receive the financial aid during the fall term, but may receive it in an ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter quarter). *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

15.5.6.4.2 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. [FBS/FCS] 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 student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. The departing student-athlete's aid may be canceled upon the institution's receipt of a signed statement from the student-athlete releasing the institution from its obligation to provide institutional financial aid and verifying the voluntary nature of the withdrawal. If such a statement is received, a hearing opportunity (per Bylaw 15.3.2.3) is not required. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.6.4.3 Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete. [FBS/FCS] An institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete rendered himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter). *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.4.4 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.4.5 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.4.6 Sprint Football. [FBS/FCS] Participants in sprint football programs who do not participate in the institution's regular varsity intercollegiate program shall not be counted in the institution's financial aid limitations.

15.5.7 Ice Hockey Limitations. There shall be an annual limit of 18 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters and an annual limit of 30 on the total number of counters in ice hockey at each institution. *(Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

15.5.7.1 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.7.2 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.7.3 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. 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 student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.8 Women's Beach Volleyball Limitations.

15.5.8.1 Institutions That Sponsor Women's Beach Volleyball and Women's Volleyball. If an institution sponsors women's beach volleyball and women's volleyball, there shall be an annual limit of six on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) provided to counters and an annual limit of 14 on the total number of counters in women's beach volleyball. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.8.2 Institutions That Sponsor Women's Beach Volleyball but Do Not Sponsor Women's Volleyball. If an institution does not sponsor women's volleyball, there shall be an annual limit of eight on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) provided to counters and an annual limit of 14 on the total number of counters in women's beach volleyball. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.8.3 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.8.4 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.8.5 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. 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 student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.9 Multisport Participants.

15.5.9.1 Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a counter who was recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9) and/or offered financial aid to participate in football and who participates (practices or competes) in football and one or more sports (including basketball) shall be counted in football. A counter who was not recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9) and/or offered financial aid to participate in football and who competes in football and one or more sports (including basketball) shall be counted in football. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.9.1.1 Initial Counter. [FBS/FCS] A counter who previously has not been counted in football shall be considered an initial counter even though the student-athlete already has received countable financial aid in another sport.

15.5.9.1.2 Championship Subdivision Football Exception. [FCS] A counter who practices or competes in football at a Football Championship Subdivision institution that elects to use the football counter and initial-counter exception set forth in Bylaw 15.5.6.2.1 and who practices or competes in another sport and receives countable financial aid in another sport shall be counted in the institution's financial aid limitations in the other sport. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 12/15/06)*

15.5.9.2 Basketball. A counter who practices or competes in basketball and one or more other sports (other than football) shall be counted in basketball.

15.5.9.3 Ice Hockey, Men's. A counter who practices or competes in men's ice hockey and one or more other sports (other than football or basketball) shall be counted in men's ice hockey. *(Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

15.5.9.4 Swimming and Diving/Water Polo, Men's. A counter who practices or competes in both men's swimming and diving and men's water polo at a member institution shall be counted in men's swimming and diving, unless he counts in football or basketball.

15.5.9.5 Volleyball, Women's. A counter who practices or competes in women's volleyball and one or more other sports (other than basketball) shall be counted in women's volleyball.

15.5.9.5.1 Participation in Women's Volleyball in Second Year of Enrollment After Counter Status in Women's Beach Volleyball in First Year of Enrollment. A student-athlete who was a counter in women's beach volleyball during her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participates (practices and competes) in women's volleyball during her second year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be a counter in women's volleyball for her initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.9.6 Two-Year Exception. If an individual has participated in a sport other than basketball or women's volleyball for two years or more since the individual's initial collegiate enrollment and would be involved only in basketball or women's volleyball practice sessions, such a student would not become a counter in those sports until the student actually competes as a member of the institution's intercollegiate team, at either the varsity or junior varsity level. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

15.5.9.7 Other Sports. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a counter who participates in two or more sports shall be counted in one of the sports but shall not be counted in the others.

15.5.9.7.1 Requirement to Qualify as Multisport Athlete. To be considered a multisport athlete under this section, an individual must meet all of the following requirements: *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) The individual shall report and participate fully in regularly organized practice with each squad;

(b) The individual shall participate where qualified in actual competition in each sport;

(c) The individual shall be a member of each squad for the entire playing and practice season; and

(d) If a recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.9), the individual shall have been earnestly recruited to participate in the sport in which financial aid is counted (the institution recruiting the student-athlete shall have a reasonable basis to believe that the student-athlete is capable of participating in the institution's varsity intercollegiate program in that sport, including documentation of a record of previous participation in organized competition in the sport that supports the student-athlete's potential to participate in that sport in varsity intercollegiate competition).

15.5.10 Changes in Participation. If a student-athlete changes sports during an academic year, the student-athlete's financial aid shall be counted in the maximum limitations for the first sport for the remainder of the academic year. If the student-athlete continues to receive financial aid, the award shall be counted the next academic year against the maximum limitations in the second sport. A student-athlete shall be counted as an initial counter in football during the year in which the student-athlete first becomes countable in that sport, regardless of whether countable financial aid was received previously for another sport. *(Revised: 4/3/02)*

15.5.11 Squad List.

15.5.11.1 Eligibility Requirement. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be included on the institution's squad-list form. **[D]**

15.5.11.2 Squad-List Form. The institution shall compile a list of the squad members in each sport on the first day of competition and shall indicate thereon the status of each member in the categories listed (see Bylaw 12.10.2). **[D]** *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 8/7/14)*

15.5.11.2.1 Procedures. The following procedures shall be used for the squad list: **[D]** *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 7/30/10, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

(a) The form shall be available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of another member institution, the NCAA, and, if the institution is a member of a conference, an authorized representative of the conference;

(b) A supplementary form may be filed to add names of persons not initially on the squad or to indicate a change of status;

(c) A student-athlete's name must be on the official institutional form to qualify to represent the institution in intercollegiate athletics; and

(d) The athletics director (or his or her designee, who may not be a coaching staff member) shall sign the form for each sport. The head coach in each sport shall sign the form for the applicable sport.

15.5.11.3 Drug-Testing Consent-Form Requirement. Any student-athlete who signs a drug-testing consent form must be included on the institution's squad-list form, and any student-athlete who is included on the squad-list form must have signed a drug-testing consent form pursuant to Bylaw 12.7.3. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*

15.5.11.3.1 Exception -- 14-Day Grace Period. An institution is not required to place a student-athlete who is "trying out" for a team on the squad-list form for 14 days from the first date the student engages in countable athletically related activities or until the institution's first competition, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

FIGURE 15-1
Financial Aid Maximum Limits

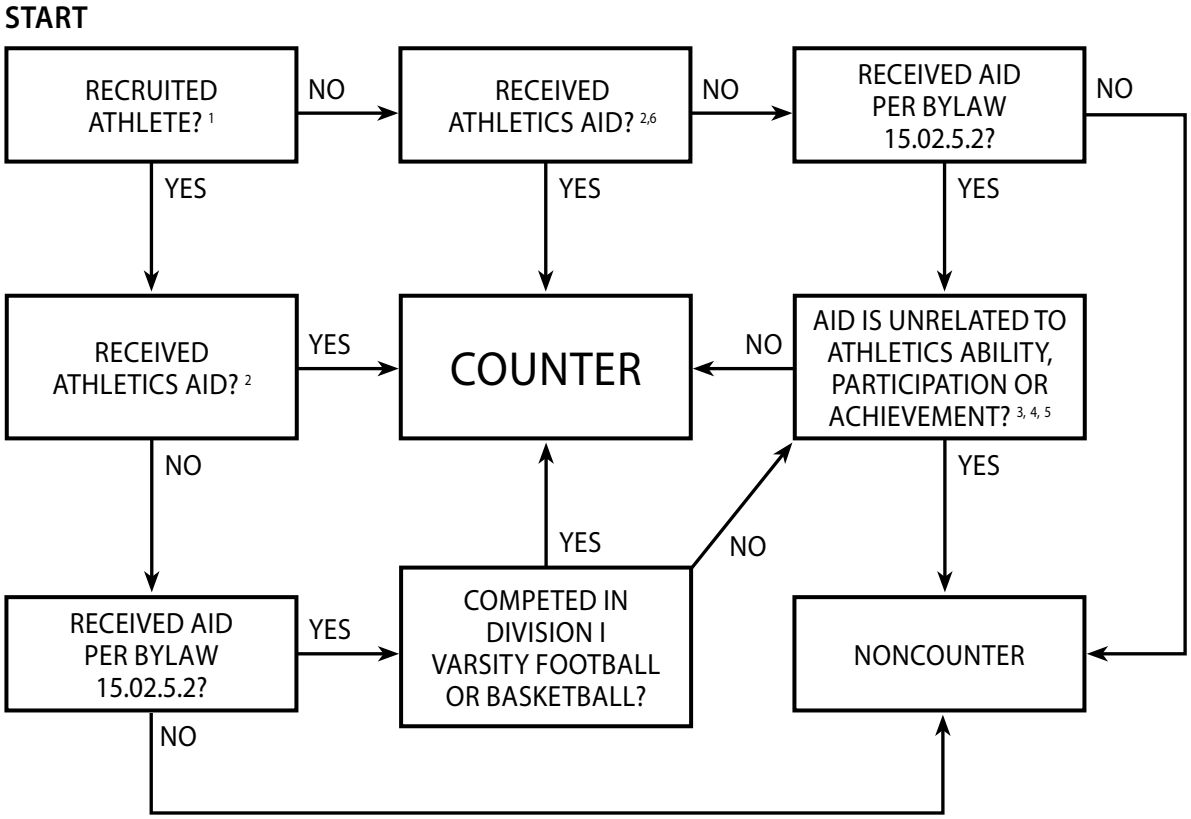
	Citation	Individual Limitation[1]	Institutional Sport Limitation
Academic honor award	15.5.3.2.4.1 15.5.3.2.4.2	Yes Yes	No No
Aid based on athletics ability	15.02.5.2-(a)	Yes[2]	Yes
AmeriCorps Program	15.2.5.1-(a)	No	No
Athletics grant	15.02.5.2-(a)	Yes[2]	Yes
Athletics participation compensation	15.1.2-(e)	Yes, if eligibility has not been exhausted[3]	No[3]
Dependents Education Assistance Program	15.2.5.1-(f)	No	No
Disabled Veterans award	15.2.5.1-(b)	No	No
Educational Expenses—USOC or NGB	15.02.5.3-(d) 15.2.6.5	Yes[2] Yes[2]	Yes[7] Yes[7]
Employment	15.2.7	No	No
Gifts following completion of eligibility	15.1.2-(c)	Yes	No
Government grants, institutionally administered	15.02.5.2-(b) 15.02.5.4-(c) 15.02.5.4-(d) 15.02.5.4-(e) 15.1.2-(a) 15.2.5	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes[4] No No[8] No[8] Yes[4] Yes[4]
Government grants, not institutionally administered	15.1.2-(a) 15.2.5 15.2.5.1	Yes Yes No	No No No
Honorary academic award	15.02.5.4-(a) 15.02.6	Yes Yes	No No
Institutional Employee Dependent Tuition Benefit	15.02.5.2-(a)	Yes	No[5]
Institutional grant or scholarship	15.02.5.2-(a) 15.5.3.2.4.3 15.02.5.4-(a) 15.02.5.4-(b)	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes[4] No No No
Loan, legitimate, repayment schedule	15.02.5.2-(a) 15.1.2-(f)	No No	No No
Military reserve training program	15.2.5.1-(c)	No	No

Key:
[1] The limitation is equal to the value of the cost of attendance as defined by Bylaw 15.02.2.
[2] This type of aid is limited to the value of a full grant-in-aid.
[3] However, receipt of such compensation renders a student-athlete ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition (see Bylaw 12).
[4] If considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5 and not otherwise exempted.
[5] Exempt if the student-athlete's parent or guardian has been employed as a full-time employee or staff member by the institution for at least five years.
[6] Institution is limited to providing the value of a full grant-in-aid during summer.
[7] Aid is countable toward a team's limit up to a full grant-in-aid. Additional aid up to the cost of attendance cannot be athletically related.
[8] Exempt if specific criteria of bylaw are met. Not exempt for purposes of Bylaw 15.5.1.1.

	Citation	Individual Limitation [1]	Institutional Sport Limitation
Montgomery G.I. Bill-Active Duty and Selected Reserve	15.2.5.1-(d)	No	No
Operation Gold Grant	15.02.5.6	No	No
Outside aid for educational purposes, unrelated to athletics ability	15.02.5.3-(b) 15.2.6.2	Yes Yes	No No
Outside aid for educational purposes, related to athletics ability -up to $1,000	15.2.6.3	Yes	No
Outside aid for educational purposes, related to athletic ability – exceeds $1,000, meets criteria	15.2.6.4	Yes	No
Outside aid for educational purposes, related to athletics ability – exceeds $1,000, does not meet critera	15.2.6.4	Yes	Yes
Outside aid, other	15.02.5.3-(c) 15.2.6.4	Yes Yes	No No
Parent/guardian contribution	15.2.6.1 15.2.6.1.1	No	No
Pell Grant	15.1.1	Yes	No
Post-9/11 G.I. Bill	15.2.5.1-(e)	No	No
Postgraduate Scholarship	15.02.5.4-(b)	Yes	No
Professional sports stipend	15.1.2-(d)	Yes[3]	No[3]
Research grant	15.02.5.4-(a) 15.02.7	Yes Yes	No No
Social Security Insurance Program (including the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors)	15.2.5.1-(f)	No	No
Summer school financial aid	15.2.8	Yes[6]	No
Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant	15.02.5.4-(c)	Yes	No
Student-Assistance Fund	15.01.6.1	No	No
Tuition waiver	15.02.5.2-(a)	Yes	Yes[4]
U.S. Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program	15.2.5.1-(h)	No	No
Veteran's Death Pension Program	15.2.5.1-(f)	No	No
Veterans Educational Assistance Program	15.2.5.1-(i)	No	No
Vocational Rehabilitation for Service- Disabled Veterans Program	15.2.5.1-(j)	No	No
Welfare Benefits	15.2.5.1-(k)	No	No

Key:
[1] The limitation is equal to the value of the cost of attendance as defined by Bylaw 15.02.2.
[2] This type of aid is limited to the value of a full grant-in-aid.
[3] However, receipt of such compensation renders a student-athlete ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition (see Bylaw 12).
[4] If considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5 and not otherwise exempted.
[5] Exempt if the student-athlete's parent or guardian has been employed as a full-time employee or staff member by the institution for at least five years.
[6] Institution is limited to providing the value of a full grant-in-aid during summer.
[7] Aid is countable toward a team's limit up to a full grant-in-aid. Additional aid up to the cost of attendance cannot be athletically related.
[8] Exempt if specific criteria of bylaw are met. Not exempt for purposes of Bylaw 15.5.1.1.

FIGURE 15-2
How to Determine a Counter



1. Per Bylaw 15.02.8.
2. In football, a prospective student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid during a summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be an initial and overall counter for the ensuing academic year.
3. Recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.8) who is a varsity football or basketball team member but does not compete: Financial aid must be unrelated to athletics ability (Bylaw 15.5.1.1).
4. Recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.8) participating in sport other than football or basketball: Financial aid must be unrelated to athletics ability.
5. Nonrecruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.8) participating in any sport: Financial aid must be unrelated to athletics ability.
6. Includes athletically related financial aid from an established and continuing program that exceeds $1,000 and does not meet the criteria outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4, and educational expenses from the U.S. Olympic Committee or U.S. national governing body (per Bylaw 15.2.6.5).

FIGURE 15-3

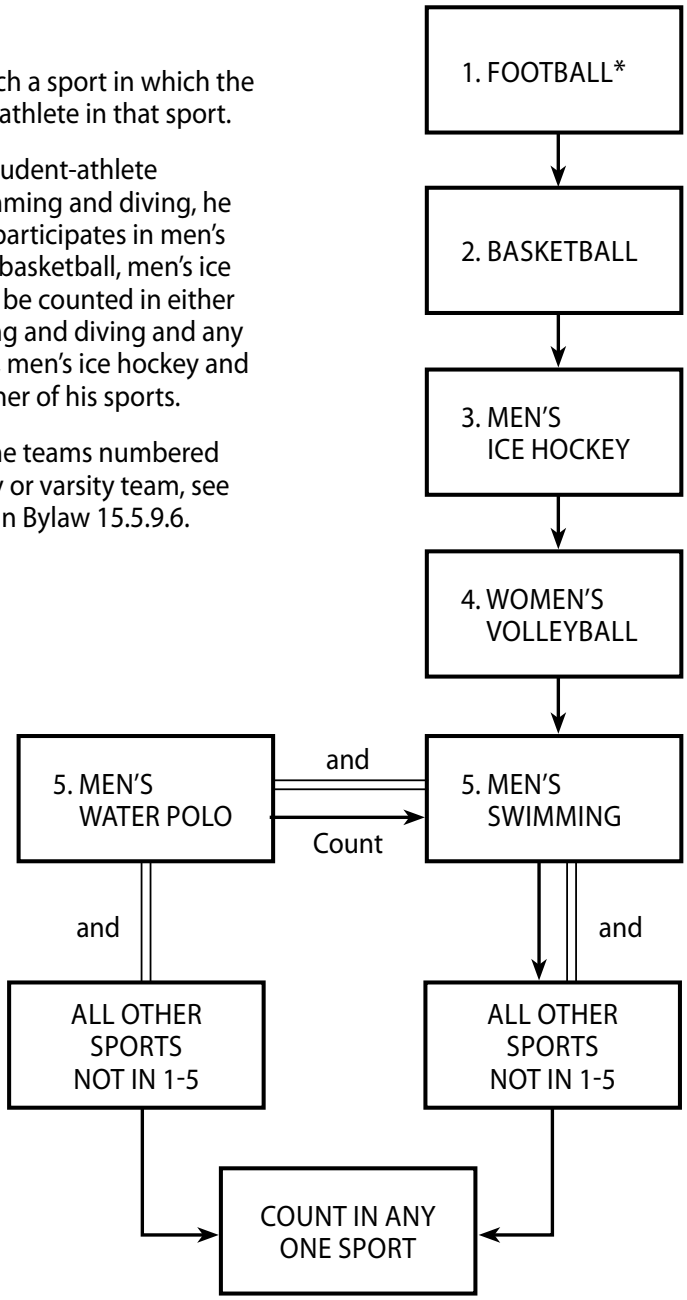
Where To Count Student-Athletes Who Participate in More Than One Intercollegiate Sport

DIRECTIONS:

Start at 1, football, and keep going until you reach a sport in which the student-athlete participates. Count the student-athlete in that sport.

Note the alternatives for men's water polo. If a student-athlete participates in men's water polo and men's swimming and diving, he is counted in men's swimming and diving. If he participates in men's water polo and any sport except football, men's basketball, men's ice hockey and men's swimming and diving, he can be counted in either of his sports. If he participates in men's swimming and diving and any other sport except for football, men's basketball, men's ice hockey and men's water polo, then he can be counted in either of his sports.

For student-athletes who practice with one of the teams numbered 1-2 and 4 but do not compete on a junior varsity or varsity team, see the information on the two-year exception rule in Bylaw 15.5.9.6.



*In football, a counter who was not recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.8) and/or offered financial aid to participate in football and who competes in football and one or more sports (including basketball) must be counted in football (see Bylaw 15.5.9.1).

Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes

16.01 General Principles. [A]

16.01.1 Eligibility Effect of Violation. [A] A student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. Receipt by a student-athlete of an award, benefit or expense allowance not authorized by NCAA legislation renders the student-athlete ineligible for athletics competition in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received. If the student-athlete receives an extra benefit not authorized by NCAA legislation, the individual is ineligible in all sports.

16.01.1.1 Restitution for Receipt of Impermissible Benefits. [A] Unless otherwise noted, for violations of Bylaw 16 in which the value of the benefit is $200 or less, the eligibility of the student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned upon the student-athlete repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The student-athlete, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the student-athlete repays the benefit. For violations of Bylaw 16 in which there is no monetary value to the benefit, violations shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 8/5/04, 1/19/18)*

16.02 Definitions and Applications. [A]

16.02.1 Award. [A] An award is an item given in recognition of athletics participation or performance. Such awards are subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 16.1.

16.02.2 Excessive Expense. [A] An excessive expense is one not specifically authorized under regulations of the Association concerning awards, benefits and expenses.

16.02.3 Extra Benefit. [A] An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete family member or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their family members or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their family members or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

16.02.4 Family Member. [A] For purposes of Bylaw 16, a family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to a student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

16.02.5 Pay. [A] Pay is the receipt of funds, awards or benefits not permitted by governing legislation of the Association for participation in athletics. (See Bylaw 12.1.2.1 for explanation of forms of pay prohibited under the Association's amateur-status regulations.)

16.02.6 Significant Other. [A] A significant other is a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse. *(Adopted: 1/19/18)*

16.1 Awards. [A]

16.1.1 Application of Awards Legislation. [A]

16.1.1.1 Awards Received for Participation While not Representing the Institution. [A] Awards received by an individual for participation in competition while not representing the institution shall conform to the rules of the amateur sports organization that governs the competition, but may not include cash (or cash equivalents) that exceeds actual and necessary expenses (see Bylaw 12.1.2.4). *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.1.1.2 Awards Received for Participation While Representing the Institution. [A] The awards limitations of Bylaw 16.1 apply to awards received by a student-athlete for participation in competition while representing his or her institution. Such awards may not include cash or cash equivalents, gift certificates or gift cards that are redeemable for cash (original amount or any balance thereof), or a country club or sports club membership. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/28/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.1.2 Uniformity of Awards. [A] Awards presented by a member institution, conference or other approved agency must be uniform for all team members receiving the award. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.3 Transfer of Nonpermissible Award. [A] Cash or any other award that an individual could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different individual or agency (e.g., a collegiate institution). *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.4 Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Numbers of Awards. [A] Athletics awards given to individual student-athletes shall be limited to those approved or administered by the member institution, its conference or an approved agency as specified in the following subsections and shall be limited in value and number as specified in this section. Awards received for intercollegiate athletics participation may not be sold, exchanged or assigned for another item of value, even if the student-athlete's name or picture does not appear on the award. Each of the following subsections is independent of the others so that it is permissible for an individual student-athlete to receive the awards described in all subsections. **[R]** *(Revised: 9/12/03, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.1 Participation Awards. [A] Awards for participation in intercollegiate athletics may be presented each year, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-1. Awards for participation in special events may be provided only to student-athletes eligible to participate in the competition. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 3/8/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.1.1 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award. [A] An institution may provide a maximum of two senior scholar-athlete awards each year to graduating seniors. The award may consist of a tangible item valued at not more than $175 and a postgraduate scholarship not to exceed $10,000. The postgraduate scholarship shall be used for graduate studies at the recipient's choice of institution and shall be disbursed directly to that institution. Such a scholarship only may be awarded to a student-athlete who has completed the requirements for a baccalaureate degree. A student-athlete who has received an institutional postgraduate scholarship as part of a senior scholar-athlete award shall no longer be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, except that the student may complete the remainder of any season currently in progress at the time of the award (e.g., postseason competition in the spring sport that occurs after graduation). **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/25/02, Revised: 6/1/06, 1/14/08, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.1.2 Special Event Participation Awards Based on Level of Achievement. [A] Special event participation awards may include awards that are based on a level of achievement (e.g., all-tournament award, finalist award, place-finish award) in the event, provided the awards are uniform within each level and the combined value of all awards received for participation in the particular type of special event (e.g., conference championship; other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition) does not exceed the maximum permissible value of such awards (see Figure 16-1). *(Adopted: 1/10/13, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.2 Awards for Winning Conference and National Championships. [A] Awards for winning an individual or team conference or national championship may be presented each year, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-2. Awards for winning a conference or national championship in a team sport may be provided only to student-athletes who were eligible to participate in the championship event. The total value of any single award received for a national championship may not exceed $415. The total value of any single award received for a conference championship may not exceed $325, and each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate $325 limit per award. Each permissible awarding agency may provide only a single award for each championship to each student-athlete. Separate awards may be presented to both the regular-season conference champion and the postseason conference champion (with a separate $325 limitation), but if the same institution wins both the regular-season and postseason conference championship, the combined value of both awards shall not exceed $325. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.3 Special Achievement Awards. [A] Awards may be provided each year to individual student-athletes and teams to recognize special achievements, honors and distinctions, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-3. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.4 Local Civic Organization. [A] A local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide awards to a member institution's team(s), provided such awards are approved by the institution and are counted in the institution's limit for institutional awards. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 6/11/09, 8/7/14)*

16.1.5 Purchase Restrictions. [A]

16.1.5.1 Assignment of Normal Retail Value. [A] Normal retail value shall be assigned as the value of an award when determining whether an award meets specified value limits, even when a member institution receives institutional awards from an athletics representative or organization free of charge or at a special reduced rate. Normal retail value is the cost to the institution that is based solely on volume and is available to all purchasers of a similar volume and that does not involve

an obligation to make additional purchases to enable the supplier to recover the costs for the original purchase. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.5.2 Supplementary-Purchase Arrangement. [A] An institution may not enter into a supplementary-purchase arrangement with an awards supplier whereby the supplier agrees to sell an award (e.g., a watch or ring) at a price below the maximum amount specified by NCAA legislation with the understanding that the institution will make additional purchases of other unrelated items to enable the supplier to recover the costs for the original purchase. Such an arrangement would exceed the specific-value limitations placed on permissible awards. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.5.3 Combining Values. [A] An institution may not combine the value limits of awards given in a sport during the same season, or given to athletes who participate in more than one sport, to provide an award more expensive than permissible under separate application to some or all of its participating student-athletes. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.5.4 Student-Athlete Contribution to Purchase. [A] The value of an award may not exceed specified value limits, and a student-athlete may not contribute to its purchase in order to meet those limits. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.6 Institutional Awards Banquets. [A] An institution may conduct awards banquets to commemorate the athletics and/or academic accomplishments of its student-athletes. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/7/14)*

16.1.6.1 Booster Club Recognition Banquet. [A] One time per year, an institution's athletics booster club may finance an intercollegiate team's transportation expenses to a recognition banquet, provided all expenses are paid through the institution's athletics department, the location of the event is not more than 100 miles from the campus and no tangible award is provided to members of the team. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/7/14)*

16.1.7 Expenses to Receive Noninstitutional Awards. A conference, an institution, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, a national governing body (or the international equivalents) or the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic accomplishments. Actual and necessary expenses may be provided for the student-athlete's family members to attend the recognition event or awards presentation. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/17/19)*

16.2 Complimentary Admissions and Ticket Benefits. [A]

16.2.1 Permissible Procedures. [A]

16.2.1.1 Institutional Events in the Student-Athlete's Sport. [A] An institution may provide four complimentary admissions per home or away intercollegiate athletics event to a student-athlete in the sport in which the individual participates (either practices or competes), regardless of whether the student-athlete competes in the contest. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.1.1 Exception -- Postseason Events. [A] An institution may provide each student-athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in a postseason event (e.g., conference championship, NCAA championship, National Invitation Tournament, bowl game) with six complimentary admissions to all intercollegiate athletics events at the site at which the student (or team) participates. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.1.2 Tournaments. [A] Complimentary admissions may be provided to members of the institution's team for all intercollegiate athletics events in a tournament in which the team is participating, rather than only for the games in which the institution's team participates. However, the contests must be at the site at which the institution's team participates. *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.2 General Regulations. [A] Complimentary admissions shall be provided only through a pass list for individuals designated by the student-athlete. "Hard tickets" shall not be issued. A violation of this administrative procedure shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. The student-athlete's eligibility shall be affected by involvement in action contrary to the provisions of Bylaws 16.2.1.1 and 16.2.2.1 (receipt of more than the permissible four complimentary admissions or the sale or exchange of a complimentary admission for any item of value). *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/14/08, 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.2.1 Issuance Procedures. [A] The individual using the complimentary admission must present identification to the person supervising the use of the pass list at the admission gate. The individual then shall be provided a ticket stub or other identification of a specified reserved seat or seating area or treated as a general-admission ticket holder. *(Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.3 Institution's Home Events in Other Sports. [A] An institution may provide admission for each student-athlete to all of the institution's regular-season home intercollegiate athletics events in sports other than that in which the

student-athlete is a participant, via a printed student-athlete pass or gate list. Proof of identity shall be required upon admission. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.3.1 Nonqualifier. [A] A nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.02.13.3) may receive a complimentary admission to all of the institution's regular-season home intercollegiate athletics events in the first academic year of residence. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/3/06, 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.3.2 Complimentary Admissions to an Institution's Home Contest Honoring a Student-Athlete. [A] An institution may provide a maximum of four complimentary admissions to a student-athlete for an institution's game or event during which a student-athlete is being honored but not participating, provided such complimentary admissions are used by the student-athlete's family members. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.4 Student-Athlete Postseason Ticket Purchases. [A] An institution may arrange for a student-athlete to purchase tickets at face value for a postseason athletics event in which his or her team (or the student-athlete as an individual) participates. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/15/16)*

16.2.2 Nonpermissible Procedures. [A]

16.2.2.1 Sale of Complimentary Admissions. [A] A student-athlete may not receive payment from any source for his or her complimentary admissions and may not exchange or assign them for any item of value.

16.2.2.2 Payment to Third Party. [A] Individuals designated by the student-athlete to receive complimentary admissions are not permitted to receive any type of payment for the admissions or to exchange or assign them for any item of value. Receipt of payment for complimentary admissions by such designated individuals is prohibited and considered an extra benefit. **[R]**

16.2.2.3 Student-Athlete Ticket Purchases. [A] An institution may not provide a special arrangement to sell a student-athlete ticket(s) to an athletics event, other than a postseason event as permitted in Bylaw 16.2.1.4. Tickets (other than for a postseason event) shall be available for purchase by student-athletes according to the same purchasing procedures used for other students. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14, 1/15/16)*

16.2.2.4 Sale Above Face Value. [A] A student-athlete may not purchase tickets for an intercollegiate athletics event from the institution and then sell the tickets at a price greater than their face value. **[R]**

16.2.2.5 Professional Sports Tickets. [A] An institution or any representative of its athletics interests may not purchase or otherwise obtain tickets to a professional sports event and make these tickets available to student-athletes enrolled in an NCAA member institution. Such a gift of tickets would represent an unacceptable extra benefit. Professional sports tickets may be provided as entertainment in conjunction with practice or competition. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.3 Academic and Other Support Services. [A]

16.3.1 Mandatory. [A]

16.3.1.1 Academic Counseling/Support Services. [A] Member institutions shall make general academic counseling and tutoring services available to all student-athletes. Such counseling and tutoring services may be provided by the department of athletics or the institution's nonathletics student support services. In addition, an institution, conference or the NCAA may finance other academic support, career counseling or personal development services that support the success of student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/9/06, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.3.1.2 Life Skills Programs. [A] An institution shall be required to conduct a life skills program on its campus. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 10/7/10, 8/7/14)*

16.3.2 Expenses Related to Legal and Other Proceedings. [A] An institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics or legal proceedings that result from the student-athlete's involvement in athletics practice or competitive events. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests). **[R]** *(Revised: 5/9/06, 8/7/14)*

16.3.3 Expenses Related to Initial or Transfer-Eligibility Requirements. [A] An institution shall not provide academic expenses or services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist a prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete in completing initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements or in improving his or her academic profile in conjunction with a waiver request. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/23/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.4 Medical Expenses. [A] An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 9/6/00, 4/29/04, 8/4/08, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.4.1 Medical Coverage. [A] An institution shall provide medical care to a student-athlete for an athletically related injury incurred during his or her involvement in intercollegiate athletics for the institution. The period of care for such an injury shall extend at least two years following either graduation or separation from the institution, or until the student-athlete qualifies for coverage under the NCAA Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program, whichever occurs first. Each institution has the discretion to determine the method by which it will provide medical care, the method by which it determines whether an injury is athletically related and any policy deemed necessary for implementing the medical care. *(Adopted: 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

16.4.2 Mental Health Services and Resources. [A] An institution shall make mental health services and resources available to its student-athletes. Such services and resources may be provided by the department of athletics and/or the institution's health services or counseling services department. Provision of services and resources should be consistent with the Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices. In addition, an institution must distribute mental health educational materials and resources to student-athletes, including those transitioning out of their sport, coaches, athletics administrators and other athletics personnel throughout the year. Such educational materials and resources must include a guide to the mental health services and resources available at the institution and information regarding how to access them. *(Adopted: 1/24/19 effective 8/1/19)*

16.4.2.1 Application to Nonautonomy Conferences. A member institution of a conference other than the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 shall apply the provisions of Bylaw 16.4.2. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

16.5 Housing and Meals. [A]

16.5.1 General Rule. [A] An institution is required to apply the same housing policies to student-athletes as it applies to the student body in general. During the academic year, the institution may not house student-athletes in athletics dormitories or athletics blocks within institutional or privately owned dormitories or apartment buildings (when the institution arranges for the housing) on those days when institutional dormitories are open to the general student body. **[R]** *(Adopted: 10/1/01 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.5.1.1 Athletics Dormitories. [A] Athletics dormitories shall be defined as institutional dormitories in which at least 50 percent of the residents are student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.5.1.2 Athletics Blocks. [A] Athletics blocks shall be defined as individual blocks, wings or floors within institutional dormitories or privately owned dormitories or apartment buildings in which at least 50 percent of the residents are student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/10/92, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.5.1.3 Exception -- Nondiscriminatory Housing Policies. [A] The prohibition against the use of athletics dormitories or blocks does not apply when the institution demonstrates that its housing assignment policies do not differentiate between student-athletes and students generally. *(Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.5.2 Permissible. [A] An institution may provide housing and meal benefits incidental to a student's participation in intercollegiate athletics as identified in this bylaw. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.5.2.1 Summer Dormitory Rentals. [A] An institution may rent, at the regular institutional rate, dormitory space to a prospective or enrolled student-athlete during the summer months if it is the institution's policy to make dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective or enrolled students (see Bylaw 15.2.2.3 for permissible housing benefits for student-athletes eligible to receive financial aid while attending summer school). **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.5.2.2 Preseason Practice Expenses. [A] An institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes who report for preseason practice prior to the start of the academic year, it being understood that the student-athlete has been accepted for admission to the institution at the time such benefits are received. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03, 3/10/04, 4/24/14, 8/7/14)*

16.5.2.2.1 Effect of Violation. [A] A violation of Bylaw 16.5.2.2 due to a miscalculation of the permissible start date for preseason practice shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, a student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. *(Revised: 10/29/09, 8/7/14)*

16.5.2.3 Training Table Meals. [A] An institution may provide only one training table meal per day to a student-athlete during the academic year on those days when regular institutional dining facilities are open (see Bylaw 15.2.2.1.5). A student-athlete who does not receive institutional athletically related financial aid covering the full cost of board, including a walk-on or partial scholarship recipient, may purchase one training table meal per day at the same rate that the institution deducts from the board allowance of student-athletes who receive athletically related financial aid covering board costs

pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.2.1.5. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 5/8/06, 4/26/07, 8/7/14)*

16.5.2.4 Meals Incidental to Participation. [A] An institution may provide meals to student-athletes as a benefit incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics. An institution shall not provide student-athletes with a meal and cash for the same meal. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/14, 8/7/14, 10/20/14)*

16.5.2.4.1 Cash for Missed Meal Due to Practice Activities. [A] An institution may provide to a student-athlete the cash equivalent of a meal missed due to practice activities only if he or she has previously paid for the meal (either individually or through the board element of a scholarship). **[R]** *(Revised: 5/9/06, 4/24/14, 8/7/14)*

16.5.2.4.2 Meals in Conjunction With Home Competition. [A] All student-athletes are permitted to receive meals at the institution's discretion beginning with the evening before competition and continuing until they are released by institutional personnel. An institution shall not provide cash to student-athletes in lieu of meals during this time period. An institution, at its discretion, may provide a meal or cash (not to exceed $15), but not both, to student-athletes at the time of their release by institutional personnel. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/25/02, 4/29/04, 5/2/05, 5/9/06, 12/12/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

16.5.2.4.3 Meals in Conjunction With Away-from-Home Competition. [A] On each day associated with an away-from-home competition (from the time the team is required to report on call for team travel until the team returns to campus) an institution may provide meals to student-athletes pursuant to one of the following options: **[R]** *(Revised: 4/25/02, 4/29/04, 5/2/05, 5/9/06, 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08, 9/24/09, 8/7/14, 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) All student-athletes are permitted to receive a pregame or postgame meal as a benefit incidental to participation in addition to regular meals (or meal allowances per institutional policy). An institution, at its discretion, may provide cash, not to exceed $15, in lieu of a postgame meal; or

(b) All student-athletes are permitted to receive meals at the institution's discretion. If a student-athlete does not use team travel to return to campus, he or she may receive meals at the institution's discretion up to the point he or she is released from team-related activities by the appropriate institutional authority. An institution shall not provide cash to student-athletes in lieu of meals under this option before their release. An institution may provide a meal or cash (not to exceed $15), but not both, to a student-athlete at the time of his or her release by the institutional authority, regardless of whether he or she uses team travel to return to campus.

16.5.2.5 Snacks. [A] An institution may provide snacks to a student-athlete at any time. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14, 10/20/14)*

16.5.2.6 Vacation-Period Expenses. [A] An institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes (during official institutional vacation periods) in the following circumstances. If an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes under such circumstances, a cash allowance may be provided, not to exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips: **[R]** *(Revised: 1/14/97, 10/28/99, 4/29/04, 5/26/06, 1/8/07, 4/17/07, 4/24/14, 8/7/14, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) Student-athletes who are required to remain on the institution's campus for organized practice sessions or competition during the institution's official vacation period. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution, other than to permit the student-athlete to participate in team meals incidental to participation;

(b) Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution's official vacation period occurring during a regular academic term (not including vacation periods between terms) from institutional competition. Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided beginning with the student-athlete's arrival on campus until the institution's regular dormitories and dining facilities reopen. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution;

(c) Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution's official vacation period between regular academic terms (e.g., summer-vacation period) from institutional competition that occurs at the end of the institution's playing and practice season or a segment thereof. Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided for not more than a 48-hour period, beginning with the student-athlete's return to campus. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution; or

(d) In basketball, student-athletes who remain on campus during the three consecutive days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (see Bylaw 17.1.7.9). If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution.

16.5.2.7 Required Summer Athletic Activities. [A] An institution may provide room and board expenses to a student-athlete to participate in required summer athletic activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5 while not enrolled in summer school. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/24/19)*

16.5.2.8 Nutritional Supplements. [A] An institution may provide permissible nutritional supplements to a student-athlete for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. Permissible nutritional supplements do not contain any NCAA banned substances and are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, protein supplements, omega-3 fatty acids, and vitamins and minerals. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/14/09, 8/7/14, 1/20/17, 1/16/19)*

16.6 Expenses for Student-Athlete's Friends and Family Members. [A]

16.6.1 Permissible. [A] An institution may not provide any expenses to a student-athlete's family members or friends, except as permitted pursuant to this provision and Bylaw 16.11. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.1 Expenses for Significant Other/Children to Postseason Football Bowl Game or NCAA Championship. [A] The institution may provide the cost of actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals and expenses associated with team entertainment functions) for the significant other and children of an eligible student-athlete to accompany the student-athlete to a postseason football bowl game or an NCAA football championship in which the student-athlete is a participant, and in other sports, to one round (conducted at the site) of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant. **[R]** *(Revised: 2/1/05, 8/7/14, 1/19/18)*

16.6.1.2 Family Lodging at Postseason Events. [A] An institution may reserve or secure lodging at any postseason event (other than a conference event) at a reduced or special rate for the family members of a student-athlete who is a participant. It is not permissible for an institution to cover any portion of the cost of lodging, including any cost associated with reserving or securing lodging. **[R]** *(Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.3 Injury or Illness. [A] The institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete's family members and any other student-athlete to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness, or in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide such expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.3.1 Family Members of Student-Athletes. [A] An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete's family members and any other student-athlete to be present in situations in which a family member of the student-athlete suffers an injury or illness, or in the event of such an individual's death, to provide the student-athlete's family members and any other student-athlete with such expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/22/07, 4/13/09, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.4 National Team Competition -- Family Benefits. [A] A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete's family members to attend national team competition in which the student-athlete will participate. In addition, family members of student-athletes may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the family members of all national team members in conjunction with participation in national team competition. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 11/1/00, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.5 Reasonable Food and Drinks. [A] An institution may provide the family members of a student-athlete with reasonable food and drinks in conjunction with educational meetings or celebratory events (e.g., senior night) and on an occasional basis for other reasons. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/16/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.6 Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Awards Banquets. [A] An institution may provide complimentary admissions to an institutional awards banquet for the family members of any student-athlete being honored at the banquet. **[R]** *(Adopted: 11/1/00, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.7 Entertainment. [A]

An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide reasonable entertainment (but may not provide cash for such entertainment) to student-athletes during the playing season, outside the playing season during the academic year when classes are in session and during the period in which they are required to participate in summer athletic activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

16.8 Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition. [A]

16.8.1 Permissible. [A] An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in practice and competition (including expenses for activities/travel that are incidental to

practice or competition). In order to receive competition-related expenses, the student-athlete must be eligible for competition. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.8.1.1 Incidental Expenses at NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games. [A] An institution may provide $30 per day to each member of a team to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or national governing body championship events in emerging sports, during a period limited to the maximum number of days of per diem allowed for the involved championship or, for postseason bowl games, for a period not to exceed 10 days. The $30 per day may be provided only after the team departs for or reports to the site of the championship or postseason bowl contest. **[R]** *(Adopted: 10/21/13, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.8.1.2 Other Competition. [A] During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the following summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/14/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 1/20/17, 7/1/19, 1/15/20)*

(a) Established regional (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) and national championship events (including junior regional and national championships);

(b) The Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games) and specific competition (e.g., Olympic or Paralympic Trials) from which participants may directly qualify for such events; and

(c) National team tryout competition events to determine members of a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships or the junior level equivalent competition, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team.

16.8.1.3 Fees Related to Conditioning Activities. [A] An institution may pay a fee related to the conduct of permissible in-season or out-of-season conditioning activities (e.g., fee for yoga instruction, fee related to a conditioning program). (See Bylaw 16.8.2.1.) *(Adopted: 10/20/14)*

16.8.2 Nonpermissible. [A]

16.8.2.1 Conditioning Expenses Outside the Playing Season. [A] An institution shall not provide expenses (e.g., travel, lodging, meals) to student-athletes in conjunction with permissible conditioning activities that may occur outside the playing season during the academic year. *(Adopted: 10/20/14)*

16.9 Other Travel Expenses Provided by the Institution. [A]

16.9.1 Permissible Travel Expenses Not Related to Practice or Competition. [A] An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in noncompetitive events [e.g., goodwill tours, media appearances (see Bylaw 12.5.3), student-athlete advisory committee meetings]. Further, an institution may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes on an occasional basis. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.10 Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other Than the Institution. [A]

16.10.1 Service or Religious Organization Encampments. [A] Nationally recognized service organizations and religious groups may underwrite the actual and necessary expenses of student-athletes attending such encampments. Neither the institution nor an athletically related organization may underwrite such expenses. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/2/10, 8/7/14)*

16.10.2 Student-Teaching. [A] A student-athlete may accept actual and necessary travel expenses from a high school if he or she is student-teaching (even if teaching or coaching a sport) if the high school is located in a city other than the one in which the collegiate institution is located. In order for the student-athlete to accept such expenses: **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

(a) Receipt of the expenses must be permitted by the established guidelines of the institution for other student-teacher trainees;

(b) The assigned coaching responsibilities must be a part of the supervised, evaluated teacher-training program in which the student-athlete is enrolled; and

(c) The high school must provide such expenses for all of its student-teacher trainees.

16.10.3 Luncheon Meeting Expenses. [A] A student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a luncheon meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided the meeting occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus and no tangible award is provided to the student-athlete. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.10.4 Recognition by Professional Sports Organization. [A] A student-athlete may accept complimentary admission to a professional sports contest during which the student-athlete and/or intercollegiate team is being recognized by the professional sports organization for extraordinary achievements. Further, it shall be permissible for the professional sports organization to promote this event to the general public. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.11 Benefits, Gifts and Services. [A]

16.11.1 Permissible. [A]

16.11.1.1 General Rule. [A] Receipt of a benefit (including otherwise prohibited extra benefits per Bylaw 16.11.2) by student-athletes, their family members or friends is not a violation of NCAA rules if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students and their family members or friends. *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.11.1.2 Deferred Pay-Back Loan. [A] A student-athlete may receive a loan on a deferred pay-back basis without jeopardizing his or her eligibility, provided: **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 8/7/14)*

(a) The loan arrangements are not contrary to the extra-benefit rule; and

(b) The student-athlete's athletics reputation, skill or pay-back potential as a future professional athlete is not considered by the lending agency in its decision to provide the loan.

16.11.1.3 Loan From Established Family Friend. [A] A student-athlete may receive a loan from an established family friend without such arrangement constituting an extra benefit, provided: **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 8/7/14)*

(a) The loan is not offered to the student-athlete based in any degree on his or her athletics ability or reputation;

(b) The individual providing the loan is not considered a representative of the institution's athletics interests; and

(c) The relationship between the individual providing the loan and the student-athlete existed prior to the initiation of the student-athlete's recruitment by the member institution.

16.11.1.4 Insurance Against Disabling-Injury or Illness, or Loss of Value. [A] A student-athlete may borrow against his or her future earnings potential from an established, accredited commercial lending institution, exclusively for the purpose of purchasing insurance (with no cash surrender value) against a disabling injury or illness that would prevent the individual from pursuing his or her chosen career or for the purpose of purchasing loss-of-value insurance, provided a third party (including a representative of an institution's athletics interests) is not involved in arrangements for securing the loan. However, an institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department) may designate an institutional staff member (or staff members) (e.g., professional sports counseling panel) to assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing the loan and insurance. The institution shall retain copies of all documents related to loan transactions and insurance policies, regardless of whether the institution is involved in the arrangements. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/16/10, 8/7/14, 1/17/15)*

16.11.1.5 Occasional Meals. [A] A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals. A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal from a representative of athletics interests on infrequent and special occasions under the following conditions: **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/92, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/29/10, 8/7/14)*

(a) The meal may only be provided in an individual's home, on campus or at a facility that is regularly used for home competition and may be catered; and

(b) A representative of the institution's athletics interests may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend the meal function only if the meal function is at the home of that representative.

16.11.1.6 Research Studies Involving Only Student-Athletes. [A]

16.11.1.6.1 NCAA Research Studies. [A] A student-athlete may receive compensation from the Association for participating in specified NCAA research studies. Such compensation shall be consistent with the going rate for compensation offered in studies involving nonathlete populations. **[R]** *(Adopted: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 4/30/09, 8/7/14)*

16.11.1.6.2 Institution-Based Research Studies. [A] A student-athlete may receive compensation from an institution for participating in a research study involving only student-athletes, provided: **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/30/09, Revised: 8/7/14)*

(a) The study is initiated and conducted by a faculty member at a member institution; and

(b) The study and compensation arrangements are approved by the institutional review board of the faculty member's institution consistent with policies applicable to other institution-based research studies.

16.11.1.7 Miscellaneous Benefits. [A] An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/26/01, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/13/09, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

(a) The use of a return ticket at any time after the conclusion of a foreign tour;

(b) Receipt of frequent flier points and/or miles earned while traveling to and from intercollegiate practice and/or competition;

(c) Participation in receptions and festivities associated with championships, conference tournaments or all-star events hosted by and conducted on the institution's campus;

(d) Occasional meals to team members provided by a student-athlete's family member at any location;

(e) Telephone calls in emergency situations as approved by the director of athletics (or his or her designee);

(f) Reasonable tokens of support and transportation, housing and meal expenses in the event of injury, illness, or death of a family member or another student-athlete;

(g) Fundraisers for student-athletes (or their family members) under the following extreme circumstances:

(1) Extreme circumstances should be extraordinary in the result of events beyond the student-athlete's control (e.g., life-threatening illness, natural disaster);

(2) The proceeds must be designated for a specific purpose (e.g., payment of medical bills, purchase of medical equipment, replacement of items lost in a fire, etc.)

(3) The proceeds may be given directly to the beneficiaries, with receipt kept on file by the institution, which must include the amount of expenses incurred and the total amount received; and

(4) The excess proceeds must be given to a not-for-profit organization with the receipt kept on file by the institution.

(h) The payment of admission costs or a meal for any student-athlete being honored at a nonathletics awards ceremony.

16.11.1.8 Student Assistance Fund. A student-athlete may receive money from the NCAA Student Assistance Fund. Member institutions and conferences shall not use money received from the fund to finance salaries and benefits; tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books during a regular term (other than summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility; capital improvements; stipends; competition-related travel expenses for student-athletes who are ineligible for competition (e.g., nonqualifier, transfer student-athlete); and outside athletics development opportunities (e.g., participation in a sports camp or clinic, private sports-related instruction, greens fees, batting cage rental, outside foreign tour expenses) for current student-athletes with remaining eligibility. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 1/8/07, 2/24/12, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, 10/5/16, 3/28/17)*

16.11.1.9 Coaching and/or Athletics Administration Career Educational Programs. An institution or conference may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete, who has completed his or her third year (sixth semester or ninth quarter) of collegiate enrollment to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career educational program (e.g., Women's Basketball Coaches Association -- So You Want To Be A Coach, Black Women in Sports Foundation -- Next Step Program, U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee -- Minority/Women in Coaching Leadership). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/17/19)*

16.11.1.10 Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. [A] A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability. *(Adopted: 4/28/11)*

16.11.2 Nonpermissible. [A]

16.11.2.1 General Rule. [A] The student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. The term "extra benefit" refers to any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide the student-athlete or his or her family members or friends with a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

16.11.2.2 Other Prohibited Benefits. [A] An institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests may not provide a student-athlete with extra benefits or services, including, but not limited to: **[R]**

(a) A loan of money;

(b) A guarantee of bond;

(c) An automobile or the use of an automobile;

(d) Transportation (e.g., a ride home with a coach), except as permitted in Bylaw 16.9.1, even if the student-athlete reimburses the institution or the staff member for the appropriate amount of the gas or expense; or

(e) Signing or co-signing a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.

16.11.2.3 Camp Concession. [A] It is not permissible for a member institution or a member of its athletics department staff conducting a sports camp to permit a student-athlete (enrolled in the institution) to operate, at the student-athlete's own expense, a concession selling items related to or associated with the camp to campers or others in attendance (see also Bylaw 13.12.1.7.3.2). **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.11.2.4 Items Received for Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics. [A] An item received for participation in intercollegiate athletics may not be sold or exchanged or assigned for another item of value. *(Adopted: 4/15/14, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.12 Expense Waivers. [A]

16.12.1 Previously Approved Incidental Expenses. [A] Specific incidental expenses that have been previously approved by the Committee for Legislative Relief may be processed by an institution or conference. Documentation of each approval shall be kept on file at the conference office. *(Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/21/12, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

FIGURE 16-1
Participation Awards [A] [R]

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Annual Participation — Underclassmen	$225	Up to maximum value per year per sport	Institution	1
Annual Participation — Senior	$425	Up to maximum value per year per sport	Institution	1
Special Event Participation				
• Participation in postseason conference championship contest or tournament	$375*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event (may include conference office)	2
• Participation in postseason NCAA championship contest or tournament	Institution — $375 NCAA — No limit	Once per event	• Institution • NCAA	2
• Participation in all-star game or postseason bowl	$400 (Institution) $550 (Management of event)	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2
• Participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition	$400*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2

* The combined value of all awards received for participation in this type of event from the institution and the management of the event may not exceed the published value.

FIGURE 16-2

Championship Awards [A] [R]

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
National Championship conducted by NCAA	$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
National Championship not conducted by NCAA***	$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — regular season	$325*#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — postseason contest or tournament	$325*#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2

* Each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate $415/$325 limit per award.
** Award may be provided by another organization recognized by the institution or conference to act in its place.
*** Applies only to sports or classification divisions in which the NCAA does not conduct championships. Teams must be designated as a "national champion" by a national wire-service poll or the national coaches association in that sport.
# The combined value of both awards shall not exceed $325 if same institution wins conference regular-season and postseason championships.

FIGURE 16-3

Special Achievement Awards [A] [R]

(Revised: 1/19/2018 effective immediate)

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Special attainments or contribution to team's season (e.g., scholar-athlete, most improved player, most minutes played, most valuable player)	$175	Once per category of award per year	Institution	1
Most valuable player -- special event*	$325**	Once per event	• Institution • Conference • Organization approved by institution or conference	Unlimited
Most valuable player -- bowl game or all-star contest	$350	Once per event	Sponsoring entity of all-star contest or certified postseason bowl	1
Established regional/national recognition awards (e.g., Wade Trophy, Heisman Trophy)	$325	Once per year per award	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing established national award	Unlimited	Once per year	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing conference "athlete of the year"	$1,500	Once per year to one male and one female	Conference	1
Trophy recognizing conference "scholar-athlete of the year"	$1,500	Once per year to one male and one female	Conference	1
Specialized performance in single contest or during limited time period (e.g., player of the game, player of the week)	$80 (certificate, medal or plaque only)	Unlimited	• Conference • Outside organization (e.g., local business)	Unlimited
Hometown award	$80	Unlimited	Group (other than institution's booster club) located in student-athlete's hometown	Unlimited

*The award recipient must be selected by a recognized organization approved by a member institution or conference.

**Each permissible awarding agency is subject to separate $325 limit per award. Each awarding agency may provide only a single award for each event to each student-athlete.

Playing and Practice Seasons

17.01 General Principles.

17.01.1 Institutional Limitations. A member institution shall limit its organized practice activities, the length of its playing seasons and the number of its regular-season contests and/or dates of competition in all sports, as well as the extent of its participation in noncollegiate-sponsored athletics activities, to minimize interference with the academic programs of its student-athletes (see Figures 17-1 and 17-2).

17.01.2 Additional Playing and Practice Seasons Limitations. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that would require an institution or team(s) that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to apply additional playing and practice seasons limitations. The committee shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances (see Bylaw 14.8). *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 8/7/14)*

17.02 Definitions and Applications.

17.02.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities. Countable athletically related activities include any required activity with an athletics purpose involving student-athletes and at the direction of, or supervised by, one or more of an institution's coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches) and must be counted within the weekly and daily limitations under Bylaws 17.1.7.1 and 17.1.7.2. Administrative activities (e.g., academic meetings, compliance meetings) shall not be considered as countable athletically related activities. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03)*

17.02.1.1 Exception -- Elite Athlete Training. A student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered a countable athletically related activity, provided the workout is initiated by the student-athlete and he or she does not miss class. *(Adopted: 7/13/20)*

17.02.2 Contest. A contest is any game, match, exhibition, scrimmage or joint practice session with another institution's team, regardless of its formality, in which competition in a sport occurs between an intercollegiate athletics team or individual representing a member institution and any other team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91)*

17.02.3 Contest, Countable, Institutional. A countable contest for a member institution, in those sports for which the limitations are based on the number of contests, is any contest by the member institution against an outside team in that sport, unless a specific exemption for a particular contest is set forth in this bylaw. Contests, including scrimmages, by separate squads of the same team against different outside teams shall each count as one contest.

17.02.4 Contest, Countable, Individual Student-Athlete. A countable contest for an individual student-athlete in a sport is any contest in which the student-athlete competes while representing the member institution (see Bylaw 17.02.8) individually or as a member of the varsity, subvarsity or freshman team of the institution in that sport, unless a specific exemption for a particular contest is set forth in this bylaw.

17.02.5 Date of Competition. A date of competition is a single date on which any game(s), match(es), meet(s), exhibition(s), scrimmage(s) or joint practice session(s) with another institution's team takes place, regardless of its formality, between an intercollegiate athletics team or individual representing a member institution and any other team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91)*

17.02.6 Date of Competition, Countable, Institutional. A countable date of competition for a member institution, in those sports for which the limitations are based on the number of dates of competition, is a single date on which the institution's team in a sport engages in competition in that sport against an outside team, unless a specific exemption for a particular date of competition is set forth in this bylaw.

17.02.6.1 Required Minimum Number of Student-Athletes. For individual sports and women's rowing, an institution shall be considered to have participated in competition that constitutes a date of competition if the minimum number of student-athletes participating on one or more teams, at one or more sites, on behalf of the institution on that date equals or exceeds the minimum number established for that sport, unless otherwise restricted in this bylaw for a particular sport (e.g., golf, tennis). (See Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for listings of minimum numbers of student-athletes per sport.)

17.02.7 Date of Competition, Countable, Individual Student-Athlete. A countable date of competition for an individual student-athlete is any date on which a student-athlete competes while representing the institution (see Bylaw 17.02.8)

individually or as a member of the varsity, subvarsity or freshman team, unless a specific exemption for a particular date of competition is set forth in this bylaw.

17.02.8 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition is considered to have occurred when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution does any of the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95)*

(a) Represents the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution's team) or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies;

(b) Competes in the uniform of the institution, or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer used by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification; or

(c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition.

17.02.8.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2 is exempted from the application of this legislation. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.02.8.2 Participation on an Institution's Club Team. Participation on a collegiate institution's club team is exempted from the application of this legislation, provided the institution did not sponsor the sport on the varsity intercollegiate level at the time of participation. *(Adopted: 6/24/09)*

17.02.9 National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation. *(Revised: 7/31/14, 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

17.02.10 Organized Competition. Athletics competition shall be considered organized if any of the following conditions exists: *(Revised: 4/29/10, 7/31/14)*

(a) Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance;

(b) Official score is kept;

(c) Individual or team standings are maintained;

(d) Official timer or game officials are used;

(e) Admission is charged;

(f) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;

(g) Team uniforms are used;

(h) A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or

(i) The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

17.02.11 Outside Competition. Outside competition is athletics competition against any other athletics team (including an alumni team) that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the same institution.

17.02.12 Outside Team. An outside team is any team that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the member institution or a team that includes individuals other than eligible student-athletes of the member institution (e.g., members of the coaching staff, ineligible student-athletes, members of the faculty).

17.02.13 Practice Units. In determining the first permissible preseason practice date, an institution shall count back from its first scheduled contest, one unit for each day beginning with the opening of classes, one unit for each day classes are not in session in the week of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest and two units for each other day in the preseason practice period, except that the institution shall not count any units during the preseason when all institutional dormitories are closed, the institution's team must leave campus, and practice is not conducted. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 4/14/03)*

17.02.13.1 Sunday. Sundays are excluded from the counting. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.02.13.2 Week. The "week" of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest is defined as the six days, excluding Sunday, preceding the date of competition (even if one or more of the days fall into different traditional calendar weeks). *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.02.13.3 Opening Day of Classes. The "opening day of classes" is defined as the first day of classes as listed in the member institution's official catalog. Required freshman orientation is not considered to be the opening day of classes for the academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.02.13.4 First Day of Practice. The first day of practice may be conducted on the day when the last practice unit occurs, which is determined by counting backward from the day of the first permissible regularly scheduled contest. For example, in soccer, practice may be held on the day that the 21st practice unit actually occurs, counting backward from the day of the first permissible regularly scheduled contest. *(Adopted: 12/10/97, Revised: 4/14/03, 3/16/15)*

17.02.14 Required Athletically Related Activities. [A] Required athletically related activities include any activities, including those that are countable in the daily and weekly limitations, that are required of a student-athlete. Such activities include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) Compliance meetings;

(b) Organized team promotional activities;

(c) Recruiting activities, including student-host duties;

(d) Media activities;

(e) Fundraising events;

(f) Community service events;

(g) Team-building activities; and

(h) Travel to and from away-from-home competition.

17.02.14.1 Exception -- Elite Athlete Training. A student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered a required athletically related activity, provided the workout is initiated by the student-athlete and he or she does not miss class. *(Adopted: 7/13/20)*

17.02.15 Student-Athlete Discretionary Time. [FBS/FCS] Student-athlete discretionary time is time during which a student-athlete may only participate in athletics activities at his or her discretion. There shall be no required workouts and institutions are not permitted to recommend that student-athletes engage in weight-training or conditioning activities; however, if the student-athlete opts to work out, the strength and conditioning coach may monitor the facility in use for health and safety purposes. *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03)*

17.02.16 Tournament -- Sports Other Than Basketball. In sports other than basketball, for purposes of maximum contest or date of competition limitations, a tournament is an event that culminates in the determination of a winner. A tournament may be conducted in round-robin, pool play or bracket formats. *(Adopted: 9/18/07)*

17.02.17 Tryouts -- Enrolled Students. A tryout of an enrolled student may occur, provided the student is eligible for practice and the tryout only involves activities that are permissible at the time they occur (e.g., practice in season, skill-related instruction or conditioning outside the season). *(Adopted: 8/21/13)*

17.02.18 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions: *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

(a) It is a sport that is administered by the department of intercollegiate athletics;

(b) It is a sport for which the eligibility of the student-athletes is reviewed and certified by a staff member designated by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy; and

(c) It is a sport in which qualified participants receive the institution's official varsity awards.

17.02.18.1 Team Sports. [#] The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw: *(Revised: 4/23/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/11, 7/31/15, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	Football	Soccer
Baseball	Ice Hockey	Softball
Basketball	Lacrosse	Volleyball
Women's Beach Volleyball	Women's Rowing	Water Polo
Field Hockey	Women's Rugby	

17.02.18.2 Individual Sports. [#] The following are classified as individual sports for purposes of this bylaw: *(Revised: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

Women's Bowling	Gymnastics	Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor
Cross Country	Rifle	Women's Triathlon
Women's Equestrian	Skiing	Wrestling
Fencing	Swimming and Diving	
Golf	Tennis	

17.02.19 Voluntary Athletically Related Activities. In order for any athletically related activity to be considered "voluntary," all of the following conditions must be met: *(Adopted: 4/18/01, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

(a) The student-athlete must not be required to report back to a coach or other athletics department staff member (e.g., strength coach, trainer, manager) any information related to the activity. In addition, no athletics department staff member who observes the activity (e.g., trainer, manager) may report back to the student-athlete's coach any information related to the activity;

(b) The activity must be initiated and requested solely by the student-athlete. Neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may require the student-athlete to participate in the activity at any time. However, it is permissible for an athletics department staff member to provide information to student-athletes related to available opportunities for participating in voluntary activities (e.g., times when the strength and conditioning coach will be on duty in the weight room or on the track). In addition, for students who have initiated a request to engage in voluntary activities, the institution or an athletics department staff member may assign specific times for student-athletes to use institutional facilities for such purposes and inform the student-athletes of the time in advance;

(c) The student-athlete's attendance and participation in the activity (or lack thereof) may not be recorded for the purposes of reporting such information to coaching staff members or other student-athletes; and

(d) The student-athlete may not be subjected to penalty if he or she elects not to participate in the activity. In addition, neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may provide recognition or incentives (e.g., awards) to a student-athlete based on his or her attendance or performance in the activity.

[Note: Coaching staff members may be present during permissible skill-related instruction pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.2 and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.3.]

17.02.20 Walk-Through -- Football. In football, a walk-through is a countable athletically related activity dedicated to reviewing plays and formations. During a walk-through, it is permissible for student-athletes to simulate positioning and offensive and defensive alignments, provided no conditioning or contact activities occur. Further, it is not permissible for student-athletes to wear any protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) or use any equipment related to the sport (e.g., football, blocking sleds). However, during the preseason practice period, footballs may be used. *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 1/23/19)*

17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations.

17.1.1 Playing Season. The playing (practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the period of time between the date of an institution's first officially recognized practice session and the date of the institution's last practice session or date of competition, whichever occurs later. An institution is permitted to conduct officially recognized practice and competition each academic year only during the playing season as regulated for each sport in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw. The institution must conduct the same playing season for varsity and subvarsity teams in the same sport. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.1.1.1 Playing Season -- Athletically Related Activities. The playing (practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the only time within which an institution is permitted to conduct countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) except as set forth in Bylaws 17.1.7.2 and 17.11.6. However, a coaching staff member may engage in coaching activities with a student-athlete during the student-athlete's participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 9/29/15)*

17.1.2 Segments of Playing Season. For all sports other than football, basketball, cross country, and track and field, an institution may divide the playing season into not more than two distinct segments. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.2.1 Exception -- Severe Inclement Weather. An institution may temporarily discontinue a segment due to severe inclement weather (e.g., hurricane, snowstorm), and restart the discontinued segment provided the permissible overall length of that segment is not exceeded. An institution that uses this exception is required to annually submit a detailed summary to the NCAA national office by July 31. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

17.1.3 Declaration of Playing Season. An institution shall determine its playing season for the sports referenced under Bylaw 17.02.18 pursuant to the regulations of this article. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/23/19)*

17.1.4 Sports Subject to Segment Limitations. Playing-season segment limitations are applicable to all team sports that are listed in Bylaw 17.02.18.1 and all individual sports listed in Bylaw 17.02.18.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

17.1.5 Mandatory Medical Examination. [#] Prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning or individual workouts, or permissible required summer athletic activities in basketball and football), student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). A nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision may complete the medical examination without supervision by a physician. The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete's medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months prior to the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 5/1/07, Revised: 8/5/08, 6/5/15, 10/29/15)*

17.1.5.1 Sickle Cell Solubility Test. The examination or evaluation of student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall include a sickle cell solubility test, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 5/3/10)*

17.1.6 Sports-Safety Certified Staff Member Presence During Countable, Physical Activities. An institutional staff member with current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use must be present any time a student-athlete participates in a physical, countable athletically related activity. *(Adopted: 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.1.7 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply: *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.1 Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations -- Playing Season. A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.1.1 Exception -- Golf Practice Round. A practice round of golf may exceed the four-hours-per-day limitation, but the weekly limit of 20 hours shall remain in effect. Other countable athletically related activities may occur on the same day as a practice round, provided the total countable athletically related activities that occur on that day do not exceed five hours. A practice round played on the day prior to the start of a intercollegiate golf tournament at the tournament site shall count as three hours, regardless of the actual duration of the round. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 11/1/00, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 9/22/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 6/12/19)*

(a) **Sports Other Than Football.** Outside the playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction shall be permitted. A student-athlete's participation in such activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related workouts. All countable athletically related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period for the applicable academic term through the conclusion of the institution's academic term.

(b) **Bowl Subdivision Football.** Activities between the institution's last contest and January 1 are limited to required weight training, conditioning, review of game film and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.20). A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing of film and participating in walk-throughs. All activities beginning January 1 and outside the playing season shall be conducted pursuant to Bylaw 17.11.6.

(c) **Championship Subdivision Football.** Activities between the institution's last contest and the conclusion of the academic year are limited to required weight training, conditioning, review of game film and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.20). A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing of film and participating in walk-throughs. All activities beginning with the start of summer conditioning and outside the playing season shall be conducted pursuant to Bylaws 17.11.6.2 and 17.11.6.5.

17.1.7.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches in the student-athlete's sport may design and conduct specific workout programs for a student-athlete, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 4/28/05, 12/15/06, 10/30/13, 4/26/17)*

17.1.7.2.1.1 Exception -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, countable coaches who are certified strength and conditioning coaches may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 12/15/06, 5/4/09, 10/30/13)*

17.1.7.2.1.2 Exception -- September 15 to First Day of Classes -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction is permitted, pursuant to Bylaws 17.1.7.2, 17.1.7.2.2 and 17.1.7.2.3, during an institution's summer vacation period from September 15 to the first day of classes of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.1.7.2.1.3 Exception -- January 15 to First Day of Classes of Second Term -- Baseball and Women's Lacrosse. In baseball and women's lacrosse, required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction are permitted, pursuant to Bylaws 17.1.7.2 and 17.1.7.2.3, during an institution's vacation period from January 15 to the first day of classes of the institution's second academic term. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

17.1.7.2.1.4 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff -- Sports Other Than Football. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. If a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 5/1/11)*

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

17.1.7.2.1.5.1 Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related instruction. *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 4/28/16, 4/25/18)*

17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment: *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 4/26/17, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) After two semesters or three quarters: 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours;

(b) After four quarters: 60 quarter hours;

(c) After three semesters or five quarters: 45 semester hours or 75 quarter hours;

(d) After four semesters or six quarters: 50 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(e) After seven quarters: 58.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(f) After five semesters: 62.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(g) After eight quarters: 66.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(h) After six semesters or nine quarters: 75 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(i) After 10 quarters: 83.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(j) After seven semesters: 87.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(k) After 11 quarters: 91.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program; or

(l) After eight semesters or 12 quarters: completion of the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree requirements (no minimum grade-point average required).

17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1.1 Application to Transfer Student-Athletes. The exception to summer school enrollment does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until he or she has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13)*

17.1.7.2.1.5.1.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.2.1.5.1.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer in which a student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1), provided he or she has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.1.7.2.1.5.2 Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review. *(Adopted: 10/30/13, Revised: 4/28/16)*

17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment: *(Adopted: 10/30/13, Revised: 4/26/17, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) After two semesters or three quarters: 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours;

(b) After four quarters: 60 quarter hours;

(c) After three semesters or five quarters: 45 semester hours or 75 quarter hours;

(d) After four semesters or six quarters: 50 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(e) After seven quarters: 58.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(f) After five semesters: 62.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(g) After eight quarters: 66.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(h) After six semesters or nine quarters: 75 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(i) After 10 quarters: 83.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(j) After seven semesters: 87.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(k) After 11 quarters: 91.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program; or

(l) After eight semesters or 12 quarters: completion of the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree requirements (no minimum grade-point average required) or the institution certifies that the student-athlete is enrolled in all remaining degree-applicable credit hours in the ensuing fall term.

17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1.1 Application to Transfer Student-Athletes. [FBS/FCS] The exception to summer school enrollment does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until he or she has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 10/30/13)*

17.1.7.2.1.5.2.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.2.1.5.2.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer in which a student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2), provided he or she has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.1.7.2.2 Skill Instruction -- Sports Other Than Football. Participation by student-athletes in skill-related instruction in sports other than football is permitted outside the institution's declared playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year [see Bylaw 17.1.7.2-(a)]. In basketball, skill-related instruction shall not be publicized and shall not be conducted in view of a general public audience. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/9/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/27/98, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 10/30/08, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/25/18, 8/1/18)*

17.1.7.2.3 Conditioning Activities. Conditioning drills per Bylaw 17.1.7.2 that may simulate game activities are permissible, provided no offensive or defensive alignments are set up and no equipment related to the sport is used. In ice hockey, a student-athlete may be involved in on-ice conditioning activities and use protective equipment (e.g., pads, helmets, sticks), provided no puck, projectile or other similar object is used. In swimming and diving, a student-athlete

may be involved in in-pool conditioning activities and swim-specific equipment (e.g., starting blocks, kickboards, pull buoys) may be used. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/29/15)*

17.1.7.2.4 Exception -- Draft Combine Invitation -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a student-athlete who has entered a professional league's draft and has been invited to attend the league's draft combine may participate in countable athletically related activities for up to four hours per day and 20 hours per week from the date of receipt of the invitation to participate in the combine until the date on which the student-athlete withdraws from the professional league's draft or the date of the league's deadline to withdraw from its draft, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 1/14/16)*

17.1.7.3 Computation and Recording of Hour Limitations.

17.1.7.3.1 Definition of Day. A "day" shall be defined as a calendar day (12 a.m. through 11:59 p.m.). *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.3.2 Competition Day. All competition and any associated athletically related activities on the day of competition shall count as three hours regardless of the actual duration of these activities.

17.1.7.3.2.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities Prohibited After Competition. Countable athletically related activities may not be conducted at any time (including vacation periods) following competition, except between contests, rounds or events during a multiday or multievent competition (e.g., double-headers in softball or baseball, rounds of golf in a multiday tournament). *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 4/13/09)*

17.1.7.3.3 Definition of Week. A "week" shall be defined as any seven consecutive days to be determined at the institution's discretion and shall be sport specific. Once the institution determines the seven-day period that shall constitute its week, it shall not change that designation for the remainder of the segment. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/22/14)*

17.1.7.3.4 Hour-Limitation Record. Countable hours must be recorded on a daily basis for each student-athlete regardless of whether the student-athlete is participating in an individual or team sport. Any countable individual or group athletically related activity must count against the time limitation for each student-athlete who participates in the activity but does not count against time limitations for other team members who do not participate in the activity. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.3.5 Preseason Practice. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during preseason practice prior to the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.3.5.1 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, on one day in every seven days during the preseason practice period (prior to the institution's first day of classes or seven days before the institution's first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier) a student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to not more than two hours of off-field meetings or film review. Daily and weekly hour limitations on countable athletically related activities shall apply beginning with the institution's first day of classes or seven days before the institution's first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.3.6 Vacation Periods and Between Terms. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during an institution's term-time official vacation period, as listed in the institution's official calendar, and during the academic year between terms when classes are not in session. If such vacation periods occur during any part of a week in which classes are in session, the institution is subject to the daily and weekly hour limitations during the portion of the week when classes are in session and must provide the student-athletes with a day off (see Bylaw 17.1.7.4), which may be a vacation day. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.1.7.3.7 Final-Examination Periods. Daily and weekly hour limitations apply to countable athletically related activities during final-examination periods and to all official preparatory periods leading to final-examination periods. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.3.8 Multisport Participant. A multisport student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities is limited to a maximum of four hours per day and a total of 20 hours per week. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.1.7.4 Required Day Off -- Playing Season. During the playing season, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during participation in one conference

and postseason championship and any postseason bowl games or National Invitation Tournaments, and during participation in NCAA championships. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 2/1/05)*

17.1.7.4.1 Travel Day. A travel day related to athletics participation may be considered as a day off, provided no countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) occur during that day. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.4.2 Canceled Competition. When an institution's competition is canceled prior to the start of competition or canceled prior to the competition being considered a completed event in accordance with the playing rules of that sport, an institution may use that day as its required day off, provided the institution does not engage in any further countable athletically related activities during that day. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

17.1.7.4.3 Preseason Practice -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, an institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during preseason practice that occurs prior to the first day of classes, or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.4.4 Preseason Practice -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, or seven days before the institution's first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. (See Bylaw 17.1.7.3.5.1.) *(Adopted: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.4.5 Vacation Period. It is permissible to use a vacation day to satisfy the day-off-per-week requirement. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

17.1.7.4.6 Non-NCAA Postseason Championship. The one-day-off-per-week requirement is applicable to a non-NCAA postseason championship (e.g., national governing body championship) unless the event is open only to intercollegiate teams or intercollegiate competitors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

17.1.7.4.7 Multiple Conference Championships. An institution that participates in multiple conference championships is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement in the one conference championship that it exempts from its maximum contest limitations. *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

17.1.7.4.8 Exception -- Three Contests in Seven-Day Period. If an institution's team participates in three contests or dates of competition in a seven-day period, an institution is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement, provided the student-athletes do not engage in any countable athletically related activities for two days during either the preceding or the following week. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.7.5 Required Days Off -- Outside of the Playing Season. Outside of the playing season during the academic year, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) are prohibited during two calendar days per week. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.1.7.6 Required Day Off -- Playing Season. [A] During the playing season, all required athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.14) shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during participation in one conference and postseason championship and any postseason bowl games or National Invitation Tournaments, and during participation in NCAA championships. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted on the day off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.6.1 Travel Day. [A] A travel day related to athletics participation may not be considered as a day off. This restriction shall apply to any calendar day on which travel associated with any countable athletically related activity occurs, regardless of the distance or duration of travel. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.6.1.1 Exception -- Return Travel Following Away-From-Home Competition -- Midnight to 5 a.m. [A] A day on which return to campus travel occurs between midnight and 5 a.m. from away-from-home competition may be considered as a day off, provided no required athletically related activities occur for a continuous 24-hour period starting from the time all participating student-athletes have been officially released following the return to campus. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.6.1.2 Exception -- Travel To or From Hawaii or Alaska. [A] An institution may use an athletically related travel day to or from Hawaii or Alaska as a day off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.6.2 Canceled Competition. [A] When an institution's competition is canceled prior to the start of competition or canceled prior to the competition being considered a completed event in accordance with the playing rules of that sport, an institution may use that day as its required day off, provided the institution does not engage in any further required athletically related activities during that day. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.6.3 Preseason Practice -- Sports Other Than Football. [A] In sports other than football, an institution shall provide student-athletes with one day off per week during preseason practice that occurs prior to the first day of classes, or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.6.4 Preseason Practice -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, or seven days before the institution's first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier; however, on one day in every seven days during the preseason practice period, a student-athlete's participation in required athletically related activities shall be limited to not more than two hours of off-field meetings or film review. *(Adopted: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.6.5 Vacation Period. [A] An institution shall provide student-athletes with one day off per week during a vacation period when classes are not in session. It is permissible to use a vacation day to satisfy the day-off-per-week requirement. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.6.6 Non-NCAA Postseason Championship. [A] The one-day-off-per-week requirement is applicable to a non-NCAA postseason championship (e.g., national governing body championship) unless the event is open only to intercollegiate teams or intercollegiate competitors. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.6.7 Multiple Conference Championships. [A] An institution that participates in multiple conference championships is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement in the one conference championship that it exempts from its maximum contest limitations. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.6.8 Exception -- Three Contests in Seven-Day Period. [A] If an institution's team participates in three contests or three dates of competition in a seven-day period, an institution is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement, provided the student-athletes do not engage in any required athletically related activities for two days during either the preceding or the following week. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.7.6.9 Exception -- Life-Skills Activities Involving Multiple Sports. [A] Required life-skills activities that involve multiple sports and are formally organized by the athletics department (e.g., life skills department, athletics director's office) are permitted on a student-athlete's day off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.7 Required Days Off -- Outside of the Playing Season. [A] Outside of the playing season during the academic year, all required athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.14) are prohibited during two calendar days per week. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted on the days off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

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17.1.7.8 Additional Required Days Off. [A] An institution shall provide a student-athlete with 14 additional days off during the playing season (including vacation periods during the season) or outside the playing and practice season during a regular academic term when classes are in session. Required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days. However, a student-athlete may participate in voluntary activities. The seven-day discretionary period (see Bylaw 17.1.7.10.7) at the conclusion of the championship segment does not count toward this requirement. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted during the days off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.8.1 Multisport Student-Athletes. [A] An institution shall provide a multisport student-athlete with a minimum of fourteen additional days off over the course of the academic year when classes are in session, regardless of the number of sports in which he or she participates. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.8.2 Exception -- Quarter Institutions. [A] For a quarter-system institution, in sports that use a 144-day or 156-day playing and practice season and for which the NCAA championship is conducted in the spring, the institution may provide a student-athlete up to seven days off during the period from September 15 to the institution's first day of classes for the fall quarter (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2). *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.8.3 Exception -- Life-Skills Activities Involving Multiple Sports. [A] Required life-skills activities that involve multiple sports and are formally organized by the athletics department (e.g., life skills department, athletics director's office) are permitted on a student-athlete's day off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.9 Three-Day Period -- Basketball. [A] In basketball, an institution shall provide student-athletes with three consecutive days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (e.g., winter break). Required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days. *(Adopted: 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.7.9.1 Exception – Participation in Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event. [A] One time during a four-year period, if an institution participates in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw

17.4.5.2.1) that occurs during the institution's official vacation period after the first term when classes are not in session (e.g., winter break), the institution shall not be required to provide student-athletes with three consecutive days off. *(Adopted: 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.7.10 Additional Restrictions.

17.1.7.10.1 No Class Time Missed in Conjunction with Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Baseball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Women's Beach Volleyball, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball. In baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, women's beach volleyball, soccer, softball and volleyball, no class time shall be missed in conjunction with nonchampionship segment competition, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities). *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 10/20/14 effective 1/1/15, 7/31/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.10.1.1 Exception -- Institution Located in Hawaii. The provisions of Bylaw 17.1.7.10.1 do not apply to an active member institution located in Hawaii. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.1.7.10.1.2 Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel to Hawaii or Alaska -- Once Every Four Years. A student-athlete may miss class time in conjunction with an institution's use of the once-in-four years exception for the use of any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.1.7.10.2 No Class Time Missed for Practice Activities. No class time shall be missed at any time (e.g., regular academic term, mini term, summer term) for practice activities except when a team is traveling to an away-from-home contest and the practice is in conjunction with the contest. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 5/13/10)*

17.1.7.10.2.1 Exception -- Championship Practice. At any conference or NCAA championship, student-athletes from the team representing the host institution shall be permitted to miss class time to attend practice activities conducted the day before the competition. *(Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 4/26/01)*

17.1.7.10.3 Preseason Off-Campus Intrasquad Games Prohibition. Preseason off-campus intrasquad games shall be prohibited in all sports. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 8/11/11)*

17.1.7.10.4 Publicity of Preseason Off-Campus Practice Activities. An institution may publicize off-campus preseason practice activities that are conducted at a single designated site, provided the institution normally conducts preseason practice activities at that particular site. *(Adopted: 8/11/11)*

17.1.7.10.5 Countable Athletically Related Activities Between Midnight and 5 a.m. Countable athletically related activities shall not occur between midnight and 5 a.m. *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

17.1.7.10.5.1 Exceptions. Countable athletically related activities may occur between midnight and 5 a.m. under the following circumstances: *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

(a) During participation in a conference championship or an NCAA championship;

(b) Participation in any competition that begins before midnight and concludes after midnight; or

(c) Participation in a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season).

17.1.7.10.6 Required Athletically Related Activities Between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. [A]

17.1.7.10.6.1 Required Activities Other Than Competition. [A] Required athletically related activities other than competition (and associated activities) shall not occur during a continuous eight-hour period between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.10.6.1.1 Exceptions. [A] The following required athletically related activities other than competition (and associated activities) are not subject to the continuous eight-hour period restriction: *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) During participation in a regular-season multiday contest, event or tournament, conference championship, other postseason championship or an NCAA championship;

(b) Required athletically related activities in the locale of an away-from-home competition on the day before the competition if the institution's team arrives in the locale the day before the competition;

(c) Participation in a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season);

(d) Participation in recruiting activities, including student-host duties;

(e) Participation in required life-skills and team-building activities; or

(f) Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or academically related activities (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions).

17.1.7.10.6.2 Home Competition That Concludes After 9 p.m. [A] Once a student-athlete is officially released from team obligations following a home contest after 9 p.m. (local time), the institution must provide the student-athlete a continuous eight-hour period during which required athletically related activities are prohibited. If necessary, an institution may schedule travel to an away-from-home contest within the eight-hour period after release following a home contest. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.10.6.3 Away-From-Home Competition -- Return to Campus After 9 p.m. [A] If a student-athlete returns to campus after 9 p.m. (local time) from an away-from-home competition, the institution must provide the student-athlete a continuous eight-hour period during which required athletically related activities are prohibited. The eight-hour period begins when the student-athlete returns to campus and is officially released from team obligations. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.10.7 Seven-Day Discretionary Period After Championship Segment. [A] Required athletically related activities shall be prohibited for a seven-day period beginning the day after a student-athlete's or team's last contest of the championship segment. During this period, a student-athlete may only participate in voluntary activities. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted during this period. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.10.7.1 Exception -- Team Meeting. [A] A team may conduct one end-of-season meeting during the seven-day discretionary period, provided no countable athletically related activities occur. *(Adopted: 1/24/19)*

17.1.7.10.7.2 Exception -- Training for Elite National and International Events. [A] During the seven-day period, a student-athlete who has qualified for an elite national or international event (see Bylaw 16.8.1.2) may participate in individual-workout sessions conducted by a coaching staff member, provided the student-athlete initiates the request to participate in the workout sessions. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.10.7.3 Multisport Student-Athletes. [A] A multisport student-athlete may participate in required athletically related activities in a different sport during the seven-day discretionary period. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.10.8 Off-Campus Practice Unrelated to Away-From-Home Competition During Vacation Period. [A] Off-campus practice (other than practice at an institution's regularly used off-campus practice facilities and other than the winter-training trip in women's rowing) unrelated to an away-from-home competition shall be prohibited during an institutional vacation period outside the institution's championship playing season. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.11 Exception -- Eligibility Exhausted. A student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility in a sport, but is eligible for practice under the five-year rule, is not subject to the time limits of Bylaw 17.1.7. *(Adopted: 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.1.8 Student-Athlete Time Management Plan. [A] An institution shall develop a student-athlete time management plan for each varsity intercollegiate sport in which the Association sponsors a championship or that is an emerging sport for women. The student-athlete time management plan shall include, at a minimum, policies to ensure that: *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) Student-athletes are provided adequate notice of all countable athletically related activities and other required athletically related activities.

(b) Schedules for all countable athletically related activities and other required athletically related activities are developed through a collaborative process involving student-athletes, coaches and senior athletics department staff members.

(c) Student-athletes are provided adequate notice of changes to a previously established schedule for countable athletically related activities and other required athletically related activities.

17.1.8.1 Annual Review. [A] An institution shall conduct an annual end-of-year review of each sport's student-athlete time management plan. The institution's director of athletics, faculty athletics representative, the sport's head coach and at least one student-athlete representative shall be involved in the review. The review shall include, at a minimum, an evaluation of the extent to which the student-athletes were free from all athletically related activities, other than those initiated by student-athletes, during the required eight-hour overnight period and all required days off. The findings of each annual review shall be reviewed by the institution's president or chancellor. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.8.2 Enforcement Implications for Actions Contrary to Institutional Policy. [A] As it relates to compliance with institutional policy in a student-athlete time management plan, an institution shall only be held accountable through the NCAA infractions process for actions that clearly demonstrate a disregard for its stated policies. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.9 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 8/11/98, 4/26/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/28/10, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **Makeup Contests.** An institution is not permitted to extend the playing season to make up suspended or canceled games (including games that determine a conference champion or the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship);

(b) **NCAA or NAIA Championships Participation in Team Sports.** Neither practice for nor participation in any NCAA or NAIA championship event (including play-in contests conducted pursuant to NCAA championships) is considered part of the institution's declared playing season. A member institution that has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship event may continue to practice (but may not compete against outside competition) beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation until it is determined by the appropriate committee whether the institution will be selected to participate in the NCAA championship competition. An institution that is not selected to participate in the NCAA championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of that championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season;

(c) **NCAA Championships Participation in Individual Sports.** Only appropriate squad members considered necessary for effective practice by the individual(s) preparing for the NCAA championships may continue to practice without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation;

(d) **Post-NCAA Championships Participation.** Following the conclusion of an NCAA (or NAIA) championship in a sport, an institution may resume practice and/or competition in the sport, provided it is continuing its permissible playing season in the sport and provided the activity occurs during the academic year;

(e) **Conference Championships.** Conference championships must be included within the institution's playing season;

(f) **Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Participation.** Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation; except that practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1, practice and competition for one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.4 and practice and competition for the National Invitational Softball Championship, for the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women's Lightweight Rowing Championship, the National Invitational Volleyball Championship, the College Swimming Coaches Association of America National Invitational and the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitations in those sports;

(g) **Foreign Tours.** Participation by a member institution on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31) need not be included within the institution's declared playing-season limitation in the sport.

17.1.9.1 Combining Segments. In those sports that have different contest limitations in the segment concluding with the NCAA championship and the other segment, a member institution that conducts a single continuous segment in a sport (rather than dividing its playing season for that sport into two distinct segments as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.2) shall be limited to the number of contests or dates of competition permitted only for the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.1.10 Use of Tobacco Products. The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during a practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.2 Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling.

Regulations for computing the women's acrobatics and tumbling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's acrobatics and tumbling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's acrobatics and tumbling prior to the institution's first day of classes for the fall term. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling prior to February 1. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in women's acrobatics and tumbling by the conclusion of the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association National Championships. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.2.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling during the playing season to twelve dates of competition, which may not include not more than two triangular meets, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3 and 17.3.5.4. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.30), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than twelve dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity team of the institution). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship;

(b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event. A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) **Alumni Contest.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Fundraising Activity.** Any acrobatics and tumbling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs; provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's women's acrobatics and tumbling team who participate in local celebrity acrobatics and tumbling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(g) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for acrobatics and tumbling as a U.S. national team; and

(h) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition conducted in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales.

17.2.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.2.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by an institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.6.2 Vacation-Period and Summer Workout Exception. A coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for the assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when a student-athlete is engaged in individual skill work. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's acrobatics and tumbling who may be employed (e.g., as camp counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9 Other Restrictions.

17.2.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.2.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's acrobatics and tumbling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside acrobatics and tumbling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's acrobatics and tumbling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate women's acrobatics and tumbling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in women's acrobatics and tumbling may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may compete on an outside amateur acrobatics and tumbling team. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's acrobatics and tumbling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur acrobatics and tumbling team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.2.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of an institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's acrobatics and tumbling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the development program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the development program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.2.9.2 Equipment Issues, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.3 Baseball.

Regulations for computing the baseball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.3.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in baseball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

17.3.1.1 Championship Segment. An institution's championship segment must consist of consecutive days and may exclude only required days off per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

17.3.1.2 Nonchampionship Segment. An institution's nonchampionship segment shall be conducted within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days during the months of September, October and November under the following conditions: *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

(a) Days used for practice or competition must be counted toward the 132-day season, but are not required to be consecutive;

(b) Days during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities and/or in skill-related instruction are not required to count toward the 132-day season;

(c) During any week in which practice or competition occurs, a student-athlete's involvement in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week and all countable athletically related activities are prohibited during one calendar day per week; and

(d) Any week in which practice or competition does not occur shall be considered outside the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2).

17.3.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in baseball prior to the following dates: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, 4/30/09)*

(a) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 1.

(b) **Championship Segment.** The Friday that is three weeks prior to the first permissible contest date for the championship segment.

17.3.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in baseball prior to the following dates: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, 1/15/09, 4/30/09)*

(a) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 1.

(b) **Championship Segment.** The Friday in February that is 14 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day (see Figure 17-2), except that a single alumni contest may be played any time after the first permissible practice date of the championship segment.

17.3.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in baseball by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball 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, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.3.5.3 and 17.3.5.4. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.3.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in baseball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.3.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 56 baseball contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and two contests during the nonchampionship segment (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.3.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of baseball contests shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in baseball (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA baseball championship);

(b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference baseball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA baseball championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;

(c) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) baseball championship;

(d) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before NCAA championships;

(e) **Alumni Game.** One baseball contest each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One baseball contest each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any games played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any baseball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's baseball team who participate in local celebrity baseball activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(j) **U.S. National Team.** One game played against any team selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in baseball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.3.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.3.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.3.1, except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.3.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.3.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in baseball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.3.8 Other Restrictions.

17.3.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.3.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in baseball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside baseball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate baseball competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate baseball competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.3.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.3.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than four student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate baseball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur baseball team

(competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.3.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.3.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's baseball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1 and 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.3.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.3.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.3.8.3 Varsity Squad Size Limitation -- Championship Segment. An institution shall declare a varsity squad of a maximum of 35 student-athletes by the day prior to its first scheduled contest in the championship segment of the playing and practice season. Only those student-athletes who are declared as varsity squad members at that time shall be eligible to participate in countable athletically related activities with the varsity squad during the remainder of the championship segment. Declared varsity squad members shall not participate in countable athletically related activities with an institution's subvarsity team (e.g., freshman, junior varsity). A student-athlete who is a counter (per Bylaw 15.5.1) must be included in the varsity squad limit. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 10/22/07)*

17.3.8.3.1 Exception -- Season-Ending Injury. An institution may replace a varsity squad member who sustains a season-ending injury prior to the institution's first scheduled competition in the championship segment, provided medical documentation verifies the student-athlete suffered an incapacitating injury or illness and is unable to participate in team practice and competition for the remainder of the academic year. The student-athlete selected as a replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall academic term. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18)*

17.3.8.3.1.1 Application to Replaced Student-Athlete. A student-athlete 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: *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

(a) Participation in limited on-field activities (e.g., hitting fungoes, shagging balls);

(b) Dress in uniform and be in the dugout during home 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.

17.3.8.3.2 Exception -- Voluntary Withdrawal. An institution may replace a varsity squad member who voluntarily (on his own initiative) withdraws from the team for personal reasons before the institution's first scheduled competition in the championship segment. A student-athlete's request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal. The student-athlete selected as a replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall term. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, Revised: 10/12/18)*

17.4 Basketball.

Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.4.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in basketball shall be limited to the period of time between the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.4.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.4.4). (See Bylaw 17.4.3 for restrictions on first contest date.)

17.4.2 Preseason Practice -- On-Court Practice. An institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before the date that is 42 days before the date of the institution's first regular-season contest. An institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities before its first regular-season contest. Any countable athletically related activities (e.g., conditioning, skill-related instruction) that occur within the 42-day period shall

count against the 30 days of countable athletically related activities. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/29/10, 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, 5/2/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/15/14, 1/18/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.4.2.1 Permissible Conditioning Activities. Team conditioning or physical-fitness activities supervised by coaching staff members may be conducted on or off court but shall not begin prior to the beginning of the institution's academic year in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.7.2. Such activities shall be limited to eight hours per week. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/92, 1/16/93, 1/11/94)*

17.4.2.2 Prohibited Activities. Prior to the start of on-court preseason basketball practice per Bylaw 17.4.2, members of the institution's coaching staff may not be involved with one or more team members at any location in any of the following activities except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.7.2.2 and 17.4.6: *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/92, 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 9/23/05)*

(a) Setting up offensive or defensive alignments;

(b) Chalk talks;

(c) Discussions of game strategy;

(d) Reviewing game films or videotapes;

(e) Activities using basketball equipment; or

(f) Observing student-athletes in any basketball activities even if such activities are not arranged by the institution's coach.

17.4.2.2.1 Exception -- Team Promotional Activities. Team promotional activities (e.g., autograph sessions, fan picture sessions, meeting with fans) per Bylaw 12.5.1 are permissible prior to the start of on-court preseason basketball practice per Bylaw 17.4.2, provided these promotional arrangements do not involve any of the practice activities prohibited under the provisions of Bylaw 17.4.2.2. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.4.2.2.2 Exception -- Officiating Clinic. Prior to the start of on-court preseason basketball practice per Bylaw 17.4.2, student-athletes may observe an officiating clinic related to playing rules that is conducted by video conference, provided no student-athlete misses class time to observe the clinic. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.4.3 First Contest. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball prior to the Tuesday immediately before the second Friday of November (see Figure 17-2). *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/18/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.4.3.1 Presidential Election Years. If the first permissible contest date falls on an Election Day that includes a U.S. general presidential election, an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Wednesday immediately before the second Friday of November. *(Adopted: 6/26/19 effective 8/1/20)*

17.4.3.2 Exceptions. The following basketball contests (games or scrimmages) are permitted prior to the first contest dates specified under Bylaw 17.5.3: *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/11/97, 4/22/98, 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 10/28/99, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/12/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 3/2/09)*

(a) **Practice Scrimmage.** An informal practice scrimmage with outside competition exempted per Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(h) may occur at any point during the permissible playing and practice season (see Bylaw 17.5.1), provided it is conducted in privacy and without publicity or official scoring. Individuals other than athletics department staff members and those necessary to conduct a basketball practice scrimmage against outside competition may not be present during such a scrimmage. The institution shall ensure that the scrimmage is free from public view. No class time shall be missed by basketball student-athletes in conjunction with such a scrimmage, including all associated activities (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities); and

(b) **Exhibition Against a Non-NCAA Division I Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest exempted per Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(g) may occur after the date on which an institution may commence on-court preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.5.2).

17.4.4 End of Playing Season. A member institution's last contest (game or scrimmage or postseason tournament contest) with outside competition in basketball shall not be played after the respective Division I Basketball Championship game. However, an institution may not continue to practice (or compete against outside competition) in basketball beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), unless it has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship or other postseason national championship event. An institution not selected to participate in the championship or an institution that loses in the championship may not continue to practice until the conclusion of the championship event.

17.4.5 Number of Contests.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.4.5.5): *(Adopted: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.)*

(a) 28 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1) that does not exceed three contests per team;

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1) that does not exceed two contests per team; or

(c) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.4.5.1.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which: *(Adopted: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.)*

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the National Association of Basketball Coaches;

(b) The event includes not more than three contests per institution. An event in which each institution participates in three contests must conclude not later than 10 days after the first contest of the event. An event in which each institution participates in two contests must conclude not later than five days after the first contest of the event;

(c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period;

(d) Each participating institution is using the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.5.5.2-(a) or (b)] as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event;

(e) Each participating institution must participate in the same number of contests in the event; and

(f) The event may include a non-Division I institution as a participant only if the non-Division I institution serves as the host of the event.

17.4.5.1.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.5.5.2-(a) or (b), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such institutions use the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.5.5.2-(a) or (b)] as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event. *(Adopted: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.)*

17.4.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.5.5.3): *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.)*

(a) 27 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1; or

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.4.5.2.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which: *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.)*

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the Women's Basketball Coaches Association;

(b) The event includes not more than four contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;

(c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period; and

(d) Each participating institution is using Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(a) as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event.

17.4.5.2.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(a), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such institutions use Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(a) as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event. *(Adopted: 6/13/06, Revised: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.)*

17.4.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests: *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) **Conference Season-End Tournament.** A regularly scheduled, season-end, single-elimination basketball championship tournament conducted by a conference (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA basketball tournament) among some or all of its members.

(b) **Postseason Tournament.** Contests in one postseason basketball tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship) unless the institution has participated in the Men's National Invitation Tournament or the Women's National Invitation Tournament. A postseason tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;

(c) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference basketball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA basketball championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;

(d) **Automatic-Qualification Contests.** Contests between conference champions that are provided by action of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee in order to determine selection for automatic qualification into the Division I Men's Basketball Championship;

(e) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before NCAA championships;

(f) **Regular-Season Contest Against Alaska/Hawaii Member.** One regular-season game in Hawaii or Alaska versus a member institution located in that state;

(g) **Exhibition Against a Non-NCAA Division I Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest against a four-year collegiate institution (other than an NCAA Division I institution) played in the arena in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests. An institution may exempt two such contests during any year in which it does not use the exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(h), or it may exempt one such contest and one practice scrimmage as defined in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(h) each year; and

(h) **Practice Scrimmage.** An informal practice scrimmage with outside competition, provided it is conducted in privacy and without publicity or official scoring. Individuals other than athletics department staff members and those necessary to conduct a basketball practice scrimmage against outside competition may not be present during such a scrimmage. The institution shall ensure that the scrimmage is free from public view. No class time shall be missed by basketball student-athletes in conjunction with such a scrimmage, including all associated activities (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities). An institution may exempt two such practice scrimmages during any year in which it does not use the exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(g), or it may exempt one such practice scrimmage and one exhibition contest against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution each year.

17.4.5.4 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than 28 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1) that does not exceed three contests per institution, 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's

varsity, junior varsity or freshman team. *(Adopted: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.)*

17.4.5.5 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in basketball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.32), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Revised: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.)*

17.4.5.5 Foreign Tour. The games played on a foreign basketball tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of contests, provided the tour is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.32. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.4.5.7 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than either 27 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1 or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.)*

17.4.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. In basketball, student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's playing season except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.4.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 9/27/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.4.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in basketball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics. Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (See Bylaw 13.12 for restrictions on such employment.) *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94)*

17.4.8 Other Restrictions.

17.4.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. A student-athlete shall be ruled ineligible for intercollegiate basketball competition if the student participates in any organized basketball competition except while representing the member institution or except as permitted in accordance with Bylaw 17.33.3.

17.4.8.2 Maximum Number of Student-Athletes on Outside Team. Following is the maximum number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may compete on an outside team: *(Revised: 4/27/00, 1/22/20)*

(a) State or national multisport events -- 2.

(b) Foreign tour (outside team or all-star team) -- 2.

(c) Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs and competition -- No limitations.

(d) Summer basketball team in certified league -- 2 [see Bylaw 17.33.4.1-(e)].

17.4.8.3 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's basketball team except as provided in Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.4.8.4 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

17.4.8.5 Celebrity Sports Activity. A limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's basketball team may participate in local celebrity sports activities, other than in basketball, conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(a) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(b) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(c) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.5 Women's Beach Volleyball. Regulations for computing the women's beach volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's beach volleyball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.1.1 Women's Volleyball Student-Athletes Participating in Women's Beach Volleyball. Women's volleyball student-athletes listed as participants for women's beach volleyball must participate fully in women's beach volleyball practices. If student-athletes are practicing women's volleyball skills unrelated to women's beach volleyball, such practices must be counted in the institution's established segment in women's volleyball. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's beach volleyball prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's beach volleyball prior to the following dates: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

(b) **Championship Segment.** The Thursday that is 10 weeks before the Thursday immediately preceding the start of the National Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Championship (see Figure 17-2).

17.5.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's beach volleyball by the conclusion of the recognized national intercollegiate beach volleyball championship events. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.5.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.5.5.3 and 17.5.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.5.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than four other Division I institutions that sponsor beach volleyball located within 400 miles of the institution, 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 other institutions and four. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.5.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every two years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.5.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's beach volleyball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.5.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's beach volleyball shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff in women's beach volleyball;

(b) **Season-Ending Championship Tournament.** Competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in women's beach volleyball (e.g., National Collegiate Beach Championships). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;

(e) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition played in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any women's beach volleyball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds to benefit the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's women's beach volleyball team who participate in local celebrity activities in women's beach volleyball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for women's beach volleyball as a U.S. national team.

17.5.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in women's beach volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.5.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's beach volleyball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.8 Other Restrictions.

17.5.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.5.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's beach volleyball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside women's beach volleyball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's beach volleyball competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate women's beach volleyball competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in women's beach volleyball may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.8.1.2 Out of Season. An institution may permit not more than two student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's beach volleyball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's beach volleyball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.5.8.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's beach volleyball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 4/28/11, 7/31/15, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.5.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.6 Women's Bowling.

Regulations for computing the bowling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in bowling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.6.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in bowling prior to October 1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.6.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in bowling prior to October 1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.6.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in bowling by the conclusion of the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/31/03)*

17.6.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.6.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in bowling during the institution's bowling playing season to 32 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.6.5.3 and 17.6.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.6.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in bowling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 32 dates of competition in bowling (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.6.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in bowling shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 2/24/03, 10/31/03, 10/5/10)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in bowling;

(b) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the National Collegiate Bowling Championship;

(c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any bowling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's bowling team who participate in local celebrity bowling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.6.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31.

17.6.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.6.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.6.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.6.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in bowling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.8 Other Restrictions.

17.6.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.6.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in bowling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.6.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur team (competition on an

outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.6.8.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1,17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.6.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.6.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.7 Cross Country.

Regulations for computing the cross country playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.7.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in cross country shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of multiple segments (each consisting of at least one week) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.7.1.1 Track and Field Student-Athletes Participating in Cross Country. Track and field student-athletes listed as participants for cross country must participate fully in cross country practices. If student-athletes are practicing in track and field events unrelated to cross country, such practices must be counted in the institution's established segment in track and field. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

17.7.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in cross country prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/07, 4/14/03)*

17.7.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in cross country prior to September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday (see Figure 17-2). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 4/15/97)*

17.7.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in cross country by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.7.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.7.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in cross country during the institution's cross country playing season to seven dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.7.5.3 and 17.7.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.7.5.1.1 Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the cross country playing season to seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.7.5.1.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor cross country (without indoor or outdoor track and field) located within 400 miles of the institution, 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 other institutions and five. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.7.5.1.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.7.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in cross country in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.7.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than seven cross country dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.7.5.2.1 Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An individual student-athlete who attends an institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field may participate during each academic year in seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted in cross country and five dates of competition during another segment. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.7.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in cross country shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in cross country;

(b) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA cross country championships;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) cross country championships;

(c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in cross country each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in cross country each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any cross country activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's cross country team who participate in local celebrity cross country activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in cross country as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.7.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.7.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.7.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.7.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by

student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.7.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.7.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in cross country who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.7.8 Other Restrictions.

17.7.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.7.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in cross country who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside cross country team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate cross country competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate cross country competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.7.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.7.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate cross country who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur cross country team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.7.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.7.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's cross country team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.7.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.7.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.8 Women's Equestrian.

Regulations for computing the equestrian playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.8.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in equestrian shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in equestrian prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in equestrian prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in each segment in equestrian by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.8.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in the sport of equestrian during the institution's playing season to 15 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), which may include not more than five two-day competitions, which shall each count as a single date of competition. These limitations do not include those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.8.5.3 and 17.8.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.8.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in equestrian in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 15 dates of competition, which may include not more than five two-day competitions, which shall each count as a single date of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.8.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in equestrian shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 2/24/03, 7/6/05)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in equestrian;

(b) **Season-Ending Championship Event.** Competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in equestrian;

(c) **Alumni Show/Event.** One date of competition in equestrian each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in equestrian each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition in equestrian in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any equestrian activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's equestrian team who participate in local celebrity equestrian activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.8.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in equestrian on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.8.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by

student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.8.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 6/10/11, 4/25/18)*

17.8.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses equestrian equipment. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in equestrian who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.9 Other Restrictions.

17.8.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.8.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in equestrian who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside equestrian team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate equestrian competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate equestrian competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.8.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate equestrian who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur equestrian team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.8.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's equestrian team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.8.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.8.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/10/05)*

17.9 Fencing.

Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.9.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in fencing shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.9.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in fencing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.9.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in fencing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.9.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (matches or practice matches) in fencing by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.9.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.9.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in fencing during the permissible fencing playing season to 11 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.9.5.2 and 17.9.5.3 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.9.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in fencing in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.9.5.1.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 11 dates of competition in fencing. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.9.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in fencing shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03)*

(a) **Season-Ending Tournament.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships;

(2) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending fencing tournament (e.g., conference championship, regional tournament) other than an NCAA fencing championship;

(b) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in fencing each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(c) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in fencing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(d) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in fencing in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(e) **Fundraising Activity.** Any fencing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's fencing team who participate in local celebrity fencing activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(g) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in fencing as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.9.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.9.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.9.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.9.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official

interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.9.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.9.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses fencing equipment. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.9.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in fencing who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.9.9 Other Restrictions.

17.9.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.9.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in fencing who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside fencing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., fencing tournament, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate fencing competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate fencing competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.9.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.9.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate fencing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur fencing team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.9.9.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.9.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining with the institution's fencing team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.9.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.9.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.10 Field Hockey.

Regulations for computing the field hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.10.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in field hockey shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.10.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in field hockey prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest (not

a scrimmage, exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before that first scheduled regular-season contest). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/14/03, 6/17/15)*

17.10.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. A member institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in field hockey prior to the Friday prior to the 11th weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship, except that an alumni contest may be played the weekend prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/10/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/24/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 12/14/07, 6/17/15)*

17.10.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmage/Exhibition Games. An institution may play three field hockey scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.10.1 (including the preseason practice period) and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.10.5.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.10.5.3 shall count against the maximum if they are played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 12/14/07, Revised: 6/17/15)*

17.10.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in field hockey by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.10.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.10.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.10.5.3 and 17.10.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.10.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor field hockey located within 400 miles of the institution, 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 other institutions and five. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.10.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.10.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable field hockey contests or dates of competition in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests or dates of competition played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.10.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 field hockey contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in field hockey during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*

17.10.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition in field hockey shall exclude the following (unless such contests are played pursuant to Bylaw 17.10.3.1): *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 12/14/07)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in field hockey (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA field hockey championship);

(b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference field hockey championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA field hockey championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;

(c) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship;

(d) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;

(e) **Alumni Game.** One contest or date of competition in field hockey each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One contest or date of competition in field hockey each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any contests or dates of competition played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member institution located outside the area in question;

(h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any field hockey activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's field hockey team who participate in local celebrity field hockey activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director;

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus; and

(j) **U.S. National Team.** One contest or date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in field hockey as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.10.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.10.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.10.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.10.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.10.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in field hockey who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.10.8 Other Restrictions.

17.10.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.10.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside field hockey team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate field hockey competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate field hockey competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.10.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.10.8.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in field hockey may compete outside an institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98)*

(a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;

(b) The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed five;

(c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics; and

(d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition.

17.10.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate field hockey to practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur field hockey team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.10.8.1.1.1 and 17.10.8.1.1.2). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.10.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from the institution's field hockey team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.10.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.10.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.11 Football. [FBS/FCS]

Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.11.1 Length of Playing Season. [FBS/FCS] The length of an institution's playing season in football shall be limited to the period of time between the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.11.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.11.4), except as provided in Bylaw 17.11.6 (see Bylaw 17.11.3 for restrictions on first contest dates).

17.11.2 Practice. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.2.1 First Practice Date. [FBS/FCS] An institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, before 29 days before its first scheduled intercollegiate game. Before its first scheduled intercollegiate game, an institution may not engage in more than 25 on-field practices. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/14/03, 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, 4/28/05, 1/18/18, 6/11/18)*

17.11.2.1.1 Exception. [FBS/FCS] An institution that has prohibitions against athletics activities during a specific day of the week due to religious reasons, may start official preseason football practice sessions one day earlier than the date determined pursuant to Bylaw 17.11.2.1. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 5/1/05)*

17.11.2.1.2 Limit on Number of Participants. [FBS/FCS] There is limit of 110 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or prior to the fifth day before the day of the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 12/15/06, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

17.11.2.1.2.1 Replacement of Student-Athlete Who Voluntarily Withdraws. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who has voluntarily withdrawn from an institution's team, has departed the practice site and no longer will engage in any preseason activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the preseason practice limitation. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 4/25/18)*

17.11.2.1.2.2 Replacement of Student-Athlete Due to Injury or Illness. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the preseason practice limitation. The replaced student-athlete shall cease participation in all athletically related activities (including team meetings and film review) and shall not resume participation in athletically related activities before the institution's first day of classes or prior to the fifth day before the day of the institution's first contest, whichever occurs first. The replaced student-athlete may continue to receive preseason practice expenses. *(Adopted: 1/17/09, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.11.2.1.2.3 Exception -- National Service Academies -- Bowl Subdivision. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, there is no limit on the number of student-athletes who will be attending a national service academy and who may engage in preseason practice activities. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.11.2.1.2.4 Junior Varsity Exception -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution that sponsors a junior varsity team that competes in at least four intercollegiate contests is not subject to the preseason practice limitation. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

17.11.2.2 Academic Orientation -- First-Time Participants -- Bowl Subdivision. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution must establish an academic orientation period for those student-athletes who are beginning their initial seasons of eligibility for football practice at the institution. The period shall include not fewer than six hours of academic orientation. The academic orientation period requirement may be satisfied through the following options: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/27/06, 12/15/06, 1/4/08)*

(a) An institution may conduct the required academic orientation period any time prior to or during the five-day acclimatization period for student-athletes enrolled in summer classes or participating in summer conditioning activities prior to the student-athlete's first season of eligibility in football at the certifying institution;

(b) An institution may establish an academic orientation day on the day prior to the start of the five-day acclimatization period. On the day designated for the sole purpose of academic orientation, student-athletes may engage only in academic-related activities, which may include compliance-related activities (e.g., reviewing NCAA eligibility requirements, signing the Student-Athlete Statement and Drug-Testing Consent Form). An institution may conduct medical examinations, issue equipment and take individual photographs of participating student-athletes after the evening meal on the academic orientation day; or

(c) An institution may conduct the academic orientation period during the five-day acclimatization period. The orientation activities may be conducted on more than one day during the five-day period but must be conducted for the equivalent of one day (not fewer than six hours).

17.11.2.3 Academic Orientation -- First-Time Participants -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution must establish an academic orientation period for those student-athletes who are beginning their initial seasons of eligibility for football practice at the institution. The period shall include not fewer than six hours of academic orientation. The academic orientation period requirement may be satisfied through the following options: *(Adopted: 4/28/16)*

(a) An institution may conduct the required academic orientation period any time before or during the five-day acclimatization period for student-athletes enrolled in summer classes or participating in summer conditioning activities before the student-athlete's first season of eligibility in football at the certifying institution;

(b) An institution may establish an academic orientation day on the day before the start of the five-day acclimatization period. On the day designated for the sole purpose of academic orientation, student-athletes may engage only in academic-related activities, which may include compliance-related activities (e.g., reviewing NCAA eligibility requirements, signing the Student-Athlete Statement and Drug-Testing Consent Form). An institution may conduct medical examinations, issue equipment and take individual photographs of participating student-athletes after the evening meal on the academic orientation day;

(c) An institution may conduct the academic orientation period during the five-day acclimatization period. The orientation activities may be conducted on more than one day during the five-day period but must be conducted for the equivalent of one day (not fewer than six hours); or

(d) Student-athletes may participate in an institutional orientation session open to all incoming students at any time prior to or during the five-day acclimatization period. The session must be conducted in-person and must include a minimum of six hours of academic content.

17.11.2.4 Five-Day Acclimatization Period. [FBS/FCS] In football, preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including walk-ons who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice or who begin practice at any other point in the playing season, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 7/18/05, 12/13/05, 4/27/06, 12/15/06, 1/4/08, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17, 1/18/18, 6/11/18, 1/23/19)*

(a) An institution may not conduct administrative activities (e.g., team pictures, etc.) other than those permitted prior to or on the academic orientation day (e.g., compliance-related activities, medical examinations, individual photographs) prior to the first permissible date of practice. Conditioning, speed, strength or agility tests may not occur on any day prior to the start of the five-day acclimatization period.

(b) During the five-day period, participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length.

(1) Exception -- During the five-day acclimatization period, an institution has the option of conducting one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length, or one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning or agility tests) per day, not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. In addition, an institution may conduct one one-hour walk-through session (during which footballs may be used) per day of the acclimatization period pursuant to Bylaw 17.02.20. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any sessions (testing, practice or walk-through) occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time. If an institution conducts only a walk-through on a particular day during the acclimatization period, that day does not count toward the required five days of acclimatization, but the walk-through counts toward the limit of 25 on-field practices in the preseason practice period.

(c) First-time participants and continuing students shall not be required to practice separately.

(d) During the first two days of the acclimatization period, helmets shall be the only piece of protective equipment student-athletes may wear. During the third and fourth days of the acclimatization period, helmets and shoulder pads shall be the only pieces of protective equipment student-athletes may wear. During the final day of the five-day period and on any days thereafter, student-athletes may practice in full pads.

17.11.2.4.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. [FBS] First-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) who will be attending a national service academy and who have completed basic military training immediately prior to preseason practice are not required to complete the five-day acclimatization period. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 12/15/06)*

17.11.2.5 Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period. [FBS/FCS] The remaining preseason practice period shall be conducted as follows: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 12/15/06, 4/24/14, 4/14/17)*

(a) After the five-day period, an institution may practice in full pads. However, an institution may not conduct multiple on-field practice sessions on the same day;

(b) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities per day; and

(c) Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between an on-field practice session and a walk-through. During this time, student-athletes may not engage in physical athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting). Time spent in team meetings, film review, receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

17.11.2.5.1 Exception -- "Walk-Throughs." [FBS/FCS] During the preseason practice period after the five-day acclimatization period, a walk-through is not considered an on-field activity for purposes of the limit on the number of hours of on-field practice activities. If a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 25 on-field practices in the preseason practice period. In championship subdivision football, on-field walk-throughs shall not exceed a total of two hours per day. Footballs may be used during walk-throughs in the preseason practice period. *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 8/7/03, 12/13/05, 12/15/06, 4/24/14, 4/26/17, 1/18/18, 6/11/18, 1/23/19)*

17.11.3 First Contest. [FBS/FCS] An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day (see Figure 17-2). *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 5/12/05)*

17.11.3.1 Exception -- Institutions That Compete in Hawaii. [FBS/FCS] An institution that is scheduled to play a regular-season game in Hawaii may play its first permissible contest with outside competition on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day. If the institution's first opponent of the season is not a member institution located in Hawaii, the institution's first opponent of the season may also play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

17.11.3.2 Exception -- Nationally Televised Contest -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution may participate in a nationally televised (broadcast or cable; not Internet only) contest against a nonconference opponent during the weekend (Saturday-Sunday) before the Thursday preceding Labor Day. Participation in such a contest is limited to one institution per conference per year. An institution that participates in such a contest for two consecutive years may not participate in such a contest in the following year. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

17.11.4 End of Playing Season. [FBS/FCS] A member institution's last contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football shall not be played after the second Saturday or the following Sunday in December, except for the following: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/99, 4/27/06, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 6/8/15)*

(a) **Spring Practice Scrimmage.** One scrimmage or contest at the conclusion of spring practice, provided the game is with a team composed of bona fide alumni or students or both; and

(b) **Postseason Games, NCAA and NAIA Championships, International Competition and Celebration Bowl.** Permissible postseason games that meet the requirements of Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook or those games played in the Division I Football Championship; football contests played on a foreign tour certified by the member institution; or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football championships. In championship subdivision football only, a member institution's last contest also may include participation in the Celebration Bowl.

17.11.4.1 Celebration Bowl Restrictions. [FCS] All members of the Mid-Eastern and Southwestern Athletic Conferences shall participate in the Division I Football Championship, if eligible and selected for participation, and members of those conferences that participate in the Division I Football Championship also shall not participate in the Celebration Bowl during the same year. The Celebration Bowl may be conducted on the same weekend as the Division I Football Championship, provided there is no conflict in the time of the contests. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 8/5/99, 12/15/06, 6/8/15)*

17.11.4.2 Final Date for Postseason Game. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, the postseason football games in Bylaw 17.11.4-(b) must be played not later than the second Monday in January. In championship subdivision football, the postseason games in Bylaw 17.11.4-(b) must be played not later than the Sunday before the second Monday in January. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 2/1/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06, 6/8/15, 7/27/16)*

17.11.5 Number of Contests. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, a member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to 12 contests (games or scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii, under Bylaw 17.30.2, and except as provided for all members under Bylaw 17.11.5.2. In championship subdivision football, a member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to 11 contests (games or scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii, under Bylaw 17.30.2, and except as provided for all members under Bylaw 17.11.5.2. Twelve football contests shall be permissible during those years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible playing date through the last playing date in November (e.g., 2019, 2024, 2025). *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/02, 8/5/99 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06)*

17.11.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. [FBS/FCS] A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in football in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada, Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.11.5.1.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, an individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 12 football contests. In championship subdivision football, an individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 11 football contests, except that 12 football contests shall be permissible during those years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible playing date through the last playing date in November (e.g., 2019). This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/5/99 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06)*

17.11.5.2 Annual Exemptions. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.5.2.1 Bowl Subdivision. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, the maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

(a) **Spring Game.** One contest at the conclusion of the spring practice period [see Bylaw 17.11.4-(a)], provided the contest is against a team composed of bona fide alumni or students or both;

(b) **Conference Championship Game.** One conference championship game:

(1) Between division champions of a conference that is divided into two divisions (as equally balanced in number as possible) and conducts round-robin, regular-season competition in each division; or

(2) Between the top two teams in the conference standings following full round-robin regular-season competition among all members of the conference.

(c) **Bowl Games.** One postseason game that meets the requirements of Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook;

(d) **Additional Football Bowl Subdivision Postseason Game.** One postseason game between the winners of two exempted postseason bowl games per Bylaw 17.11.5.2.1-(c). The participants in the two post-season bowl games will be selected by Football Bowl Subdivision conferences and independent institutions.

(e) **NAIA Championship.** Games play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) football championship;

(f) **Foreign Tour.** The football games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31;

(g) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any football games played in Hawaii, Alaska, or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a Division I member institution located outside the areas in question; and

(h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's football team who participate in local celebrity football activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.11.5.2.2 Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, the maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, Adopted: 1/10/91, 1/19/92, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, 2/16/00, 12/15/06, 10/28/10, 6/8/15)*

(a) **Spring Game.** One contest at the conclusion of the spring practice period [see Bylaw 17.11.4-(a)], provided the contest is against a team composed of bona fide alumni or students or both;

(b) **Celebration Bowl.** Participation in the Celebration Bowl held between representatives of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference, which shall meet the reporting requirements set forth in Bylaw 18.7.2 in order to be exempt;

(c) **Twelve-Member Conference Championship Game.** A conference championship game between division champions of a member conference of 12 or more institutions that is divided into two divisions (of six or more institutions each), each of which conducts round-robin, regular-season competition among the members of that division;

(d) **Championship Subdivision Conference Tournament.** A conference-sponsored, season-ending postseason tournament (one between teams that are not identified until the end of the preceding regular season), not to exceed one contest for any member institution. This provision does not preclude an institution from participating in a conference-sponsored season-ending postseason tournament and additional postseason football opportunities (e.g., NCAA Championship, Celebration Bowl) during the same season;

(e) **NCAA Championship.** Games played in the NCAA Division I Football Championship;

(f) **NCAA Championship Play-in-Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;

(g) **NAIA Championship.** Games play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) football championship;

(h) **Foreign Tour.** The football games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31;

(i) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any football games played in Hawaii, Alaska, or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a Division I member institution located outside the areas in question; and

(j) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's football team who participate in local celebrity football activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.11.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. [FBS/FCS] Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2): *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, 3/10/04, 1/8/07 effective 5/1/07)*

17.11.6.1 Conditioning Activities -- Bowl Subdivision. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, student-athletes may participate in conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2 as follows: *(Revised: 1/16/10)*

17.11.6.1.1 January 1 Until the Start of Preseason Practice. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, between January 1 and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice, an institution shall conduct its out-of-season conditioning period as follows: *(Adopted: 4/14/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, 12/15/06, 1/14/08, 1/16/10, 7/1/11, 12/6/11, 10/30/13, 4/26/17, 1/23/19)*

(a) An institution shall designate eight weeks as student-athlete discretionary time (see Bylaw 17.02.15). The designated eight weeks (each week must be seven consecutive calendar days) must be placed on file in writing in the department of athletics prior to January 1. An institution is permitted to designate institutional vacation periods (e.g., holiday break, spring break) as student-athlete discretionary time.

(b) Required conditioning, weight-training activities, review of game film and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.20) shall remain permissible during the academic year outside the eight weeks designated as student-athlete discretionary time. A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing of game film and participating in walk-throughs.

(c) Spring football practice per Bylaw 17.11.6.5 shall remain permissible outside the eight weeks.

(d) An institution shall designate nine consecutive weeks between the conclusion of the academic year and its reporting date for preseason practice as its summer conditioning period. During this nine-week period, institutions shall designate one week as student-athlete discretionary time (in addition to the eight weeks already designated).

(e) During the remaining eight weeks of the summer conditioning period, student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1 and prospective student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 13.11.3.7. Such activities are limited to eight hours per week. In addition, student-athletes may participate in required summer athletic activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2.

(f) All remaining days between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice that are not part of the institution's designated summer conditioning period and not already designated as student-athlete discretionary time shall be considered student-athlete discretionary time.

17.11.6.1.1.1 National Service Academies. [FBS] National service academies shall be subject to the restrictions governing conditioning activities in Bylaw 17.11.6.1.1, except that they shall be able to designate nine weeks of student-athlete discretionary time between January 1 and the start of the preseason practice period. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 12/15/06)*

17.11.6.2 Conditioning Activities -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, student-athletes may participate in conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2. Between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for the preseason practice, an institution shall conduct its summer conditioning period as follows: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 1/14/08, 1/16/10, 10/30/13)*

(a) An institution shall designate nine consecutive weeks as its summer conditioning period. During this nine-week period, institutions shall designate one week as student-athlete discretionary time.

(b) During the remaining eight weeks of the summer conditioning period, student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1 and prospective student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 13.11.3.7. Such activities are limited to eight hours per week. In addition, student-athletes may participate in required summer athletic activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2.

(c) All remaining days between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice that are not part of the institution's designated summer conditioning period and not already designated as student-athlete discretionary time shall be considered student-athlete discretionary time.

17.11.6.3 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. [FBS/FCS] A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition, a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) must be present during all voluntary conditioning activities (running, not lifting) conducted by the institution's strength coach. The sports medicine staff member must be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate. *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03)*

17.11.6.4 Postseason Practice Session. [FBS/FCS] An institution may conduct one postseason practice session before the end of the institution's academic year for the purpose of conducting a professional tryout or workout activity, subject to the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) A student-athlete may not miss class to participate;

(b) The session shall be conducted on the institution's campus or in facilities regularly used by the institution for practice or competition;

(c) The session shall not involve contact and student-athletes shall not wear protective equipment (e.g. helmet, shoulder pads, spider pads, padded undergarments); and

(d) The amount of time that a student-athlete is involved in such countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours.

17.11.6.5 Spring Practice. [FBS/FCS] Fifteen postseason practice sessions [including intrasquad scrimmages and the spring game permitted in Bylaw 17.11.5.2-(a)] are permissible. An institution is not required to count as one of its 15 designated days any day during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities, review of game film and/or walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.20). Practice sessions must meet the following conditions: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/13/98, 6/21/01, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/17)*

(a) All practice sessions are conducted within a period of 34 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced on the institution's calendar and days during which the institution is closed due to inclement weather.

(b) Any such practice sessions held during vacation days may not be of longer duration than those normally held when academic classes are in session.

(c) Only 12 of the practice sessions may involve contact, and such contact shall not occur prior to the third practice session.

(d) The noncontact practice sessions may involve headgear as the only piece of protective equipment.

(e) Of the 12 permissible contact sessions, eight sessions may involve tackling, and not more than three of the eight tackling sessions may be devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11 scrimmages.

(f) Tackling shall be prohibited in four of the 12 contact sessions. An institution has the discretion to determine the practice activities (other than tackling) that may occur during the four contact nontackling sessions as well as the protective equipment to be worn by the student-athletes.

(g) If an institution conducts a "spring game" per Bylaw 17.11.5.2-(a), the game shall be counted as one of the three sessions that may be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.

(h) The amount of time that a student-athlete may be involved in such postseason countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

17.11.6.6 Summer Practice. [FBS/FCS] Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 9/27/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.11.7 Camps or Clinics. [FBS/FCS] There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in football who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 5/9/06, 12/15/06, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

17.11.8 Other Restrictions. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.8.1.1 During Academic Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete in football who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside football team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate football competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate football competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 4/22/14)*

17.11.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

17.11.8.2 Postseason Football Contests. [FBS/FCS] A member institution shall not participate in any noncollegiate or nonconference-sponsored postseason football game unless it satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook. *(Revised: 2/1/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12)*

17.12 Golf.

Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.12.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in golf shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.12.1.1 Exception -- East Lake Cup. Participation in the East Lake Cup is excluded from an institution's 144-day season. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.12.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in golf before September 1 or five days before the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

17.12.2.1 Exception -- Fall Conference Championship. An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship in golf during the fall may commence practice August 24 or the first day in which classes are scheduled for the institution's fall term, whichever date occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99)*

17.12.2.2 Exception -- Topy Cup. An institution selected to participate in the Topy Cup may commence practice sessions five days before the practice round of the event. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

17.12.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (match or practice match) with outside competition in golf before September 1 or five days before the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

17.12.3.1 Exception -- Topy Cup. An institution may participate in the Topy Cup before the date specified for the first date of competition in Bylaw 17.12.3. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

17.12.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in golf by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Golf Championships. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.12.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.12.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in golf during the permissible golf playing season to 24 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.12.5.2 and 17.12.5.3 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/12/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.12.5.1.1 Tournament Limitations. [#] No tournament shall exceed three days. A "college-am" fundraiser may be excluded from this limitation, provided the event is held the day prior to a three-day tournament and no practice round is played prior to the day of the "college-am." *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.12.5.1.2 Determination of Date of Competition. An institution shall be considered to have used a date of competition in golf if five or more student-athletes participate on behalf of the institution or any number of student-athletes contribute to a team score on a particular date. *(Revised: 1/15/09 effective 8/1/09)*

17.12.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in golf in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except

for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.12.5.1.4 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 24 dates of competition in golf (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/12/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.12.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91, Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 1/23/20)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in golf;

(b) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) golf championships;

(c) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Golf Championships;

(d) **Alumni Match.** One date of competition in golf each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(e) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in golf each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(f) **Hawaii or Alaska.** The dates of competition of one event (e.g., dual competition, tournament) in golf in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(g) **Fundraising Activity.** Any golf activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams or in which team members of that sport participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's golf team who participate in local celebrity golf activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(i) **College-Am Event.** A "college-am" golf tournament, provided the event is held in conjunction with intercollegiate competition and student-athletes do not receive awards or prizes for such participation;

(j) **Conference Playoff.** Conference playoff competition involving institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single conference championship playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry into an NCAA championship without the event being counted as a postseason tournament;

(k) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for golf as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);

(l) **College All-American Golf Classic.** Competition in the College All-American Golf Classic shall be exempt, provided not more than two student-athletes from the institution participate and the event is limited to two dates of competition;

(m) **East Lake Cup.** Competition in the East Lake Cup; and

(n) **Augusta National Women's Amateur.** Competition in the Augusta National Women's Amateur.

17.12.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt a foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.12.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.12.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91)*

17.12.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by an institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.12.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.12.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in golf who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.12.8 Other Restrictions.

17.12.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.12.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in golf who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside golf team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate golf competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate golf unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 10/3/05)*

17.12.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.12.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate golf who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur golf team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.12.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.12.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's golf team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.12.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.12.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

17.13 Gymnastics.

Regulations for computing the gymnastics playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.13.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in gymnastics shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.13.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in gymnastics prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.13.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in gymnastics prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.13.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in gymnastics by the conclusion of the USA Gymnastics or National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) collegiate gymnastics championships, whichever is later. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97, 4/27/00)*

17.13.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.13.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in gymnastics during the permissible gymnastics playing season to 13 dates of competition except for the dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.13.5.2 and 17.13.5.3 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.13.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable gymnastics dates of competition in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.13.5.1.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 13 dates of competition in gymnastics. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.13.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in gymnastics shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 2/24/03)*

(a) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one of the following season-ending gymnastics tournaments: NCAA championship, the USA Gymnastics Championship, the National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) College Gymnastics Championship or the Women's National Invitational Tournament. A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(b) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in gymnastics;

(c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in gymnastics each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in United States.** One date of competition in gymnastics each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in gymnastics in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any gymnastics activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's gymnastics team who participate in local celebrity gymnastics activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for gymnastics as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.13.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. The contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.13.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.13.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.13.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.13.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.13.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses gymnastics equipment. The coach may provide safety instruction and skill instruction, but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.13.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in gymnastics who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.13.9 Other Restrictions.

17.13.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.13.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in gymnastics who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside gymnastics team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate gymnastics competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate gymnastics competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.13.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.13.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate gymnastics who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur gymnastics team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.13.9.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.13.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's gymnastics team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.13.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.13.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.14 Ice Hockey.

Regulations for computing the ice hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 5/30/08)*

17.14.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in ice hockey shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off

days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.14.2 Preseason Practice. In men's ice hockey, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to the Saturday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. In women's ice hockey, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to the Saturday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/04, 3/16/07)*

17.14.3 First Contest. In men's ice hockey, an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Saturday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. In women's ice hockey, an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Saturday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship. (See Figure 17-2.) *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 3/16/07)*

17.14.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in each segment in ice hockey by the last day of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.14.5 Number of Contests.

17.14.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's ice hockey playing season to 34 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.14.5.3 and 17.14.5.4. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.14.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in ice hockey in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.14.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 34 contests (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.14.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of ice hockey contests shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 11/22/04, 1/14/08, 4/25/18, 1/22/20)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in ice hockey (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA ice hockey championship);

(b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA ice hockey championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;

(c) **NCAA Championships.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship and the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship;

(d) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before NCAA championships;

(e) **Alumni Game.** One ice hockey contest each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One ice hockey contest each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(g) **Hall of Fame Game.** The one ice hockey game between two Division I intercollegiate teams conducted by the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame;

(h) **U.S. Olympic or Paralympic Team.** One ice hockey contest each year against the U.S. Olympic or Paralympic ice hockey team during that team's training for participation in the Winter Olympics;

(i) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any games played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(j) **Fundraising Activity.** Any ice hockey activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds

for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(k) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's ice hockey team who participate in local celebrity ice hockey activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(l) **U.S. National Team.** One game played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for ice hockey as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team); and

(m) **Hockey Commissioners Association/Ice Breaker Tournaments.** Competition in the men's or women's Ice Breaker Tournament sponsored by the Hockey Commissioners Association.

17.14.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.14.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.14.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.14.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.14.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in ice hockey who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.14.8 Other Restrictions.

17.14.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.14.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in ice hockey who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside ice hockey team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate ice hockey competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate ice hockey competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.14.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.14.8.1.1.2 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team. In women's ice hockey, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in up to two contests against the U.S. Women's National Ice Hockey Team in the 12 months prior to the Winter Olympic Games, provided the student-athlete is academically eligible for intercollegiate competition at the time of the competition. *(Adopted: 1/17/09)*

17.14.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate ice hockey who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur ice hockey team, provided such competition on an outside team occurs only during the summer (except as provided in Bylaw 17.14.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.14.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's ice hockey team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.14.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.14.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.15 Lacrosse.

Regulations for computing the lacrosse playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.15.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in lacrosse shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.15.2 Preseason Practice. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **Men.** An institution shall not commence practice sessions in lacrosse prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(b) **Women.** An institution shall not commence practice sessions in lacrosse prior to the following dates:

(1) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(2) **Championship Segment.** The third Saturday in January.

17.15.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **Men.** An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in lacrosse prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(b) **Women.** An institution shall not engage in its first contest or date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in lacrosse prior to the following dates:

(1) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(2) **Championship Segment.** The Friday that is 15 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship game.

17.15.3.1 Exception -- Preseason Scrimmages/Exhibition Games -- Women's Lacrosse. In women's lacrosse, an institution may play up to three lacrosse scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.15.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.15.5.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.15.5.3 shall count against the maximum if they are played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.15.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in lacrosse by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Lacrosse Championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.15.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.15.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **Men.** An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's playing season to 17 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.15.5.3 and 17.15.5.4.

(b) **Women.** An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to 17 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.15.5.3 and 17.15.5.4.

17.15.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable contests or dates of competition in lacrosse in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests or dates of competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.15.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **Men.** An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 17 dates of competition . This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

(b) **Women.** An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 17 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

17.15.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition in lacrosse shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in lacrosse;

(b) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in an NCAA lacrosse championship;

(c) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;

(d) **Alumni Game.** One contest or date of competition in lacrosse each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(e) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One contest or date of competition in lacrosse each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(f) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any contests or dates of competition played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(g) **Fundraising Activity.** Any lacrosse activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's lacrosse team who participate in local celebrity lacrosse activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(i) **U.S. National Team.** One contest or date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for lacrosse as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.15.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.15.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.15.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.15.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.15.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in lacrosse who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.15.8 Other Restrictions.

17.15.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.15.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in lacrosse who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside lacrosse team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate lacrosse competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate lacrosse competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.15.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.15.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate lacrosse to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur lacrosse team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.15.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.15.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's lacrosse team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.15.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.15.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.16 Rifle.

Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.16.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in rifle shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.16.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in rifle prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.16.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in rifle prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.16.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in rifle by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.16.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.16.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in rifle during the permissible rifle playing season to 13 dates of competition except for those dates of

competition excluded under Bylaws 17.16.5.3 and 17.16.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.16.5.1.1 Competition That Exceeds One Day. An institution that participates in a match that exceeds one day in duration may count the multiple-day contest as a single date of competition. However, if a student-athlete fires more than one score for either smallbore rifle or air rifle during a multiple-day contest, such participation will result in a second date of competition for the institution. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.16.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rifle in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.16.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 13 dates of competition in rifle. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.16.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rifle shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03)*

(a) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Rifle Championships; and

(2) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship competition in rifle;

(b) **Alumni Match.** One date of competition in rifle each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(c) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in rifle each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(d) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in rifle in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by an active member located outside the area in question;

(e) **Fundraising Activity.** Any rifle activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's rifle team who participate in local celebrity rifle activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(g) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for rifle as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.16.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.16.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.16.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2 *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.16.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.16.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.16.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is shooting. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.16.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in rifle who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.16.9 Other Restrictions.

17.16.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.16.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in rifle who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside rifle team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate rifle competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate rifle competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.16.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.16.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate rifle who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur rifle team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.16.9.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.16.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's rifle team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.16.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.17 Women's Rowing.

Regulations for computing the rowing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) The following regulations apply independently to open and lightweight rowing programs. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.17.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in rowing shall be limited to a 156-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.17.1.1 Winter-Training Trip. A single winter-training trip, for practice only, shall be permitted between the segments, provided the trip does not exceed two weeks and is counted as part of the 156-day playing and practice season. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.17.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in rowing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.17.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in rowing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.17.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in rowing by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Rowing Championship, or for lightweight rowing, the conclusion of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women's Lightweight Rowing Championship. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01)*

17.17.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.17.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in rowing during the institution's playing season to 20 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.5.3 and 17.17.5.4. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rowing in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 20 dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rowing shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 2/24/03)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in rowing;

(b) **Season-Ending Tournament.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Women's Rowing Championship; and

(2) **Season-Ending Championship Event.** Season-ending competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate rowing championship events for which the institution is qualified and eligible to participate (e.g., Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships);

(c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in rowing each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in rowing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition in rowing in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any rowing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's rowing team who participate in local celebrity rowing activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.17.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in rowing on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31.

17.17.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.17.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.17.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses rowing equipment. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in rowing who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.9 Other Restrictions.

17.17.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.17.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in rowing who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside rowing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate rowing competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate rowing competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.17.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/16/10)*

17.17.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate rowing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur rowing team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.17.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's rowing team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and17.33.3. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.17.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/10/05)*

17.18 Women's Rugby.

Regulations for computing the rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's rugby shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's rugby prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in women's rugby prior to September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday (see Figure 17-2). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's rugby by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution or the conclusion of the USA Rugby College 7s National Championship or the Collegiate Rugby 7s National Championship, whichever occurs later. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.18.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.18.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's rugby during the institution's rugby playing season in any one year to 16 dates of competition (15-a-side and/or seven-a-side), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.6.3 and 17.17.6.4. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.5.1.1 Scrimmages/Exhibition Games. A member institution may play one rugby scrimmage or exhibition game (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled date of competition during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmage or exhibition game is conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.18.1 and is counted against the maximum number of dates of competition. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's rugby in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for dates of competition played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 rugby dates of competition (15-a-side and/or seven-a-side). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of rugby dates of competition shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in women's rugby;

(b) **National Governing Body Championship.** Competition in the rugby national governing body championship;

(c) **Alumni Contest.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any women's rugby dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against the U.S. national team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for rugby (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

(g) **Fundraising Activity.** Any rugby activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and

(h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's rugby team who participate in local celebrity rugby activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.18.5.4 Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.18.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.18.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's rugby who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.8 Other Restrictions.

17.18.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.18.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's rugby who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside rugby team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate rugby competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate rugby competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.18.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.8.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in rugby may compete outside an institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;

(b) The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed five;

(c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics; and

(d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition.

17.18.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's rugby to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur rugby team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.17.9.1.1.1 and 17.17.9.1.1.2). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's rugby team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.18.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.19 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.19.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in skiing shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. An institution that sponsors both Alpine and Nordic skiing may declare separate playing and practice seasons. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.19.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in skiing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.19.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meets or practice meets) with outside competition in skiing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.19.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in skiing by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.19.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.19.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in skiing during the permissible skiing playing season to 32 dates of competition for Alpine events and 32 dates of competition for Nordic events, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.19.5.3 and 17.19.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 4/29/04, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/18)*

17.19.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in skiing in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/18)*

17.19.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 32 dates of competition in skiing. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/18)*

17.19.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in skiing shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03)*

(a) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Skiing Championships; and

(2) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in skiing;

(b) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in skiing each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(c) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in skiing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(d) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in skiing in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(e) **Fundraising Activity.** Any skiing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's skiing team who participate in local celebrity skiing activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(g) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for skiing as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.19.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.19.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.19.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.19.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.19.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in skiing. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.19.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in skiing who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.19.9 Other Restrictions.

17.19.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.19.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in skiing who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside skiing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate skiing competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate skiing competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.19.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.19.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate skiing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur skiing team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.19.9.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.19.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining with the institution's skiing team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.19.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.19.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.20 Soccer.

Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.20.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in soccer shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.20.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions before the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) before the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest (not a scrimmage, exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before the first scheduled regular-season contest). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/14/03, 6/17/15)*

17.20.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. *(Adopted: 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 12/14/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/17/15, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) **Men.** An institution shall not play its first regular-season 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 Men's Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

(b) **Women.** An institution shall not play its first regular-season 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 (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

17.20.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmages/Exhibition Games. An institution may play up to three soccer scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.20.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.20.5.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.20.5.3 shall count against the maximum if they are played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 12/14/07, Revised: 6/17/15)*

17.20.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in soccer by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.20.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.20.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in soccer during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.20.5.3 and 17.20.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.20.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor soccer (for the applicable gender) located within 400 miles of the institution, 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 other institutions and five. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.20.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.20.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in soccer in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.20.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 soccer contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates

of competition in soccer during another segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.20.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of soccer contests and dates of competition shall exclude the following (unless such contests are played pursuant to Bylaw 17.20.3.1): *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 12/14/07)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in soccer (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA soccer championship);

(b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference soccer championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA soccer championship without the game(s) being counted as a regular-season contest or postseason tournament;

(c) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Soccer Championship;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) soccer championship;

(d) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;

(e) **Alumni Game.** One soccer contest or date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One soccer contest or date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any soccer games played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any soccer activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's soccer team who participate in local celebrity soccer activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(j) **U.S. National Team.** One contest or date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for soccer (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.20.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.20.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.20.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.20.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.20.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in soccer who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94)*

17.20.8 Other Restrictions.

17.20.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.20.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in soccer who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside soccer team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate soccer competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate soccer competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.20.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 10/31/02)*

17.20.8.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in soccer may compete outside an institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/31/02)*

(a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;

(b) The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed five;

(c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics; and

(d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition.

17.20.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate soccer to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur soccer team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.20.8.1.1.1 and 17.20.8.1.1.2). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 10/31/02)*

17.20.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's soccer team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.20.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.20.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.21 Softball.

Regulations for computing the softball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.21.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in softball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/13/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.21.1.1 Championship Segment. An institution's championship segment must consist of consecutive days and may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.21.1.2 Nonchampionship Segment. An institution's nonchampionship segment shall be conducted within a period of 45 consecutive days during the months of September, October and November under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

(a) Days used for practice or competition must be counted toward the 132-day season, but are not required to be consecutive;

(b) Days during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities and/or skill-related instruction are not required to count toward the 132-day season;

(c) During any week in which practice or competition occurs, a student-athlete's involvement in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week and all countable athletically related activities are prohibited during one calendar day per week; and

(d) Any week in which practice or competition does not occur shall be considered outside the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2).

17.21.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in softball before September 1 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is later; however, if an institution's first day of classes occurs after September 15, the institution may commence practice sessions on or after September 15. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.21.3 First Contest Date. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmages) with outside competition in softball prior to the following dates: *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)*

(a) **Nonchampionship Segment.** If the institution's first day of classes occurs on or before September 15: September 1 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is later. If the institution's first day of classes occurs after September 15: September 15.

(b) **Championship Segment.** The Thursday that is 14 weeks before the Thursday immediately preceding the start of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship (see Figure 17-2).

17.21.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in softball by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.21.5 Number of Contests.

17.21.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution's softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and eight contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.21.5.3 and 17.21.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.21.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than eight other Division I institutions that sponsor softball located within 400 miles of the institution, 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 other institutions and eight. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.21.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.21.5.1.3 Daily Contest Limitations. There shall be a limit of three on the number of contests that may be played during any one calendar day. *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

17.21.5.1.4 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in softball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.21.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 56 softball contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and eight contests during the nonchampionship segment (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.21.5.2.1 Daily Contest Limitations. There shall be a limit of three on the number of contests that may be played during any one calendar day. *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

17.21.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of softball contests shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 10/31/02)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in softball (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA Division I Softball Championship);

(b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA Division I Softball Championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;

(c) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Softball Championship;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) softball championship;

(d) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;

(e) **Alumni Game.** One softball contest each year with an alumni team of the institution;

(f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One softball contest or both games of a doubleheader each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any softball games played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member institution located outside the area in question;

(h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any softball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's softball team who participate in local celebrity softball activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(j) **U.S. National Team.** One contest or both games of a double-header against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for softball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.21.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt those softball games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31, from its maximum number of softball contests during any academic year. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.21.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.21.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.21.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.21.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in softball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.21.8 Other Restrictions.

17.21.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.21.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in softball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside softball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate softball competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate softball competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.21.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any

official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.21.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than four student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate softball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur softball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.21.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.21.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's softball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.21.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.21.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.22 Swimming and Diving.

Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.22.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season, in swimming and diving shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.22.1.1 Exception. A diving student-athlete may engage in diving sessions beyond the conclusion of the institution's 144-day playing and practice season, provided the student-athlete does not engage in countable in-season athletically related activities for more than 144 days. *(Adopted: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98)*

17.22.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in swimming and diving prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.22.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in swimming and diving prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.22.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in swimming and diving by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.22.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.22.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in swimming and diving during the institution's swimming and diving playing season to 20 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.22.5.3 and 17.22.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.22.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in swimming and diving in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.22.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.22.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in swimming and diving shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 2/24/03, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in swimming and diving (or the meet used to determine the conference's entries in an NCAA swimming and diving championships);

(b) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) swimming championships; and

(3) **College Swimming Coaches Association of America Invitational.** Competition in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Invitational.

(c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in swimming and diving each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in swimming and diving each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any swimming and diving activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's swimming and diving team who participate in local celebrity swimming and diving activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for swimming and diving as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.22.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.22.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.22.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.22.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.22.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.22.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in swimming and diving. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.22.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in swimming and diving who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.22.9 Other Restrictions.

17.22.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.22.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in swimming and diving who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate swimming and diving competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.22.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.22.9.1.1.2 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team. A student-athlete 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 student-athlete is academically eligible for intercollegiate competition at the time of the competition. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.22.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.22.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.22.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's swimming and diving team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.22.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.22.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.23 Tennis.

Regulations for computing the tennis playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.23.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in tennis shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.23.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in tennis prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.23.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in tennis prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.23.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in tennis by the conclusion of the NCAA tennis championships in the institution's division. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.23.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.23.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in tennis during the permissible tennis playing season to 25 dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.23.5.3 and 17.23.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.23.5.1.1 Dual Tennis Match. A dual tennis match in which head-to-head competition occurs between two collegiate institutions or between an intercollegiate team and an outside team shall count as one date of competition.

17.23.5.1.2 Individual Singles or Doubles Tournament Limitations -- Institutional. An individual singles or doubles tournament that does not include any team scoring or the recognition of a team champion shall count as a single date of competition (not to exceed the maximum number of tournaments noted in Bylaw 17.23.5.1) for those institutions that have more than four student-athletes competing therein, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place. If more than four student-athletes represent an institution in such tournaments at different sites on the same date, the institution must count an institutional date of competition for that date (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1). *(Revised: 10/20/08, 1/15/09 effective 8/1/09)*

17.23.5.1.2.1 Participation in Multiple Tournaments on the Same Day or Days. An institution that participates in multiple individual singles or doubles tournaments on the same day or days may select any day on which all the tournaments are conducted as one institutional date of competition. Participation in a separate event (e.g., dual match, tournament that includes team scoring) on the selected day shall be counted as follows: *(Adopted: 3/10/04, Revised: 10/15/08, 6/20/11)*

(a) If the institution participates in a separate event on the selected day, it is not required to count an additional date of competition.

(b) If the institution participates in a separate event on a day not selected as the date of competition associated with multiple individual singles or doubles tournaments, the institution is required to count an additional date of competition only if the total number of student-athletes participating in the separate event equals or exceeds the minimum participants requirement in Bylaw 20.9.6.3.

17.23.5.1.3 Participation in Tournament Played under the Team Tennis Format -- Institutional. A tournament, involving both male and female participants (comprised of not more than three men and three women), played under the rules and format of Team Tennis, shall not count as a date of competition for either the men's or women's team, regardless of the actual number of days during which competition takes place. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

17.23.5.1.4 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in tennis in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.23.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 25 dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as a single date of competition). This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.23.5.2.1 Individual Singles or Doubles Tournament Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual singles or doubles tournament that does not include any team scoring or the recognition of a team champion shall count as a single date of competition (in not more than seven tournaments) for the participating individuals, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.23.5.2.2 Individual Singles or Doubles Team Tennis Tournament Limitations -- Student-Athlete. A tournament conducted more than one day, under the rules and format of Team Tennis, shall count as one date of competition for the participating individuals, regardless of the actual number of days during which tournament competition takes place. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

17.23.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in tennis shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in tennis (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entries in the NCAA tennis championships);

(b) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Tennis Championships;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tennis championships;

(c) **Alumni Match.** One date of competition in tennis each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in tennis each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **ITA Championships.** Participation in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association men's and women's national indoor team championships;

(g) **Fundraising Activity.** Any tennis activities in which athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams or in which team members of that sport participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's tennis team who participate in local celebrity tennis activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(i) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for tennis as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.23.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.23.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.23.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.23.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.23.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.23.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in tennis who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.23.8 Other Restrictions.

17.23.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.23.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in tennis who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside tennis team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate tennis competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate tennis competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.23.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.23.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits to the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate tennis who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur tennis team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.23.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.23.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's tennis team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.23.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.23.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.24 Track and Field, Indoor/Outdoor.

Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.24.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in indoor and outdoor track and field shall be limited to the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) **Indoor Track and Field.** An institution that sponsors only indoor or outdoor track and field (but not both) or does not participate in the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants required to count both indoor and outdoor track and field in meeting division membership requirements is limited to a 144-day season for indoor and outdoor track and field combined, which may consist of multiple segments (each consisting of at least one week) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

(b) **Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field.** An institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field and participates in at least the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants required to count both sports in meeting division membership requirements is limited to a 156-day season for indoor and outdoor track and field combined, which may consist of multiple segments (each consisting of at least one week) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.24.1.1 Cross Country/Track and Field Participants. Track and field student-athletes listed as participants for cross country must participate fully in cross country practices. If student-athletes are practicing in track and field events unrelated to cross country, such practice must be counted in the institution's established segment in track and field. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

17.24.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in indoor and outdoor track and field prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.24.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in indoor and outdoor track and field prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.24.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in indoor and outdoor track and field by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.24.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.24.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in indoor or outdoor track and field during the permissible indoor or outdoor track and field playing season to 18 dates of competition. A member institution that sponsors indoor and outdoor track and field and participates in at least the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants required to count both sports in meeting divisional membership requirements shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in indoor/outdoor track and field during the permissible indoor/outdoor track and field playing season to 18 dates of competition. These limitations do not include those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.24.5.3 and 17.24.5.4

(see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 12/10/97, 3/10/04, 6/20/11)*

17.24.5.1.1 Two-Day Meets. An institution may count a maximum of six two-day meets each as a single date of competition. The institution may select either day of a two-day meet as the day on which to count the single date of competition. Participation in a separate event on either day shall be counted as follows: *(Adopted: 6/20/11)*

(a) If the institution participates in a separate event on the selected day, it is not required to count an additional date of competition.

(b) If the institution participates in a separate event on the day not selected, the institution is required to count an additional date of competition only if the total number of student-athletes participating in the separate event equals or exceeds the minimum participants requirement in Bylaw 20.9.6.3.

17.24.5.1.1.1 Competition That Exceeds Two Days. An institution that participates in a meet that exceeds two days in duration may count the first two days of competition as one of the six two-day meets that each count as a single date of competition but must count any additional days as separate dates of competition. The institution may select either of the first two days of such a meet as the day on which to count the single date of competition. Participation in a separate event on either day shall be counted as follows: *(Adopted: 3/10/04, Revised: 6/20/11)*

(a) If the institution participates in a separate event on the selected day, it is not required to count an additional date of competition.

(b) If the institution participates in a separate event on the day not selected, the institution is required to count an additional date of competition only if the total number of student-athletes participating in the separate event equals or exceeds the minimum participants requirement in Bylaw 20.9.6.3.

17.24.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.24.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 18 dates of competition in indoor or outdoor track and field. An individual student-athlete competing in indoor and outdoor track and field at a member institution that uses both indoor and outdoor track and field to meet divisional sports sponsorship requirements may participate in each academic year in not more than 18 dates of competition, which may include not more than six two-day meets that shall each count as a single date. These limitations include those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

17.24.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in indoor track and field and one such meet in outdoor track and field;

(b) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championships.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships;

(2) **NAIA Championships.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) indoor and outdoor track and field championships;

(c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any indoor or outdoor track and field activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of

which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's indoor/outdoor track and field team who participate in local celebrity track and field activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) **U.S. National Team.** Any date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for indoor/outdoor track and field as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.24.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.24.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.24.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.24.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.24.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.24.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in field events, jumping hurdles or the jumping element of the steeplechase. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 4/30/09)*

17.24.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in indoor or outdoor track and field who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.24.9 Other Restrictions.

17.24.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.24.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in indoor/outdoor track and field who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside indoor/outdoor track and field team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.24.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed seven. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.24.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur indoor/outdoor track and field team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.24.9.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.24.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete

with eligibility remaining from the institution's indoor/outdoor track and field team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.24.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.24.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.25 Women's Triathlon.

Regulations for computing the triathlon playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in triathlon shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in triathlon prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in triathlon prior to September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday (see Figure 17-2). *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in triathlon by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.25.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in triathlon during the institution's triathlon playing season to six dates of competition except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.5.3 and 17.25.5.4. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in triathlon in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than six dates of competition in triathlon, including not more than two during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in triathlon shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship or playoff in triathlon;

(b) **Season-Ending Championship.** Competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in women's triathlon. A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) **Alumni Contest.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States conducted on the course on which the member institution regularly conducts its home dates of competition;

(e) **Fundraising Activity.** Any triathlon activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's triathlon team who participate in local celebrity triathlon activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(g) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for triathlon as a U.S. national team; and

(h) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition conducted in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales.

17.25.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in triathlon during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.25.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in swimming or cycling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in triathlon who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.9 Other Restrictions.

17.25.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.25.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in triathlon who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside triathlon team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate triathlon competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate triathlon competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in triathlon may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate triathlon who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur triathlon team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.25.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with any student-athlete with eligibility remaining

from the institution's triathlon team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, Revised: 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.25.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.26 Volleyball.

Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.26.1 Length of Playing Season. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

(a) **Men.** The length of an institution's playing season in volleyball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

(b) **Women.** The length of an institution's playing season in volleyball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments.

(1) **Championship Segment.** An institution's championship segment must consist of consecutive days and may exclude only required days off per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

(2) **Nonchampionship Segment.** An institution's nonchampionship segment shall be conducted within a period of 60 consecutive calendar days (which may exclude official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition occurs) during the months of January, February, March, April and May under the following conditions:

(i) Days used for practice or competition must be counted toward the 132-day season, but are not required to be consecutive;

(ii) Days during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities are not required to count toward the 132-day season;

(iii) During any week in which practice or competition occurs, a student-athlete's involvement in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week and all countable athletically related activities are prohibited during one calendar day per week; and

(iv) Any week in which practice or competition does not occur shall be considered outside the playing season.

17.26.2 Preseason Practice -- Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's volleyball prior to the date that permits a maximum of 29 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest (excluding the early alumni match) or September 1, whichever is later. If the first scheduled contest occurs before September 1, the institution shall count back one practice unit for each day (excluding Sundays) from September 1 (beginning with August 31) through the date of the first scheduled contest. Thereafter, the institution shall apply the formula as prescribed in Bylaw 17.02.13. An institution may not begin practice in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/27/06, 6/12/07, 3/16/15)*

17.26.3 First Date of Competition -- Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's volleyball until the Friday prior to September 1. If September 1 falls on a Friday, the first permissible date of competition shall be the preceding Friday. If September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible date of competition shall be two Fridays prior to September 1. (See Figure 17-2.) An alumni match may be played during the week (Saturday-Friday) prior to the first permissible date of competition. An institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.26.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmage/Exhibition Contest. An institution may play one scrimmage or exhibition contest (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season date of competition, provided the scrimmage or exhibition contest is conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.26.1 and is counted against the maximum number of dates of competition (see Bylaw 17.26.7.1). A contest that

would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition per Bylaw 17.26.9 shall count against the maximum if it is played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season date of competition. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.26.4 Preseason Practice -- Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's volleyball prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.26.5 First Date of Competition -- Men. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's volleyball prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.26.6 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in volleyball on the following dates:

(a) **Men.** The conclusion of the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship.

(b) **Women.** The last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.

17.26.7 Number of Dates of Competition -- Women.

17.26.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the playing season to 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.9 and 17.26.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.26.7.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer that four other Division I institutions that sponsor women's volleyball located within 400 miles of the institution, 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 other institutions and four. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.26.7.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.26.7.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Women. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's volleyball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.26.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 28 dates of competition in women's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.26.8 Number of Dates of Competition -- Men.

17.26.8.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's volleyball during the playing season to not more than 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.9 and 17.26.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.26.8.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer that four other Division I institutions that sponsor men's volleyball located within 400 miles of the institution, 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 other institutions and four. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.26.8.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.26.8.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Men. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's volleyball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed

playing season. However, except for those contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.26.8.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Men. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 28 dates of competition in men's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.26.9 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in volleyball shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, Adopted: 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 9/7/07, 6/1/11)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in volleyball (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA volleyball championship);

(b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference volleyball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA volleyball championship without the date(s) of competition being counted as a postseason tournament;

(c) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship or the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) volleyball championship;

(d) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;

(e) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition in volleyball each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in volleyball each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in volleyball in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any volleyball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's volleyball team who participate in local celebrity volleyball activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(j) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for volleyball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

(k) **AVCA Volleyball Showcase.** Competition in the AVCA Volleyball Showcase.

17.26.10 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.26.11 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.26.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.26.11.1 Summer Practice. Volleyball practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.26.12 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in volleyball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.26.13 Other Restrictions.

17.26.13.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.26.13.1.1 During Academic Year -- Men and Women. A student-athlete in volleyball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside volleyball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate volleyball competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate volleyball competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.26.13.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in men's or women's volleyball may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.26.13.1.1.2 May 1 Exception -- Women's Volleyball. A student-athlete in women's volleyball may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

(a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;

(b) The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed two;

(c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics;

(d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition; and

(e) All practice and competition is confined to doubles tournaments in outdoor volleyball, either on sand or grass.

17.26.13.1.2 Out of Season. In men's and women's volleyball, a member institution may permit not more than two student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate volleyball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur volleyball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.26.13.1.1.1 and 17.26.13.1.1.2). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.26.13.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's volleyball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.26.13.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.26.13.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.27 Water Polo.

Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.27.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in water polo shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.27.2 Preseason Practice. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/11/98, 4/14/03)*

(a) **Men.** A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's water polo prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest.

(b) **Women.** A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's water polo prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

17.27.3 First Date of Competition. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/11/98)*

(a) **Men.** A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's water polo prior to the first Saturday in September (see Figure 17-2).

(b) **Women.** A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's water polo prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

17.27.4 End of Regular Playing Season. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/11/98)*

(a) **Men.** A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in men's water polo by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution.

(b) **Women.** A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's water polo by the conclusion of the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship.

17.27.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.27.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in water polo during the institution's water polo playing season to 21 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.27.5.3 and 17.27.5.4. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.27.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in water polo in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.27.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 21 dates of competition in water polo. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.27.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in water polo shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/11/98, 9/6/00, 2/24/03)*

(a) **Conference Championship -- Men and Women.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in water polo (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship or the tournament used to determine the conference's entry in the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship);

(b) **Conference Playoff -- Men and Women.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference water polo championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship or the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;

(c) **NCAA Championship -- Men.** Competition in the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship;

(d) **NCAA Championship -- Women.** Competition in the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship;

(e) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition -- Men and Women.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship or the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship;

(f) **Alumni Game -- Men and Women.** One date of competition in water polo each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(g) **Foreign Team in the United States -- Men and Women.** One date of competition in water polo each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(h) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico -- Men and Women.** For men's and women's water polo, any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;

(i) **Fundraising Activity -- Men and Women.** Any water polo activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of

which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(j) **Celebrity Sports Activity -- Men and Women.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's water polo team who participate in local celebrity water polo activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(k) **U.S. National Team -- Men and Women.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for water polo as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.27.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.27.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.27.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.27.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.27.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in water polo who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.27.8 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in water polo. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.27.9 Other Restrictions.

17.27.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.27.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in water polo who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside water polo team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate water polo competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate water polo competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.27.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may compete on an outside amateur water polo team. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

17.27.9.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in men's water polo may compete outside an institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 5/1/99)*

(a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;

(b) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics; and

(c) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition.

17.27.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur water polo team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.27.9.1.1.1 and 17.27.9.1.1.2). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

17.27.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's water polo team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.27.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.27.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.28 Men's Wrestling.

Regulations for computing the men's wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Revised: 2/24/03, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in men's wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's wrestling prior to October 10. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's wrestling prior to November 1. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in men's wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.28.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's wrestling during the permissible men's wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.28.5.3 and 17.28.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 6/20/11, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.5.1.1 Multiple-Day Competition and Dual Meets Within Three Consecutive Days. On not more than two occasions, an institution may count a multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets as one date of competition, if the following requirements are met: *(Adopted: 6/20/11, Revised: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets occur within three consecutive days; and

(b) The institution participates in not more than one multiple-day event or not more than two dual meets during the three consecutive days.

17.28.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's wrestling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in men's wrestling, which may include not more than two occasions in which a multiple-day event or two consecutive dual meets are held within three consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition (see Bylaw 17.28.5.1.1). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior

varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in men's wrestling shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Adopted: 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 9/6/00, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in wrestling (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entries in the NCAA men's wrestling championships);

(b) **Season-Ending Tournaments.**

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Championships;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) men's wrestling championships;

(c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in men's wrestling each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in men's wrestling each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any men's wrestling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's men's wrestling team who participate in local celebrity men's wrestling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for men's wrestling as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);

(i) **NWCA All-Star Meet.** One date of competition in men's wrestling each year in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) all-star meet; and

(j) **NWCA National Duals.** Competition in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) National Duals.

17.28.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.28.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.28.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.28.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.28.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.28.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in men's wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in men's wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.9 Other Restrictions.

17.28.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.28.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in men's wrestling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside men's wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate men's wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.28.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate men's wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur men's wrestling team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.28.9.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's men's wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.28.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.29 Women's Wrestling.

Regulations for computing the women's wrestling playing season set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's wrestling prior to October 10. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's wrestling prior to November 1. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in women's wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.5 Number of Dates of Competition. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's wrestling during the permissible women's wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition,

except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.29.5.3 and 17.29.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.5.1.1 Multiple-Day Competition and Dual Meets Within Three Consecutive Days. On not more than two occasions, an institution may count a multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets as one date of competition, if the following requirements are met: *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) The multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets occur within three consecutive days; and

(b) The institution participates in not more than one multiple-day event or not more than two dual meets during the three consecutive days.

17.29.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's wrestling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competitions in women's wrestling, which may include not more than two occasions in which a multiple-day event or two consecutive dual meets are held within three consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition (see Bylaw 17.29.5.1.1). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's wrestling shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament;

(b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event. A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in women's wrestling each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in women's wrestling each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any women's wrestling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's women's wrestling team who participate in local celebrity wrestling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for women's wrestling as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);

(i) **NWCA All-Star Meet.** One date of competition in women's wrestling each year in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) all-star meet; and

(j) **NWCA National Duals.** Competition in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) National Duals.

17.29.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institutions's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.30.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by an institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in women's wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camp or clinics. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9 Other Restrictions. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's wrestling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside women's wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions).
(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)

17.29.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's wrestling team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.29.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of an institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.30 and 17.33.3. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.29.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.30 Exceptions for Member Institutions Located in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

17.30.1 Practice and Playing Seasons. Member institutions located in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico shall not be required to observe the starting dates for the practice and playing seasons set forth in this bylaw, provided the amount of practice and number of contests engaged in by such institutions in each sport do not exceed the amount of practice and number of contests in each sport permitted other members of the Association.

17.30.2 Alaska/Hawaii, Additional Football Contest. Member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii shall be permitted to exceed, by one, the maximum number of football contests permitted under Bylaw 17.11.5.1 but otherwise shall conform to the same maximum number of contests and dates of competition permitted other members of the Association.

17.31 Foreign Tours.

17.31.1 Institutional Tours. A member institution may participate in competition in any sport on foreign tours. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 7/30/10, 1/23/19)*

17.31.1.1 Tour to U.S. Territory or Commonwealth. A tour to a U.S. commonwealth (e.g., Puerto Rico) or a U.S. territory (e.g., Virgin Islands) may be considered a foreign tour. *(Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.31.1.2 Timing of Tour. A tour may only be scheduled during the summer-vacation period between the institution's spring and fall terms or during an academic year vacation period (other than a Labor Day vacation period) published in the institution's official catalog. All travel to and from the foreign country must take place during such a vacation period. However, if the team crosses the international date line during the tour, the change of date will be disregarded and the equivalent time as measured in the United States will be used to determine the institution's vacation period. *(Revised: 10/18/89, 4/29/04, 10/29/04 effective 11/1/04, 5/12/05, 1/8/07, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09 a contract signed before 4/14/08 may be honored, 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.2.1 Summer Vacation Period. A foreign tour taken during the summer vacation period shall be considered to have occurred during the academic year after the summer for purposes of Bylaw 17. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.2.2 Prohibition Prior to Championship Segment. In sports in which separate dates are specified for the first permissible date of practice and the first permissible date of competition for the championship segment (e.g., women's volleyball, basketball, baseball), an institution may not engage in a foreign tour during the period beginning 30 days prior to the first permissible practice date until the first permissible date for a contest or date of competition in the championship segment in the applicable sport. In sports in which the same date is specified for the first permissible date of practice and the first permissible date of competition (e.g., gymnastics, lacrosse, swimming and diving), an institution may not engage in a foreign tour for a period of 30 days prior to the first day of the institution's declared playing and practice season (first permissible date of practice or competition) for the championship segment in the applicable sport. *(Adopted: 6/11/07, Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.2.3 Exception -- National Service Academies. In sports other than football, a national service academy may conduct a foreign tour at any time, provided: *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

(a) The tour is requested and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Department of Defense, or a direct subordinate organization;

(b) The tour is for the purpose of advancing international relations; and

(c) All missed class time is approved by the appropriate institutional authority.

17.31.1.3 Time Lapse Between Tours. An institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years. In basketball, a student-athlete shall not participate in more than one foreign tour for a particular institution. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.3.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. A national service academy shall not engage in a foreign tour conducted pursuant to Bylaw 17.31.1.2.3 more than once every three years in each sport. Such a tour shall not count toward the once-in-four-years restriction and, in basketball, shall not count as participation in a foreign tour for the participating student-athletes. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.31.1.4 Eligibility of Student-Athletes. The eligibility of student-athletes on the tour shall be governed by the following (see Bylaw 12.8.3.6): *(Revised: 8/11/98, 7/30/10, 4/26/17)*

(a) If the tour takes place during the summer, the student-athletes shall have been eligible for intercollegiate competition during the previous academic year or shall have been enrolled at the institution as a full-time student during the previous academic year and have established by the beginning of the tour that he or she is eligible for competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; or

(b) If the tour takes place after preseason practice or the academic year has started, the student-athletes shall be regularly enrolled in the institution (see Bylaw 14.2.1.1) and eligible for intercollegiate competition. A student-athlete who is subject to a transfer residence requirement is eligible to participate on a foreign tour, provided he or she is otherwise eligible for competition and was academically eligible for competition at his or her previous institution upon leaving the institution.

17.31.1.4.1 Incoming-Student Participation -- Summer Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. It is permissible for an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participate in practice conducted in preparation for the foreign tour, provided he or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour. If an incoming freshman student-athlete's initial academic eligibility qualification status has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.3.5.1. If an incoming transfer student-athlete's academic record has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.4.6.7. A student-athlete who is subject to a transfer residence requirement is eligible to participate on a foreign tour, provided he or she is otherwise eligible for competition and was academically eligible for competition at his or her previous institution upon leaving the institution. *(Revised: 5/4/05, 7/30/10, 4/26/17)*

17.31.1.5 Practice Limitation. Not more than 10 days of practice are permitted prior to departure. Practice is prohibited outside the playing season one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period for the applicable regular academic term through the conclusion of the final examination period. *(Revised: 1/14/08, 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.6 Maximum Number of Contests/Competition Dates. A team shall be limited to a maximum of three football games, 10 basketball games, or 10 contests or dates of competition in any other sport during and as part of the tour. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.6.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. A national service academy that conducts a foreign tour pursuant to Bylaw 17.31.1.2.3 shall be limited to a maximum of three contests or dates of competition during and as part of the tour. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.31.1.7 Opponents. The team shall not compete during the tour against other American teams (colleges or other U.S. teams) other than teams composed of U.S. armed forces personnel stationed at U.S. military bases in foreign countries. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.7.1 Exception -- Women's Rowing. It is permissible for rowing teams representing NCAA member institutions to compete against each other as part of the Henley Women's Regatta and the Henley Royal Regatta. *(Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 7/30/10, 4/16/12)*

17.31.1.8 Football Postseason Opportunity. [FBS/FCS] A foreign football tour shall be considered that institution's postseason opportunity for that season, the accounting period to commence with the start of the institution's normal beginning of fall football practice. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.9 Per Diem. An institution may provide a student-athlete $30 cash per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour in his or her particular sport. This expense allowance may be provided each day of the tour, up to a maximum of 21 days. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 11/1/01, 7/30/10, 1/23/19)*

17.31.1.10 Passports. An institution may purchase passports for its student-athletes that are required for travel in connection with a foreign tour, and student-athletes may retain ownership of such passports. The institution also may provide student-athletes with reasonable local transportation to obtain such passports. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.2 Outside-Team Tours. An outside team that includes student-athletes from more than one member institution may participate in international competition in any sport on a foreign tour. However, any such outside team that includes more than the following number of student-athletes from the same member institution must be certified by the institution in accordance with procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31.1. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/31/02, 5/18/05, 1/16/10)*

Baseball	4	Gymnastics	2	Softball	4
Basketball	2	Ice Hockey	4	Swimming and Diving	5
Cross Country	2	Lacrosse	5	Tennis	2
Fencing	4	Rifle	2	Track and Field	7
Field Hockey	5	Women's Rowing	4	Volleyball	2
Football	5	Skiing	4	Water Polo	4
Golf	2	Soccer	5	Wrestling	5

17.31.2.1 Institutional Foreign-Tour Limitations. A member institution shall be charged with its foreign-tour opportunity in a sport and its once-in-four-years limitation if the institution is represented by more than the number of student-athletes specified under Bylaw 17.31.2 on an outside team participating in a foreign tour in that sport.

17.32 Playing Rules. Member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. It is not mandatory that those rules be used in institutional scrimmages or other forms of practice with outside competition.

17.33 Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility. The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaw 17.02.11) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

17.33.1 Outside Competition -- Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. A student-athlete is permitted to practice on such a team. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/05)*

17.33.1.1 Exception -- Sports Other Than Wrestling. In sports other than wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.31.2. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.33.1.2 Exception -- Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.31.2. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.33.1.3 Exception -- Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Field Hockey and Men's Water Polo. In soccer, women's volleyball, field hockey and men's water polo, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98, 1/12/99 effective 5/1/99)*

(a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;

(b) In soccer, women's volleyball and field hockey, the number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.31.2;

(c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics;

(d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition; and

(e) In women's volleyball, all practice and competition is confined to doubles tournaments in outdoor volleyball, either on sand or grass.

17.33.1.4 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in up to two contests against the U.S. Women's National Ice Hockey Team in the 12 months prior to the Winter Olympic Games, provided the student-athlete is academically eligible for competition at the time of the competition. *(Adopted: 1/17/09)*

17.33.1.5 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team -- Swimming and Diving. In swimming and diving, a student-athlete 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 student-athlete is academically eligible for competition at the time of the competition. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.33.1.6 Exception -- USA Fencing National Championships. In fencing, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a USA Fencing member club team in the USA Fencing National Championships. *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

17.33.1.7 Exception -- Preseason Tryouts. A student-athlete who fails to make an institution's team during a given year after participating in limited preseason tryouts shall not be subject to the provision of Bylaw 17.33.1. *(Revised: 4/5/06)*

17.33.1.8 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, as long as the student-athlete represents only himself or herself in the competition and does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team.

17.33.1.8.1 Exception -- No Competition Before November 1 -- Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.33.1.9 Exempt Teams. In individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.18.2), such units as "pro-am" golf teams, doubles tennis teams and relay teams in track and field are not considered to be outside teams for purposes of this legislation.

17.33.1.10 Triathlon and Cross Country, Track and Field and Swimming. Triathlon and cross country are considered the same sport, triathlon and track and field are considered the same sport, and triathlon and swimming are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 17.33. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.33.1.11 Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Volleyball and beach volleyball are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 17.33. *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.33.1.12 Application of Numerical Limitations to Transfer Student-Athletes. A student-athlete who has officially withdrawn from a four-year institution and has been accepted for enrollment at a second institution does not count in the limitation on the number of student-athletes from the first institution who may compete on an outside amateur team in the applicable sport and does not count in the limitation on the number of student-athletes at the second institution who may compete on an outside amateur team in the applicable sport unless he or she is a student-athlete at that institution (e.g., has enrolled and attended classes during a summer term). *(Adopted: 4/15/14)*

17.33.2 Outside Competition -- Basketball. A student-athlete who participates in any organized basketball competition except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition in accordance with the permissible playing season specified in Bylaw 17.4 becomes ineligible for any further intercollegiate competition in basketball (see Bylaws 17.33.3 and 17.33.4 for exceptions and waivers).

17.33.2.1 Organized Basketball Competition. Outside basketball competition, including competition involving teams with fewer than five players, shall be considered "organized" if any one of the following conditions exists:

(a) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;

(b) Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance;

(c) Official score is kept;

(d) Individual or team standings are maintained;

(e) Official timer or game officials are used;

(f) Team uniforms are used;

(g) Admission is charged;

(h) A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or

(i) Competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

17.33.2.2 Individual Subject to Outside-Competition Regulations. Once a student-athlete becomes a candidate for the institution's basketball team (has reported for the squad), or if the student was recruited by a member institution in part for basketball ability and subsequently enrolls in the institution, this prohibition against outside organized basketball competition remains applicable until the student-athlete's intercollegiate basketball eligibility has been exhausted. This includes time while the student is officially withdrawn from college, fulfilling a residence requirement after transfer to another college, awaiting transfer or enrolled in a nonmember collegiate institution.

17.33.2.2.1 Exception -- 4-2-4 Transfer Participating in June Intercollegiate Event. Outside competition legislation does not apply to a 4-2-4 transfer prospective student-athlete who participates in a June intercollegiate event (see Bylaw 13.1.7.5.3). *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

17.33.2.3 Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant. Participation by a student-athlete in organized basketball competition while enrolled in a member institution and having participated in a sport other than basketball would not jeopardize the student's eligibility in basketball if the individual had not been recruited in basketball and had not participated on or been a candidate for the institution's intercollegiate basketball team.

17.33.3 Exceptions -- All Sports. The following exceptions to the outside-competition regulations are permitted: *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/9/01, 7/30/10, 1/14/12, 1/23/19, 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

(a) **High School or Two-Year College All-Star Contests.** A student-athlete may compete in a high school or two-year college all-star contest during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment in a regular term at the institution.

(b) **High School Alumni Game.** A student-athlete may compete in one game a year involving participants from the student-athlete's former high school and its alumni team. In sports other than basketball, this game must take place during an official vacation period of the institution's academic year.

(c) **Olympic or Paralympic Games.** A student-athlete may participate in the official Olympic or Paralympic Games, in final tryouts that directly qualify competitors for the Olympic or Paralympic Games, and in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic or Paralympic Games tryouts.

(d) **Official Pan American or Parapan American Games Tryouts and Competition.** A student-athlete may participate in official Pan American or Parapan American Games tryouts and competition.

(e) **U.S. National Teams.** A student-athlete may participate in official tryouts and competition involving national teams and junior national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

(f) **Official World Championships, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and World Cup Tryouts and Competition.** A student-athlete may participate in official World Championships, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and World Cup tryouts and competition.

(g) **Multisport Events.** A student-athlete may participate in officially recognized state and national multisport events.

17.33.3.1 National-Team Criteria. In applying the regulation permitting exceptions for student-athletes to participate during the institution's intercollegiate season in international competition involving national teams represented in the competition, a national team is defined as one that meets the following criteria: *(Revised: 7/30/10, 4/12/13, 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

(a) It is designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, national governing body or other organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization in that sport);

(b) Selection for such a team is made on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts, publicly announced; and

(c) The international competition in question requires that the entries officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

17.33.4 Exceptions -- Basketball. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 2/24/03, 4/14/03, Adopted: 4/24/03, 7/30/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

(a) **Summer League.** A student-athlete may compete during the period between June 15 and August 31 or the institution's opening day of classes (see Bylaw 17.02.13.3), whichever comes earlier, on a team in a league certified per Bylaw 17.33.4.1, provided the student-athlete has received written permission from the institution's athletics director (or the director's official representative) prior to participation in the league. If the student-athlete is transferring and has been officially accepted for enrollment in a second institution, and if the previous institution certifies that the student has withdrawn and does not intend to return to that institution for the next term, this written permission is to be obtained from the member institution to which the student-athlete is transferring. Under such circumstances, the student-athlete does not count on the summer-league roster as a representative of either institution unless he or she has enrolled and attended classes during the certifying institution's summer term.

(b) **Puerto Rico Superior Basketball League.** A student-athlete who is a resident of Puerto Rico may participate in the Superior Basketball League of Puerto Rico (see Bylaw 12.02.12).

(c) **United States vs. U.S. National Teams.** A student-athlete may participate in the United States against U.S. national teams.

(d) **Outside-Team Tours.** A student-athlete may participate in an outside team summer foreign basketball tour (see Bylaw 17.31.2).

(e) **Basketball Draft Combine.** A student-athlete using the draft exception set forth in Bylaw 12.2.4.2.1 may participate in a draft combine sponsored by a professional sports organization (during the summer or academic year), provided the student-athlete has received written permission from the institution's director of athletics.

17.33.4.1 Summer Basketball Leagues. In order for a summer basketball league to be certified, a certification application form must be submitted each year to the NCAA national office. To be certified, the following criteria must be met by each league: *(Revised: 10/18/89, 1/10/91, 8/2/91, 8/6/93, 1/11/94, 4/20/99, 4/27/00, 11/1/01, 1/13/03, 4/14/03, 4/29/04, 11/1/07, 10/30/08, 2/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/29/15)*

(a) **All-Star Games Prohibition.** No all-star game of any kind shall be permitted;

(b) **Geographical Limitation.** League play shall be within 100 air miles of the city limits of the student-athlete's official residence at the end of the previous academic year or the institution the student-athlete last attended as a regular student. If a league does not exist within 100 air miles of the student-athlete's residence, a student-athlete may participate in the summer league located closest to the student's official residence;

(c) **Payment Prohibition.** No member team shall make any payments for play or expenses directly or indirectly to any player;

(d) **Postseason Competition.** Postseason play-offs or tournaments shall be permitted, provided they involve intraleague competition and are completed by August 31;

(e) **Player Limitations.**

(1) **Number From Any One College.** Each team shall include on its roster not more than two players with intercollegiate basketball eligibility remaining from any two-year or four-year college (other than a Division II or Division III member institution);

(2) **Replacement of Student-Athlete Who Withdraws.** A student-athlete who is listed on the roster of a team and withdraws or is injured and will not continue to practice or compete may be replaced for the remainder of the season by another basketball student-athlete from the same institution. The institution is permitted only one replacement per team; and

(3) **One Team, One League.** All Division I student-athletes must limit their competition to one team in one league;

(f) **Revenue.** No admission shall be charged for any game, no fee shall be charged for parking to attend any game, no revenue shall be realized at any game from raffles or similar activities, and no revenue shall be realized from over-the-air or cable television or radio rights fees for any game;

(g) **Staff Limitations.**

(1) Neither the league nor any member team shall have on its staff or as a participant any person associated in any employment capacity with any two-year or four-year college, except that institutional employees who are not athletics department staff members and do not have responsibilities directly related to the athletics department may serve as game officials.

(2) Neither the league nor any member team shall have on its staff or as a participant any individual who has been found guilty or pleaded guilty in a court of law for having been involved in sports bribery, point shaving or game fixing;

(h) **Venue.** A certified league shall not be associated in any way with a venue or other entity that is associated in any way with wagering on intercollegiate athletics;

(i) **Involvement of Agents.** No individual or agency involved in the marketing of any individual's athletics reputation or ability (including an employee of an agent or anyone associated with an agent in his or her capacity of marketing any individual's athletics reputation or ability) shall be associated in any capacity with the league (or any team participating in the league);

(j) **Awards.** League participants may receive an award, provided the cost of the award is included in the participant's entry fee;

(k) **Accident Medical Insurance.** The league operator must provide proof of accident medical insurance coverage for league participants; and

(l) **Approval of League Operator or Manager.** Individuals involved in operating or managing a league must be approved in accordance with guidelines established by the NCAA basketball certification staff.

17.33.5 Collegiate All-Star Contests. A student-athlete who competes as a member of a squad in any college all-star football or basketball contest shall be denied further intercollegiate eligibility in that sport.

FIGURE 17-1

Maximum Number of Contests and Dates of Competition for Each Sport

Sport	Contests	Dates of Competition
Acrobatics and Tumbling		12
Baseball		
Championship Segment	56	
Other Segment	2	
Basketball	27 or 29 [1]	
Beach Volleyball, Women's		
Championship Segment		16
Other Segment		4
Bowling, Women's		32
Cross Country		7 [2]
Equestrian, Women's		15
Fencing		11
Field Hockey		
Championship Segment	20	
Other Segment		5
Football		
FBS	12	
FCS	11 [3]	
Golf		24
Gymnastics		13
Ice Hockey, Men's and Women's	34	
Lacrosse, Men's		17
Lacrosse, Women's		
Championship Segment	17	
Other Segment		5
Rifle		13
Rowing, Women's		20
Rugby, Women's		16
Skiing		16 (Alpine) 16 (Nordic)
Soccer		
Championship Segment	20	
Other Segment		5
Softball		
Championship Segment	56	
Other Segment	8	
Swimming and Diving		20
Tennis		
Overall		25
Individual Singles and/or Doubles Tournaments		7
Track and Field (Indoor and Outdoor)		18 [4]
Triathlon, Women's		6
Volleyball, Men's		
Championship Segment		28
Other Segment		4
Volleyball, Women's		
Championship Segment		28
Other Segment		4
Water Polo, Men's		21
Water Polo, Women's		21
Wrestling, Men's		16
Wrestling, Women's		16

[1] See Bylaw 17.3.5.1. Twenty-seven contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event or 29 contests and no qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

[2] See Bylaw 17.6.5.1.1 for institutions that sponsor men's or women's cross country but do not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field.

[3] Twelve football contests shall be permitted during those years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible playing date through the last playing date in November (see Bylaw 17.10.5.1).

[4] See Bylaw 17.23.5.1 for institutions that sponsor indoor and outdoor track and field and participate in at least the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants.

FIGURE 17-2

First Practice, Contest or Date of Competition, and End-of-Season Dates

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date or Date of Competition	End of Regular Playing Season
Acrobatics and Tumbling	The first day of classes.	February 1 of each year.	Conclusion of the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association National Championships.
Baseball (Championship Segment)	January 29, 2021; January 28, 2022; January 27, 2023	February 19, 2021; February 18, 2022; February 17, 2023	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship
(Other Segment)	September 1 of each year	September 1 of each year	November 30 of each year
Basketball, Men's	42 days before first regular-season contest	November 10, 2020; November 9, 2021; November 8, 2022 (Exceptions: See Bylaw 17.3.3.1)	NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game
Basketball, Women's	42 days before first regular-season contest	November 10, 2020; November 9, 2021; November 8, 2022 (Exceptions: See Bylaw 17.3.3.1)	NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game
Beach Volleyball, Women's (Championship Segment)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	February 25, 2021; February 24, 2022; February 23, 2022	NCAA National Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Championship
(Other Segment)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	
Bowling, Women's	October 1 of each year	October 1 of each year	Last day of final exams for the regular academic year
Cross Country	Date that permits 21 "practice units" before first scheduled date of competition	September 1, 2020; September 1, 2021; September 1, 2022	Last day of final exams for academic year
Field Hockey	Date that permits 21 "practice units" before first scheduled contest	August 28, 2020; August 27, 2021; August 26, 2022	Last day of final exams for academic year
Football	29 days before first scheduled intercollegiate game	September 3, 2020; September 2, 2021; September 1, 2022 (Exceptions: See Bylaw 17.10.3.1 and 17.10.3.2)	Second Saturday or Sunday in December (Exception: See Bylaw 17.10.4)
Golf	September 1 or five days before the first day of classes, whichever occurs earlier (Exceptions: See Bylaws 17.11.2.1 and 17.11.2.2)	September 1 or five days before the first day of classes, whichever occurs earlier (Exception: See Bylaw 17.11.3.1)	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I Golf Championships
Ice Hockey, Men's	October 3, 2020; October 2, 2021; October 1, 2022	October 3, 2020; October 2, 2021; October 1, 2022	Last day of final exams for academic year
Ice Hockey, Women's	September 19, 2020; September 17, 2021; September 17, 2022	September 19, 2020; September 17, 2021; September 17, 2022	Last day of final exams for academic year
Lacrosse, Women's (Championship Segment)	January 16, 2021; January15, 2022; January 21, 2023	February 12, 2021; February 11, 2022; February 10, 2023	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship
(Other Segment)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date or Date of Competition	End of Regular Playing Season
Rugby, Women's	Date that permits 21 "practice units" before first scheduled date of competition	September 1, 2020; September 1, 2021; September 1, 2022	Last day of final exams for academic year
Soccer, Men's	Date that permits 21 "practice units" before first scheduled contest	August 27, 2020; August 26, 2021; August 25, 2022	Last day of final exams for academic year
Soccer, Women's	Date that permits 21 "practice units" before first scheduled contest	August 20, 2020; August 19, 2021; August 18, 2022	Last day of final exams for academic year
Softball (Championship Segment)	September 1 or the first day of classes, whichever is later, or September 15 (see Bylaw 17.20.2)	February 11, 2021; February 10, 2022; February 9, 2023	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship
(Other Segment)		September 1 or the first day of classes, whichever is later, or September 15 (see Bylaw 17.20.3)	
Triathlon, Women's	Date that permits 21 "practice units" before first scheduled contest	September 1, 2020; September 2, 2021; September 1, 2022	Last day of final exams for academic year
Volleyball, Women's (Championship Segment)	Date that permits 29 "practice units" before the first intercollegiate contest (excluding an alumni match) or September 1, whichever is later	August 28, 2020; August 27, 2021; August 26, 2022	NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship game [See Bylaw 17.1.9-(b)]
(Other Segment)	January 1 of each year	January 1 of each year	Last day of final exams for academic year
Water Polo, Men's	Date that permits 21 "practice units" before first scheduled date of competition	September 5, 2020; September 4, 2021; September 3, 2022	Last day of final exams for academic year
Wrestling, Men's	October 10 of each year	November 1 of each year	Last day of final exams for academic year
Wrestling, Women's	October 10 of each year	November 1 of each year	Last day of final exams for academic year
Other Team Sports Lacrosse, Men's Rowing, Women's Volleyball, Men's Water Polo, Women's	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I or national collegiate championship, whichever is applicable
Other Individual Sports Equestrian Fencing Gymnastics Rifle Skiing Swimming and Diving Tennis Track and Field (Indoor and Outdoor)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	In gymnastics, USA Gymnastics or National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) collegiate gymnastics championships, whichever is later. In tennis, and track and field, the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Championship. In equestrian, fencing, rifle, skiing, and swimming and diving, the last day of final exams for academic year.

Championships and Postseason Football

18.01 General Principles.

18.01.1 Purpose of NCAA Championships. NCAA championships are intended to provide national-level competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions, with consideration also for approved regional structures for certain championships.

18.01.2 Postseason Competition Not Sponsored by a Collegiate Entity. Competition by member institutions in postseason contests that are not sponsored, promoted, managed and controlled by a collegiate entity shall conform to the requirements set forth in this article and all other applicable legislation of the Association, which may include penalties for violations of these requirements by sponsoring agencies.

18.02 Definitions and Applications.

18.02.1 Championships.

18.02.1.1 National Collegiate Championship. A national collegiate championship for a particular sport is postseason competition conducted by the Association for eligible student-athletes and teams of active member institutions to determine the NCAA champion in that sport for all divisions that do not have a separate division championship in that sport. A national collegiate championship is established or continued in accordance with the criteria set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4.

18.02.1.2 Division Championship. A division championship for a particular sport is postseason competition conducted by the Association for eligible student-athletes or teams of active member institutions to determine the division champion in that sport. A division championship is established or continued in accordance with the criteria set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4.

18.02.2 Mixed Team. A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes (see Bylaw 18.2.8.3). *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

18.02.3 Open Date. An open date is a regular weekend playing date prior to the end of an institution's regular football schedule on which an institution is not playing a game, or a date approved by the Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, to enable an institution to assist financially in meeting an unforeseen hardship situation resulting directly from the institution's intercollegiate athletics activities. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

18.02.4 Postseason Football Bowl Game. [FBS/FCS] A postseason football bowl game is a football contest conducted after the regular football season and involving two teams selected because of their regular-season performance (e.g., won-lost record, conference championship). Participation in such events by member institutions is limited to those bowl games that meet the requirements of Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook. *(Revised: 2/1/05, 7/30/10, 10/28/11 effective 4/1/12)*

18.02.5 Significant Other. A significant other is a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

18.1 Regulations and Authority for Conduct of Championships.

All NCAA championships shall be conducted in accordance with this bylaw and the policies and procedures established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee, which shall establish and revise the policies and procedures governing the administration of NCAA championships, including selection processes, formats and distribution of revenues to participating institutions. NCAA championships shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the appropriate sports committees, subject to the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed in Bylaw 31. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 8/9/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 10/4/17)*

18.2 Criteria for Establishment or Continuation of Championships.

The establishment or continuation of an NCAA championship in a given sport shall be determined on the basis of the requirements in the following bylaws, with sponsorship of a sport based on the Association's records as of September 30 each year.

18.2.1 National Collegiate Championship. A National Collegiate Championship for which any active member in good standing is eligible (per Bylaw 20.8) may be established by action of all three divisions acting through each division's governance

structure, subject to the requirements, standards and conditions regarding the required number of members sponsoring the sport as prescribed in this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

18.2.2 Division Championship. A Division I championship in a particular sport may be established by a majority vote of the Board of Directors subject to the requirements, standards and conditions regarding the required number of members sponsoring the sport as prescribed in this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

18.2.3 Championships Existing During 1993-94. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship that existed during the 1993-94 academic year may be continued if at least 40 member institutions sponsor the sport. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.3.1 National Collegiate and Division Championship in Same Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and a division championship exist in the same sport, sponsorship of the sport in the division in which the division championship is conducted shall not count toward the minimum sponsorship number for the National Collegiate Championship. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.4 Minimum Sponsorship for Championships.

18.2.4.1 Men's Sports. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship may be established in a men's sport if at least 50 institutions sponsor the sport. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/17/09)*

18.2.4.2 Women's Sports. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship may be established in a women's sport if at least 40 institutions sponsor the sport. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/17/09)*

18.2.4.3 Sponsorship Criteria.

18.2.4.3.1 Minimum Period. In men's sports, the applicable minimum sponsorship number must exist for two consecutive academic years in order for a championship to be established. Legislation to establish the championship may be proposed during the second year in which the minimum sponsorship number exists. In women's sports, the applicable minimum sponsorship number must exist for one academic year in order for a championship to be established. Legislation to establish the championship may be proposed during the year in which the minimum sponsorship number exists. Varsity sports sponsored prior to August 1, 1994, shall count toward the minimum year sponsorship requirement. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00)*

18.2.4.3.2 National Collegiate and Division Championship in Same Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and a division championship exist in the same sport, sponsorship of the sport in the division in which the division championship is conducted shall not count toward the minimum sponsorship number for the National Collegiate Championship. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.5 Establishment of Single Championship in Sport. If only one championship is established or continued in accordance with Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, it shall be a National Collegiate Championship for which any active member institution in good standing can be eligible.

18.2.6 Establishment of Three Championships in Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and two division championships exist in the same sport, the National Collegiate Championship automatically shall become a division championship for the remaining division that does not sponsor a division championship in that sport.

18.2.7 Establishment of Two Championships in Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and one division championship exist in the same sport, only the members of the division sponsoring the division championship may participate in the division championship, and that division's membership may not participate in the National Collegiate Championship in that sport.

18.2.8 Determination of Sponsorship Requirements.

18.2.8.1 Single-Gender Athletics Programs. For purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, member institutions sponsoring no varsity intercollegiate athletics programs for men shall not be included in making calculations concerning men's championships, and member institutions sponsoring no varsity intercollegiate athletics programs for women shall not be included in making calculations concerning women's championships.

18.2.8.2 Separate Men's and Women's Teams, Same Sport. For purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4 for a combined men's and women's championship, separate varsity intercollegiate men's and women's teams in the same sport at a member institution shall be counted separately.

18.2.8.3 Mixed Team. For purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, a mixed team (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.2) shall be counted as one team. A mixed team shall count toward the minimum sponsorship percentage for men's championships.

18.2.9 Subdivision Requirements. If a division subdivides for the administration of a sport, resulting in less than the applicable minimum number of the division's active members sponsoring the sport on a varsity intercollegiate basis in that subdivision, the subdivision shall meet the requirement within three years of the date the subdivision was created. It may establish and conduct a championship in the interim. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.10 Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements. A championship shall be discontinued automatically at the conclusion of the academic year in which it falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaw 18.2.3 or 18.2.4. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.10.1 Exception -- Olympic Sports. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship in any Olympic sport shall be exempt from the minimum sponsorship-percentage requirements of Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in an Olympic sport. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

18.2.10.2 Exception -- Men's and Women's Lacrosse. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship in men's and women's lacrosse shall be exempt from the minimum sponsorship-percentage requirements of Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in the sport of men's lacrosse. *(Adopted: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00)*

18.3 Current Championships.

The Association currently administers 90 national championships. Eleven are National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships. (See Bylaw 31.02.2 for information about the classification and terminology of championships and see Constitution 5.3.9.1 and 5.3.9.2 for the voting requirements for the establishment of a new championship.) The current championships are as follows: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96, 4/27/00, 4/26/01, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/30/14 effective 8/1/15)*

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (11). [#] *(Adopted: 4/27/00, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 10/30/14 effective 8/1/15, 7/31/15)*

Men (3)	Men and Women (3)	Women (5)
Gymnastics	Fencing	Beach Volleyball
Volleyball (Divisions I and II)	Rifle	Bowling
Water Polo	Skiing	Gymnastics
		Ice Hockey (Divisions I and II)
		Water Polo

18.3.2 Division I Championships (26). *(Revised: 1/9/96, 4/27/00, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 12/15/06)*

Men (13)	Women (13)
Baseball	Basketball
Basketball	Cross Country
Cross Country	Field Hockey
Football	Golf
Golf	Lacrosse
Ice Hockey	Rowing
Lacrosse	Soccer
Soccer	Softball
Swimming and Diving	Swimming and Diving
Tennis	Tennis
Indoor Track and Field	Indoor Track and Field
Outdoor Track and Field	Outdoor Track and Field
Wrestling	Volleyball

18.4 Eligibility for Championships.

18.4.1 Student-Athlete Eligibility. To be eligible for NCAA championships, a student-athlete shall meet all applicable individual-eligibility requirements set forth in NCAA legislation. The general and academic eligibility requirements are set forth in detail in Bylaws 12 and 14.

18.4.1.1 Institution's Responsibility. The responsibility of an institution to withhold from all intercollegiate competition a student-athlete who is ineligible under any NCAA legislation is set forth in Bylaw 12.11.1.

18.4.1.2 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Authority. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have initial authority to determine all matters pertaining to the eligibility of student-athletes competing in the various NCAA championships and to act upon all appeals concerning the eligibility of student-athletes submitted by member institutions (see Bylaw 12.12).

18.4.1.3 Protest of Eligibility Status. If a student-athlete has been certified by the institution as eligible to compete in an NCAA championship and the student-athlete's eligibility is protested, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall not rule on such a protest received during the period beginning 24 hours before the event and ending with the conclusion of the event. (See Bylaw 31.2.2.2 regarding protests received during a break in the continuity of a championship.)

18.4.1.4 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 4/22/14, 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14, 6/10/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.1 Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than Cannabinoids and Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be subject to the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 11/1/07, 4/10/14, 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14 for tests occurring on or after 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 1/17/15, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16 for all drug tests administered on or after 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility)*

(a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until he or she has been withheld from the equivalent of one season (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may fulfill a transfer residence requirement and a drug-testing penalty concurrently if he or she meets all other eligibility requirements;

(b) A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which he or she did not use a season of competition shall be charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which he or she used a season of competition shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless he or she uses a season of competition in the academic year immediately after the positive test; and

(c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 365 consecutive days after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug-test specimen and until he or she tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.4.1.4.1.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics, he or she shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug classes cannabinoids and narcotics, he or she shall be ineligible for competition for 50 percent of a season in all sports (the first 50 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution is notified of the test result until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and he or she tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program. *(Adopted: 6/10/16, Revised: 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility, 8/5/19)*

18.4.1.4.2 Penalty -- Cannabinoids or Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug classes cannabinoids or narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent

of a season in all sports (50 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution is notified of the test result until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and he or she tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program. *(Adopted: 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14, Revised: 10/30/14, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 11/18/16, 4/14/17, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility, 8/5/19)*

18.4.1.4.2.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug classes cannabinoids or narcotics tests positive a second time for use of a substance in the banned drug classes cannabinoids or narcotics or if a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug classes cannabinoids or narcotics tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics, he or she shall subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.4.1.4.1. . *(Adopted: 6/10/16, Revised: 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility, 8/5/19)*

18.4.1.4.3 Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol. A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no-show) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.3.1 Tampering with Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug-test sample (e.g., urine substitution and related methods), as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be subject to the following: *(Adopted: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12 for tests occurring on or after 8/1/12, Revised: 6/19/12, 10/30/14, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16 for all drug tests administered on or after 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 10/3/18, 4/19/19 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility.)*

(a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until he or she has been withheld from the equivalent of two seasons (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may fulfill a transfer residence requirement and a drug-testing penalty concurrently if he or she meets all other eligibility requirements;

(b) A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which he or she did not use a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which he or she used a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two additional seasons of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless he or she uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years. If the student-athlete uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years, he or she will only be charged one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the seasons used); and

(c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 730 consecutive days after the student-athlete was involved in tampering and until he or she tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.4.1.4.4 Transfers. If the student-athlete transfers to another NCAA institution while ineligible, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred must notify the student-athlete's new institution that the student-athlete is ineligible. If the student-athlete transfers to a non-NCAA institution while ineligible and competes in intercollegiate competition during the prescribed period of ineligibility: *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 5/29/15, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16 for all drug tests administered on or after 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 4/19/19 may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility.)*

(a) The student-athlete remains ineligible for all NCAA regular-season and postseason competition until the student-athlete does not compete in intercollegiate competition for the entirety of the prescribed penalty (the total number of prescribed contests or dates of competition) while enrolled and otherwise eligible for competition at an NCAA institution;

(b) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for the applicable consecutive-day period (365 or 730) after his or her final non-NCAA competition; and

(c) The student-athlete remains ineligible until he or she tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.4.1.4.5 Appeals. An institution may appeal a drug-testing penalty to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee). The committee may reduce the legislated penalty to withholding the student-athlete from the next 50 percent of the season of competition or provide complete relief from the legislated penalty. If the committee requires the student-athlete to fulfill the legislated penalty or be withheld from the next 50 percent of the season of competition in all sports, the student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16)*

18.4.1.4.6 Banned Drug Classes. NCAA banned drug classes are the same as those included in the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list of prohibited substances, except for glucocorticoids. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee) may identify specific banned drugs and exceptions within each banned drug class. An institution and student-athletes shall be held accountable for all drugs within the banned-drug classes regardless of whether they have been specifically identified. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.6.1 Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions. The use of the following drugs and/or procedures is subject to certain restrictions and may or may not be permissible, depending on limitations expressed in these provisions and/or quantities of these substances used: *(Revised: 8/15/89, 12/9/91, 5/4/92, 6/17/92, 8/13/93, 7/22/97, 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) **Blood Doping.** The practice of blood doping (the intravenous injection of whole blood, packed red blood cells or blood substitutes) is prohibited, and any evidence confirming use will be cause for action consistent with that taken for a positive drug test.

(b) **Gene Doping.** The practice of gene doping (the non-therapeutic use of cells, genes, genetics elements or of the modulation of gene expression, having the capacity to improve athletic performance) is prohibited, and any evidence confirming use will be cause for action consistent with that taken for a positive drug test.

(c) **Local Anesthetics.** The Board of Governors will permit the limited use of local anesthetics under the following conditions:

(1) That procaine, xylocaine, carboncaine or any other local anesthetic may be used, but not cocaine;

(2) That only local or topical injections can be used (intravenous injections are not permitted); and

(3) That use is medically justified only when permitting the athlete to continue the competition without potential risk to his or her health.

(d) **Manipulation of Urine Samples.** The Board of Governors bans the use of substances and methods (e.g., diuretics, probenecid, bromantan or related compounds, epitestosterone) that alter the integrity and/or validity of urine samples provided during NCAA drug testing.

(e) **Beta 2 Agonists.** The use of beta 2 agonists is permitted by inhalation only.

(f) **Additional Analysis.** Drug screening for select nonbanned substances may be conducted for nonpunitive purposes.

18.4.1.4.7 Non-NCAA Athletics Organization's Positive Drug Test. The Board of Governors shall authorize methods for drug testing any student-athlete who has disclosed in the student-athlete statement (see Bylaw 12.7.2.1) that he or she has had a positive drug test administered by a non-NCAA athletics organization that has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code. A student-athlete under a drug-testing suspension from a national or international sports governing body that has adopted the WADA code shall not participate in NCAA intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/30/14, 6/19/17)*

18.4.1.4.8 Medical Exceptions. Exceptions to the prohibition on use of any substance in a banned-drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics may be made by the Board of Governors for those student-athletes with a documented medical history demonstrating the need for regular use of such a drug. *(Revised: 8/5/99, 9/26/06, 10/27/06 effective 8/1/07, 2/5/09, 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.9 Methods for Drug Testing. The Board of Governors shall authorize methods for drug testing of student-athletes on a year-round basis. The methods and any later modifications authorized by the Board of Governors for drug testing of student-athletes shall be summarized and posted on the NCAA website. *(Revised: 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.10 Events Identified for Drug Tests. The Board of Governors shall determine the regular-season and postseason competition for which drug tests shall be made and the procedures to be followed in disclosing its determinations. *(Revised: 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.11 Individual Eligibility -- Team Sanctions. Regulations pertaining to team-eligibility sanctions for positive tests resulting from the NCAA drug-testing program shall apply only in the following situation: If a student-athlete is declared ineligible prior to an NCAA team championship or a postseason football game and the institution knowingly allows him or her to participate, all team-ineligibility sanctions shall apply (the team shall be required to forfeit its awards and any revenue distribution it may have earned, and the team's and student-athlete's performances shall be deleted from NCAA records). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.2 Institutional Eligibility.

18.4.2.1 General Institutional Requirements. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in NCAA championship competition: *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/10/95, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/08, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 7/30/10, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 1/23/19, 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The institution shall be an active member in good standing in the appropriate division, or have its sport so classified, and be eligible under the rules of the member conference of which it is a member;

(b) The institution shall have paid its membership dues for the current year in accordance with the deadlines set forth in Bylaw 31.2.1.2;

(c) The institution shall designate (in accordance with Bylaw 20) its athletics program as Division I for competition and possible eligibility for championships in those intercollegiate sports recognized by the NCAA;

(d) The institution's president or chancellor shall attest, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance);

(e) The institution's director of athletics shall certify, annually by October 15, the institution's compliance with Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1;

(f) The institution shall have confirmed annually its sponsorship of a varsity intercollegiate team in the sport by so reporting on the NCAA official information form;

(g) The institution shall have submitted its race and demographic information to the NCAA through the official submission process;

(h) The institution shall have submitted its financial data detailing operating revenues, expenses and capital related to its intercollegiate athletics program to the NCAA through the official submission process (see Constitution 3.2.4.17); and

(i) The institution shall refrain from entering a student-athlete as an individual or as a member of a team in an NCAA championship if it is acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's infractions process that the institution or representatives of its athletics interests violated NCAA regulations in the recruiting of the student-athlete. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility (see Bylaw 12.12).

18.4.2.1.1 Certification of Compliance -- Requirements. The institution's director of athletics shall certify that the following conditions have been satisfied. (See Constitution 3.2.4.16.) *(Revised: 1/10/95, 3/8/06, 7/30/10, 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.2.1.1.1 NCAA Rules Review. The director of athletics or a designated representative has reviewed with all athletics department staff members the rules and regulations of the NCAA as they apply to the administration and conduct of intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 3/7/06, 7/29/10, 8/7/18 effective 7/31/19, 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.2.1.1.2 Attestation of Compliance Obligations. The director of athletics has attested, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance) and that all athletics department staff members (full-time, part-time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8. *(Adopted: 8/7/18 effective 7/31/19, Revised: 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.2.1.1.3 Coaching Staff Disciplinary Actions. At the time of such certification, and as a result of involvement in a violation of the Association's legislation as determined by the Committee on Infractions, Independent Resolution Panel or the Infractions Appeals Committee, no current member of the institution's coaching staff: *(Revised: 7/30/10, 7/31/14, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18)*

(a) Shall have been temporarily or permanently suspended from coaching duties by another member institution within the last two years;

(b) Shall have been prohibited within the last two years, as a result of violations occurring while employed by another member institution, from participating in identified coaching-related activities, unless the prohibition has been equally applied by the certifying institution with respect to the individual's coaching-related activities on its behalf; or

(c) Shall have been permitted within the last two years to perform any coaching-related activities for the certifying institution that were prohibited after determination by the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel of an "appropriate disciplinary action" for the individual in accordance with the show-cause provision of Bylaw 19.9.9.

18.4.2.1.1.3.1 Period of Suspension or Prohibition. The period of suspension or prohibition established by the Committee on Infractions, Independent Resolution Panel or the Infractions Appeals Committee must be in effect for the provisions set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1.3 to apply. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18)*

18.4.2.1.1.3.2 Due-Process Requirement. The affected coaching staff member must be given through the appropriate institution notice of an opportunity to be heard at both the NCAA hearing resulting in the finding of involvement in the violation and the institutional hearing resulting in suspension or prohibition. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

18.4.2.1.1.4 Certification of Policies, Procedures and Practices. The policies, procedures and practices of the institution, its staff members and representatives of its athletics interests are in compliance at the present time with the Association's legislation insofar as the director of athletics can determine. *(Revised: 3/7/06, 7/29/10, 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.2.1.1.5 Additional Requirements. An institution shall specifically affirm the following: *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

(a) It has published its regular entrance requirements, including any special-admission opportunities;

(b) It has published its requirements for progress toward a degree, in accordance with membership obligations set forth in Constitution 3.2; and

(c) Each student-athlete who represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics competition during the academic year has been certified to be in good academic standing and maintaining progress toward a degree as set forth in Bylaw 14.

18.4.2.1.2 Additional Requirements. Other requirements for institutional eligibility for championships are set forth in Bylaw 31.2.1.

18.4.2.2 Championships -- Eligibility. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship, a member institution also shall: *(Revised: 1/10/90 for data collection, effective 10/1/91 for disclosure, 10/28/97, 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01, 3/8/06, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 6/19/17)*

(a) Limit its athletically related grant-in-aid awards and eligibility for participation in practice or competition to student-athletes who meet the following requirements:

(1) Freshman eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.3.1 and 14.3.2; and

(2) Transfer eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.5.4.1 and 14.5.4.2 (for transfer from a two-year college) or in Bylaw 14.5.5.1 (for transfer from a four-year college);

(b) Have operated for a period of two years in conformity with the requirements of Bylaw 18.4.2.2-(a) at the time it certifies conformance;

(c) Report annually to the NCAA, through the president or chancellor, the admissions and graduation-rate data specified in Bylaws 18.4.2.2.1, 18.4.2.2.2 and 18.4.2.2.3. The data shall be received in the national office not later than March 1. Any data received after that date shall appear on a form postmarked not later than February 22;

(d) In championship subdivision football, have complied with the minimum scheduling requirements set forth in Bylaw 20 for a period of two years; and

(e) In indoor and outdoor track and field, have met the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship set forth in Bylaw 20.9.6.3.

18.4.2.2.1 Admissions and Graduation-Rate Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or an individual competitor in an NCAA championship unless it has submitted federal graduation rate and enrollment data to the NCAA national office on or before the applicable deadline . *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/6/91 for data collection, effective 10/1/91 for disclosure, 4/15/92, 1/14/97, 10/28/97, 8/11/98, 1/12/04, 7/30/10, 6/19/17)*

18.4.2.2.2 Academic Progress Rate and Academic Performance Census -- Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in an NCAA championship unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Academic Performance Census (APC) in a form approved and administered by the Board of Directors, or an entity designated by the Board. *(Adopted: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 7/30/10)*

18.4.2.2.3 Graduation Success Rate -- Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in an NCAA championship unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its Graduation Success Rate (GSR) in a form approved and administered by the Board of Directors, or an entity designated by the Board. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 7/30/10)*

18.4.2.2.4 Division II or Division III Institution Petitioning for Division I Classification. A Division II or Division III institution petitioning for Division I institutional membership or eligibility in a sport (in accordance with Bylaw 20) shall have operated in conformity with the requirements of Bylaw 18.4.2.2-(a) for a period of two years preceding the effective date of its Division I membership or be ineligible for Division I championships.

18.4.2.3 Academic Performance Program. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that require an institution or team that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to be ineligible for postseason competition, including, but not limited to, NCAA championships and bowl games. The Committee on Academics shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 10/27/11 for penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 8/7/14)*

18.4.2.3.1 Appeal Opportunity. An institution may appeal such postseason competition restrictions to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. (See Bylaw 23.3.) *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 10/27/11 for penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 8/7/14)*

18.5 Automatic Qualification by Conference.

18.5.1 Division Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification into any Division I championship, a conference shall: *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

(a) Have at least six member institutions classified in Division I in the sport in which automatic qualification is sought; and

(b) Meet all requirements for conference automatic qualification into any division championship as set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.

18.5.2 National Collegiate Championship. [#] To be eligible for automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship, a conference shall: *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

(a) Have at least six active members that sponsor the applicable sport in any division;

(b) Meet all applicable requirements for conference automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship as set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.

18.5.3 Men's Basketball Eligibility Requirements. For automatic qualification in the sport of men's basketball in Division I, a conference shall meet the following additional requirements: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

(a) It shall determine a conference champion in at least six men's sports [at least two of which must be team sports as set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.1-(a)]; and in each of these six sports, at least six of the conference's member institutions shall sponsor the sport on the varsity intercollegiate level; and

(b) It shall conduct double round-robin, in-season conference competition, or a minimum of 14 conference games, before declaring its champion in basketball.

18.6 Playing Rules for Championships.

In sports in which the Association maintains rules committees, the rules adopted by said committees shall govern the conduct of all NCAA-sponsored events in those sports. In those sports in which the Association does not maintain rules committees, the rules to be used are specified in Bylaw 31.1.6.

18.7 Postseason Football. [FBS/FCS]

18.7.1 Permissible Football Games. [FBS/FCS] The only football games in which a member institution may compete are: *(Revised: 2/1/05, 12/15/06, 10/28/11 effective 4/1/12, Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/14)*

(a) Games scheduled as to the identity of a participating college before the beginning of the regular football season of the institution for any academic year, including not only games for which the identity of one participating college is known, but also one for which the institution's opponent is not known at the time of scheduling;

(b) Any football game scheduled between two colleges [which is to be played on a common and regular open date (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.3) of their regular football seasons, on the campus or in the regular playing stadium of either team], even if it is scheduled after the beginning of either participant's football season;

(c) Games that are part of the NCAA championship;

(d) Games that are part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football championships;

(e) A conference championship game on an open date during the traditional fall season, provided the game is played (as opposed to scheduled) the week prior to the first round of an NCAA football championship date and provided the game is listed on the schedules of all conference members; and

(f) Postseason bowl games that meet all requirements and conditions set forth in Bylaw 18.7.2 and the NCAA postseason football handbook; and

(g) One postseason game between the winners of two exempted postseason bowl games per Bylaw 17.11.5.2.1-(d). The participants in the two postseason bowl games shall be selected by Football Bowl Subdivision conferences and independent institutions.

18.7.2 Postseason Bowl Games. [FBS/FCS] The conditions and requirements that must be met in order for an institution to participate in a postseason bowl game are set forth in the NCAA postseason football handbook. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 2/1/05, 12/15/06, 7/30/10, 4/28/11, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12)*

18.7.2.1 Contest Status. [FBS] A contest shall serve the purpose of providing a national contest between deserving teams. A "deserving team" shall be defined as one that has won a number of games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents that is equal to or greater than the number of its overall losses. Tie games do not count in determining a team's won-lost record. Further, if forfeiture of a regular-season football victory is required by the Committee on Infractions, Independent Resolution Panel or a conference, or is self-imposed by an institution as a result of a violation of NCAA rules, neither of the competing institutions may count that contest in satisfying the definition of a "deserving team." *(Revised: 10/18/89, 10/12/93, 4/20/99, 12/15/06, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18)*

18.7.2.1.1 Exception -- Football Championship Subdivision Opponent. [FBS] Each year, a Football Bowl Subdivision institution may count one victory against a Football Championship Subdivision opponent toward meeting the definition of a "deserving team," provided the opponent has averaged 90 percent of the permissible maximum number of grants-in-aid per year in football during a rolling two-year period. *(Adopted: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 4/28/05, 12/15/06, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10)*

18.7.2.1.2 Exception -- Deserving Team That Loses Conference Championship Game. [FBS] An institution that finishes its regular season having met the definition of a "deserving team" but loses its conference championship game shall continue to be considered a deserving team. *(Adopted: 5/2/13)*

18.7.2.1.3 Exception -- Insufficient Number of Eligible Institutions. [FBS] For a period of four years beginning August 1, 2016, if an insufficient number of institutions meet the definition of a "deserving team" pursuant to Bylaw 18.7.2.1 to participate in postseason bowl games in a particular year, an institution that meets a condition set forth below shall be eligible to participate as an alternate in such a bowl game. All deserving teams must be selected before an alternate may be selected. The terms of participation in the bowl game shall be the same for the alternate as the terms that were applicable to the originally contracted conference participant. All institutions that meet the first condition below must be selected before an institution that meets the second condition may be selected and so forth in descending order: *(Adopted: 8/2/12, Revised: 5/2/13, 8/4/16 effective 8/1/16, 12/1/16)*

(a) An institution that would have met the exception in Bylaw 18.7.2.1.1 but for the fact that one victory was against a Football Championship Subdivision opponent that had not averaged 90 percent of the permissible maximum number of grants-in-aid per year in football during a rolling two-year period and the institution's waiver request, per Bylaw 18.7.2.1.1.1, was denied.

(b) An institution that participated in 13 regular-season contests and finished the season with a record of six wins that count toward meeting the definition of a "deserving team" and seven losses.

(c) An institution that is in its final year of reclassification from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision and meets the definition of a "deserving team" pursuant to Bylaw 18.7.2.1 or the exception in Bylaw 18.7.2.1.1.

(d) An institution that finished its season with a minimum of five wins that count toward meeting the definition of a "deserving team" and a maximum of seven losses but achieved a multiyear Academic Progress Rate that permits postseason participation. Alternates identified pursuant to this condition shall be identified as eligible in descending order based on the institutions' multiyear Academic Progress Rates. In the event that multiple institutions achieved the same multiyear rate, the institution with the highest single-year Academic Progress Rate, beginning with the most recent reporting year and continuing until a higher rate is found, shall be identified as eligible first. An institution that is identified as an alternate must declare whether it will participate in a bowl game. An alternate institution that declares an intention to participate shall select an available bowl game in which to participate.

18.7.2.2 Participation Restrictions. [FBS] The competing institutions shall be active members of this Association, and a member institution shall not participate in more than one such game during any academic year, except as permitted in Bylaw 18.7.1-(g). *(Revised: 7/30/10, 8/2/12 effective 8/1/14)*

18.7.2.3 Waivers. [FBS] The Division I Football Oversight Committee, or its designated committee, shall have the authority to waive all postseason bowl game requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The Football Oversight Committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers. *(Adopted: 10/4/17 effective 8/1/18)*

18.7.3 Written Report -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] The director of athletics of an institution that participates in a postseason championship football game or bowl game that is exempt from the maximum number of football contests per Bylaw 17.11.5.1, except for the Division I Football Championship, shall submit to the Football Oversight Committee a written report on the conduct and administration of the event, with special emphasis on game management. The report shall be submitted by the following March 1 on a form approved by the Football Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

18.7.4 Eligibility Rules. [FBS/FCS] The eligibility rules governing individual participation and drug usage shall be as demanding for participants in postseason bowl games as those governing participation in NCAA championships. To attest to the eligibility of its student-athletes (in conformity with this paragraph), each institution selected or qualified for a postseason game shall meet the certification-of-eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaw 12.10. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 7/30/10)*

18.7.4.1 Institutional Eligibility. [FBS/FCS] The competing institutions shall be active members of the Association, and members shall conduct their intercollegiate athletics programs in conformance with the requirements for institutional eligibility set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2.2-(a).

18.7.5 Expenses for Significant Others/Children. A competing institution may include the significant others and children of student-athletes on the traveling squad as part of its official party to attend a postseason football game and may pay their necessary travel, lodging and meal costs (see Bylaw 16.6.1.1). *(Revised: 2/1/05, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 4/25/18)*

Infractions Program

19.01 General Principles.

19.01.1 Mission of the Infractions Program. It is the mission of the NCAA infractions program to uphold integrity and fair play among the NCAA membership, and to prescribe appropriate and fair penalties if violations occur. One of the fundamental principles of the infractions program is to ensure that those institutions and student-athletes abiding by the NCAA constitution and bylaws are not disadvantaged by their commitment to compliance. The program is committed to the fairness of procedures and the timely resolution of infractions cases. The ability to investigate allegations and penalize infractions is critical to the common interests of the Association's membership and the preservation of its enduring values. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14)*

19.01.2 Accountability. The infractions program shall hold institutions, coaches, administrators and student-athletes who violate the NCAA constitution and bylaws accountable for their conduct, both at the individual and institutional levels. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.01.3 Public Disclosure. Except as provided in this article, the Committee on Infractions, Infractions Appeals Committee, Independent Resolution Panel, enforcement staff and Complex Case Unit shall not make public disclosures about a pending case until the case has been announced in accordance with prescribed procedures. An institution and any individual subject to the NCAA constitution and bylaws involved in a case, including any representative or counsel, shall not make public disclosures about the case until a final decision has been announced in accordance with prescribed procedures. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.01.4 Penalty Structure. The infractions program shall address the varying levels of infractions and, for the most serious infractions, include guidelines for a range of penalties, which the Committee on Infractions, subject to review by the Infractions Appeals Committee, or the Independent Resolution Panel may prescribe. Penalties shall depend on the relative severity of the infraction(s), the presence of aggravating or mitigating factors and, in some cases, the existence of extenuating circumstances. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.01.5 Exemplary Conduct. Individuals employed by or associated with member institutions for the administration, the conduct or the coaching of intercollegiate athletics are, in the final analysis, teachers of young people. Their responsibility is an affirmative one, and they must do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their own moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by a fine example. Much more is expected of them than of the less critically placed citizen.

19.02 Definitions and Applications.

19.02.1 Involved Individual. Involved individuals are current or former institutional staff members and current or former student-athletes who have received notice of involvement in alleged violations. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.02.2 New Information. New evidence is relevant, material information that could not have reasonably been ascertained prior to the Committee on Infractions hearing. *(Adopted: 1/6/96, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14)*

19.02.3 Show-Cause Order. A show-cause order is an order that requires a member institution to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel why it should not be subject to a penalty or additional penalty for not taking appropriate disciplinary or corrective action with regard to an institutional staff member or representative of the institution's athletics interests found by the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel as having been involved in a violation of the NCAA constitution and bylaws. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 4/24/03, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.02.4 Review of Cases. Cases involving allegations of Level I or Level II violations will be presented to and decided by the Committee on Infractions unless referred to the independent accountability resolution structure pursuant to the standard and process for referral set forth in Bylaw 19.11.3. The select cases referred to the independent structure will be presented to and decided by the Independent Resolution Panel in accordance with Bylaw 19.11. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.1 Violation Structure.

19.1.1 Severe Breach of Conduct (Level I Violation). A severe breach of conduct is one or more violations that seriously undermine or threaten the integrity of the NCAA Collegiate Model, as set forth in the constitution and bylaws, including any violation that provides or is intended to provide a substantial or extensive recruiting, competitive or other

advantage, or a substantial or extensive impermissible benefit. Among other examples, the following, in appropriate circumstances, may constitute a severe breach of conduct: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Lack of institutional control;

(b) Academic misconduct;

(c) Failure to cooperate in an NCAA enforcement or Complex Case Unit investigation;

(d) Individual unethical or dishonest conduct, regardless of whether the underlying institutional violations are considered Level I;

(e) A violation of Bylaw 11.1.1.1 (Responsibility of Head Coach) by a head coach resulting from an underlying Level I violation by an individual within the sport program;

(f) Cash payment or other benefits provided by a coach, administrator or representative of the institution's athletics interests intended to secure, or which resulted in, enrollment of a prospective student-athlete;

(g) Third-party involvement in recruiting violations in which institutional officials knew or should have known about the involvement;

(h) Intentional violations or reckless indifference to the NCAA constitution and bylaws; or

(i) Collective Level II and/or Level III violations.

19.1.2 Significant Breach of Conduct (Level II Violation). A significant breach of conduct is one or more violations that provide or are intended to provide more than a minimal but less than a substantial or extensive recruiting, competitive or other advantage; include more than a minimal but less than a substantial or extensive impermissible benefit; or involve conduct that may compromise the integrity of the NCAA Collegiate Model as set forth in the constitution and bylaws. Among other examples, the following may constitute a significant breach of conduct: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

(a) Violations that do not rise to the level of Level I violations and are more serious than Level III violations;

(b) Failure to monitor (such violations will be presumed Level II but may be deemed to be of a Level I nature if the failure is substantial or egregious);

(c) Systemic violations that do not amount to a lack of institutional control;

(d) Multiple recruiting, financial aid, or eligibility violations that do not amount to a lack of institutional control;

(e) A violation of Bylaw 11.1.1.1 (Responsibility of Head Coach) by a head coach resulting from an underlying Level II violation by an individual within the sport program;

(f) A violation of Bylaw 13.1.1.3 (Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes) as it relates to contact with a student-athlete; or

(g) Collective Level III violations.

19.1.3 Breach of Conduct (Level III Violation). A breach of conduct is one or more violations that are isolated or limited in nature; provide no more than a minimal recruiting, competitive or other advantage; and provide no more than a minimal impermissible benefit. Among other examples, the following may constitute a breach of conduct: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

(a) Inadvertent violations that are isolated or limited in nature; or

(b) Extra-benefit, financial aid, academic eligibility and recruiting violations, provided they do not create more than minimal advantages.

19.2 Expectations and Shared Responsibility.

19.2.1 Member Responsibility for Compliance. Each institution has an affirmative obligation to monitor and control its athletics programs, its representatives and its student-athletes to ensure compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the Association. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.2.2 Member Responsibility to Report Noncompliance. Each institution has an affirmative obligation to report all instances of noncompliance to the Association in a timely manner. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.2.3 Responsibility to Cooperate. Current and former institutional staff members, and prospective and enrolled student-athletes of member institutions have an affirmative obligation to cooperate fully with and assist the NCAA enforcement staff, the Complex Case Unit, the Committee on Infractions, the Independent Resolution Panel and the Infractions Appeals Committee to further the objectives of the Association and its infractions program, including the independent accountability

resolution process. Full cooperation includes, but is not limited to: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 8/8/18, 12/20/18, 1/23/19)*

(a) Affirmatively reporting instances of noncompliance to the Association in a timely manner and assisting in developing full information to determine whether a possible violation has occurred and the details thereof;

(b) Timely participation in interviews and providing complete and truthful responses;

(c) Making a full and complete disclosure of relevant information, including timely production of materials or information requested, and in the format requested;

(d) Disclosing and providing access to all electronic devices used in any way for business purposes;

(e) Providing access to all social media, messaging and other applications that are or may be relevant to the investigation;

(f) Preserving the integrity of an investigation and abiding by all applicable confidentiality rules and instructions; and

(g) Instructing legal counsel and/or other representatives to also cooperate fully.

19.2.3.1 Exemplary Cooperation. Exemplary cooperation by an institution or involved individual may constitute a mitigating factor for purposes of determining a penalty for a violation. Institutions or involved individuals may demonstrate exemplary cooperation while denying some or all of the alleged violations and otherwise acting in furtherance of their independent interests. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.2.3.2 Failure to Cooperate. Failing to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate may result in an independent allegation and/or be considered an aggravating factor for purposes of determining a penalty. Institutional representatives and the involved individual may be requested to appear before a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions or the Independent Resolution Panel at the time the allegation is considered. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18)*

19.2.3.2.1 Failure or Refusal to Produce Materials. If an institution or individual fails or refuses to produce materials requested by the enforcement staff during an investigation, the hearing panel may infer that the requested materials would support an alleged violation for which the party may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 (see Bylaws 19.7.8.3.2 and 19.11.5.8.3.2). *(Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.2 Failure or Refusal to Participate in Interview. If an individual fails or refuses to participate in an interview requested by the enforcement staff, and he or she is later deemed to be an involved individual, the hearing panel may view the failure or refusal as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the individual may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred (see Bylaws 19.7.8.3.3 and 19.11.5.8.3.3). *(Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.3 Immediate Penalties for Failure to Cooperate. The Committee on Infractions and Independent Resolution Panel may prescribe immediate penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate. In cases before the Committee on Infractions, the chair of the Committee on Infractions; a hearing panel generated at the request of the chair to review whether an institution or individual failed to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate; the chief hearing officer of a hearing panel assigned to review the case, if appointed by the chair; or the hearing panel, if requested by the chief hearing officer, may prescribe penalties. In cases before the Independent Resolution Panel, the chief panel member or hearing panel, if requested by the chief panel member, may prescribe penalties. The Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel may prescribe any penalty available under Bylaw 19.9, including when appropriate, loss of the right to participate in postseason competition and other NCAA events and loss of associated revenues. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 2/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19)*

19.2.3.2.3.1 Finality of Immediate Penalties. The prescribed penalties are final and not subject to appeal. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 2/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.3.2 Committee on Infractions Hearing Panel Generated for Review. When practicable, members of a Committee on Infractions hearing panel generated at the request of the Committee on Infractions chair to review whether an institution or individual failed to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate will serve on the panel that reviews the case. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 2/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.3.3 Considerations in Review of Case. In its review of the case, the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel hearing panel may consider any conclusion that an institution or individual failed to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate in accordance with Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3 in concluding whether a failure to cooperate violation pursuant to Bylaw 19.2.3 occurred. The panel may also consider any penalties prescribed in accordance with this bylaw in prescribing penalties pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 in its review of the case. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 2/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.3.4 Immediate Penalties Prescribed Before Referral. Any penalties prescribed by the Committee on Infractions in accordance with Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3 prior to referral of a case to the independent accountability resolution structure shall continue to apply after referral. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 2/1/19)*

19.2.3.3 Protection for Cooperation. An institution shall not retaliate against a current or former institutional staff member or prospective or enrolled student-athlete who voluntarily reports information about potential violations to his or her conference, member institution and/or the Association. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.3 Committee on Infractions.

19.3.1 Composition of Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee on Infractions comprised of not more than 24 members to act as hearing officers in infractions proceedings of the Association. The Board of Directors shall also appoint one member of the committee to serve as chair and another member to serve as vice chair. If at any time the chair is unavailable to act as such, the vice chair is empowered to exercise the functions of the chair. There shall be no subdivision restrictions except that all nonpublic members may not be from the same subdivision. The committee shall reflect the Association's commitment to diversity. To the extent reasonably possible, the committee shall include members from each of the following categories: *(Revised: 1/16/93, 10/27/98, 10/28/99, 1/11/00, 11/1/01, 10/31/02, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/18/18)*

(a) Current or former college or university presidents, chancellors or other senior institutional administrators (no more than three years removed from employment by a member institution or similar service at the time of his or her initial appointment);

(b) Current or former directors of athletics (no more than three years removed from employment by a member institution or similar service at the time of his or her initial appointment);

(c) Former NCAA coaches (no more than 10 years removed from employment by a member institution or similar service at the time of his or her initial appointment);

(d) Representatives from conference offices;

(e) Institutional staff or faculty, including but not limited to faculty athletics representatives [such a member who does not meet the definition of "on the staff" due to a change in employment status during a term of office may complete his or her term (subject to discretion of the committee chair) and be eligible for reappointment];

(f) Athletics administrators with compliance experience; and

(g) Members of the general public with formal legal training who are not associated with a collegiate institution, conference, or professional or similar sports organization and who do not represent coaches or athletes in any capacity.

19.3.2 Temporary Substitutes. If it appears that one or more members of the committee will be unable to participate in the disposition of a case, the chair may designate a current or former member or members of the committee to participate for purposes of consideration and disposition of that case. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.3.3 Hearing Panels of the Committee. Unless ordered otherwise by the committee chair or to review an agreement of negotiated resolution pursuant to Bylaw 19.5.12, cases involving Level I or Level II violations will be presented to and decided by hearing panels consisting of not less than five and not more than seven members of the full Committee on Infractions. When submitting the case for the committee's consideration, the parties may identify their belief that the case is suitable to be decided by a three-member panel. When appropriate based on the number and nature of allegations, the chair or vice chair may order that a panel of three members be generated. Upon notification, parties may submit their position when they believe that a three-member panel is not appropriate to review the case. The final decision of whether to consider a case with a three-member panel rests with the chair or vice chair. Decisions issued by hearing panels are made on behalf of the Committee on Infractions. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 10/5/16, 10/31/18)*

19.3.4 Conflict of Interest. No member of a hearing panel shall participate in a case if he or she is directly connected with an institution under investigation or if he or she has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. It is the responsibility of the panel member to remove himself or herself if a conflict exists. Objections to the participation of a panel member in a particular case should be raised as soon as recognized but will not be considered unless raised at least one week in advance of the panel's review of the case. Objections will be decided by the committee chair. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.3.5 Term of Office. A member shall be appointed to serve a three-year term, which shall commence on the first day of August following the member's appointment. A member may be reappointed for additional three-year terms but shall not serve more than nine years on the committee. *(Adopted: 1/11/00, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.3.6 Authority and Duties of Committee. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be prescribed by members of hearing panels of the Committee on Infractions present and voting at any duly called hearing thereof, provided the call of such a hearing shall have contained notice of the situation presenting the disciplinary problem. Actions of panels in cases involving Level I or Level II violations, however, may be subject to review by the Infractions Appeals Committee. The penalties prescribed by a panel are separate and apart from any penalties prescribed as part of the Academic Performance Program by the Committee on Academics. The Committee on Infractions shall: *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 4/24/03, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 8/8/18, 8/8/18 effective 2/1/19, 1/23/19)*

(a) Find facts related to alleged bylaw violations;

(b) Conclude whether the facts constitute one or more violations of the NCAA constitution and bylaws;

(c) Upon concluding that one or more violations occurred, prescribe an appropriate penalty consistent with the provisions of this article;

(d) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions as necessary for logistic, administrative or other support related to implementation of the committee's decisions;

(e) Monitor compliance with prescribed penalties. In the event an institution fails or refuses to implement prescribed penalties, a hearing panel of the committee may prescribe additional penalties, provided the institution is given the opportunity to appear before the panel and the opportunity to appeal any additional penalty;

(f) Consider complaints alleging the failure of any member to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for membership or the failure of any member to meet the conditions and obligations of membership in the Association;

(g) Formulate and revise internal operating procedures and revise investigative guidelines. Committee amendments to the procedures and guidelines shall be effective immediately and subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors;

(h) Review negotiated resolutions (see Bylaw 19.5.12);

(i) Prescribe penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate (see Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3);

(j) Sanction parties and/or their representative(s) for behaviors that inhibit the committee's ability to effectively manage the docket, ensure a professional and civil decorum in all proceedings or otherwise efficiently resolve infractions cases; and

(k) Carry out such other duties directly related to the administration of the Association's infractions program.

19.3.7 Duties of Committee Chair. The duties of the committee chair, or his or her designee, shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17)*

(a) Schedule and preside over two meetings of the full committee annually. In the interim between meetings of the full committee, the chair shall act on behalf of the committee, subject to committee ratification at its next meeting;

(b) For each hearing panel, appoint a chief hearing officer to preside over cases assigned to the panel. The chief hearing officer will generally be the panel member with the greatest length of service on the Committee on Infractions.

(c) At the request of the enforcement staff, determine whether to grant limited immunity to a current or former institutional employee with responsibilities related to athletics based on information that the employee reports in situations in which he or she would otherwise be subject to disciplinary action as described in Bylaws 19.9.5.4 and 19.9.8-(i). Such immunity shall not apply to the employee's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported, to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the employee or to any action taken by an institution;

(d) At the request of the enforcement staff, determine whether to grant limited immunity to a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete in situations in which he or she might otherwise be declared ineligible for intercollegiate competition based on information reported to the enforcement staff by the individual or a third party associated with the individual. Such immunity shall not apply to the individual's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported, to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the individual or to any action taken by an institution;

(e) In Level I and Level II cases, consider and decide requests by an institution or involved individual for an accelerated hearing;

(f) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions as necessary for logistic, administrative or other support;

(g) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions regarding hearing panel assignments, committee meetings and training activities; and

(h) Resolve or appoint another committee member to resolve preliminary procedural or other matters which may arise prior to the infractions hearing as authorized in Bylaw 19.7.6.

19.3.8 Duties of the Chief Hearing Officer. The duties of the chief hearing officer shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

(a) Consider and decide scheduling requests and extensions of time regarding hearing-related deadlines;

(b) For each hearing panel, appoint an individual responsible for conducting the press conference when the panel's decision is released;

(c) For each case set for hearing and in consultation with the committee chair, designate a panel member or other member of the committee to serve as the committee appeals advocate for any appeal from the decision of the panel;

(d) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions as necessary for logistic, administrative or other support related to hearings to which the chief hearing officer is assigned; and

(e) Resolve or appoint another panel member to resolve preliminary procedural or other matters that may arise prior to the infractions hearing as authorized in Bylaw 19.7.6.

19.4 Infractions Appeals Committee.

19.4.1 Composition of Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint an Infractions Appeals Committee to act as appellate hearing officers for appeals from decisions involving Level I or Level II violations by the Committee on Infractions. The committee shall be comprised of seven members. At least two members shall be from the general public and shall not be connected with a collegiate institution, conference, or professional or similar sports organization, or represent coaches or athletes in any capacity. The remaining members shall presently or previously be on the staff of an active member institution or member conference, but shall not serve presently on the Board of Directors. There shall be no subdivision restrictions except that all nonpublic members may not be from the same subdivision. The committee shall reflect the Association's commitment to diversity. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 10/27/98, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/22/20)*

19.4.2 Temporary Substitutes. If it appears that one or more of the committee members will be unable to participate in the disposition of a case, the chair may designate a former member or members of the committee to rejoin the committee for purposes of consideration and disposition of that case. *(Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/28/11, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.4.3 Conflict of Interest. No member of the Infractions Appeals Committee shall participate in a case if he or she is directly connected with an institution under investigation or if he or she has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. It is the responsibility of the committee member to remove himself or herself if a conflict exists. Objections to the participation of a committee member in a particular case should be raised as soon as recognized, but will not be considered unless raised at least one week in advance of the committee's review of the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.4.4 Term of Office. A member shall serve a three-year term, which shall commence on the first day of September following the member's appointment. A member may be reappointed for additional terms but shall not serve more than nine years on the committee. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.4.5 Authority of Committee. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/23/19)*

(a) Consider appeals from decisions of a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions involving Level I or Level II violations;

(b) Affirm, reverse, or vacate and/or remand the panel's findings, conclusions, penalties, corrective actions, requirements, and/or other conditions and obligations of membership prescribed for violations of the NCAA constitution and bylaws;

(c) Formulate and revise its operating procedures. Committee amendments to the procedures shall be effective immediately and subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors. The procedures shall include guidance on the conduct of appeal hearings; and

(d) Sanction parties and/or their representative(s) for behaviors that inhibit the committee's ability to effectively manage the docket, ensure a professional and civil decorum in all proceedings or otherwise efficiently resolve infractions cases.

19.5 Enforcement Staff Review and Investigation of Alleged Violations.

19.5.1 Enforcement Staff to Receive Information and Conduct Investigations. Information regarding an alleged failure to comply with the NCAA constitution and bylaws or to meet the conditions and obligations of membership shall be provided to the enforcement staff. The enforcement staff shall determine whether an investigation is warranted or whether the matter may be resolved without a formal investigation. If an investigation is warranted, the enforcement staff shall conduct an investigation on behalf of the entire membership to develop, to the extent reasonably possible, all relevant information. The enforcement staff will usually share information with the institution during an investigation, including information that may assist the institution in stopping an ongoing violation. However, to protect the integrity of the investigation, the staff may not, in all instances, share information with the institution. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.1.1 Conflict of Interest. Any enforcement staff member who has or had a personal relationship or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality should refrain from participating in the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.1.2 Initial Determination. The staff shall have the discretion to submit information to the chair of the Committee on Infractions for an initial determination of how that information should be processed. In such cases, the chair shall not be appointed to the hearing panel, if any, later assigned to the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.2 Public Announcements. The enforcement staff shall not publicly confirm or deny the existence of an infractions case before complete resolution of the case pursuant to this article. However, if information concerning a case is made public, the institution, enforcement staff and the involved individual may confirm, correct or deny the information made public. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.3 Notice of Inquiry to Institution. Before the enforcement staff conducts an inquiry on an institution's campus, the enforcement staff shall notify the institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designee) of the inquiry, either orally or in writing. This notice shall toll the statute of limitations. The institution shall be informed of its obligation to cooperate and of the confidential nature of the inquiry. The institution shall be notified that if the inquiry develops reliable information of a possible Level I or Level II violation, a notice of allegations will be produced. In the alternative, the institution will be notified that the matter may be processed as a Level III violation or that the matter has been concluded. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17)*

19.5.4 Representation by Legal Counsel. When an enforcement staff member conducts an interview, the individual questioned may be represented by personal legal counsel. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.5.5 Interview Notices.

19.5.5.1 Disclosure of Purpose of Interview. If an enforcement staff member requests information that could be detrimental to the interests of the student-athlete or institutional employee being questioned, that individual shall be advised that the purpose of the interview is to determine whether the individual has knowledge of or has been involved directly or indirectly in any violation of the NCAA constitution and bylaws. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.5.2 Responsibility to Provide Truthful Information. At the beginning of an interview involving the enforcement staff, a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional employee shall be advised that refusing to furnish information or providing false or misleading information to the NCAA, conference or institution may result in an allegation that the individual has violated NCAA ethical-conduct bylaws. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 5/12/17)*

19.5.6 Interviews with Member Institution. The director of athletics or other appropriate official of an institution shall be contacted by the enforcement staff in order to schedule interviews on the institution's campus with enrolled student-athletes or coaching or other institutional staff members with athletically related responsibilities who are believed to have knowledge of possible violations. Interviews should be conducted without disrupting normally scheduled academic activities whenever reasonably possible. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.6.1 Presence of Institutional Representative During Interview. If an interview with an enrolled student-athlete or athletics department staff member is conducted on the campus of an institution, an institutional representative (as designated by the institution) may be present during the interview, provided the subject matter to be discussed in the interview relates directly to the individual's institution or could affect the individual's eligibility or employment at the institution. If the enforcement staff wishes to discuss information with a student-athlete or staff member that is related solely to institutions other than the one in which the student-athlete is enrolled or the staff member is employed, and would not reasonably affect the student's eligibility or the staff member's employment at that institution, the institution may designate a representative to be present during the interview, provided the representative is someone who would not compromise the integrity of the investigation and whose participation would not prejudice the subject institution or any involved individual. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 10/5/16)*

19.5.7 Use of Court Reporters. Institutional representatives or individuals being interviewed may use a court reporter to transcribe an interview subject to the following conditions. The institution or individual shall: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

(a) Pay the court reporter's fees;

(b) Provide a copy of the transcript to the enforcement staff at no charge; and

(c) Agree that the confidentiality standards of Bylaw 19.5.8 apply. An institutional representative or individual who chooses to use a court reporter shall submit a written notice of agreement with the required conditions to the enforcement staff prior to the interview.

(d) If the enforcement staff chooses to use a court reporter, the NCAA will pay all costs of the reporter. A copy of the transcript prepared by the court reporter for the enforcement staff shall be made available to the institution and the involved individuals through the secure website.

19.5.8 Statement of Confidentiality. Individuals and institutional representatives shall be required to agree not to release recordings or interview transcripts to a third party. A statement of confidentiality shall be signed or recorded prior to an interview. Failure to enter into such an agreement precludes the individual or institutional representative from recording or transcribing the interview. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.9 Access to Information. For all cases to be considered by the Committee on Infractions, the enforcement staff shall make available to the institution and participating involved individuals recorded interviews, interview summaries and/or interview transcripts, and other factual information pertinent to the case. The institution and involved individuals may review such information through a secure website or at the NCAA national office. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.5.10 Termination of Investigation. The enforcement staff shall terminate the investigation related to any notice of inquiry in which the information that is developed does not appear to be of sufficient substance or reliability to warrant a notice of allegations or Level III allegations. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.11 Statute of Limitations. Allegations included in a notice of allegations shall be limited to possible violations occurring not earlier than four years before the date the notice of inquiry is provided to the institution or the date the institution notifies (or, if earlier, should have notified) the enforcement staff of its inquiries into the matter. However, the following shall not be subject to the four-year limitation: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Allegations involving violations affecting the eligibility of a current student-athlete;

(b) Allegations in a case in which information is developed to indicate a pattern of willful violations on the part of the institution or individual involved, which began before but continued into the four-year period; and

(c) Allegations that indicate a blatant disregard for the Association's fundamental recruiting, extra benefit, academic or ethical-conduct bylaws or that involve an effort to conceal the occurrence of the violation. In such cases, the enforcement staff shall have an 18-month period after the date information concerning the matter becomes available to the NCAA to investigate and submit to the institution a notice of allegations concerning the matter.

19.5.12 Negotiated Resolution. At any time from the beginning of the enforcement staff investigation until hearing panel review of a summary disposition report pursuant to Bylaw 19.6.4 or an infractions hearing held pursuant to Bylaw 19.7.7, the enforcement staff may negotiate a resolution with an institution or involved individual about alleged violations and proposed penalties. The negotiated resolution is subject to approval by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions and must resolve all known violations for which the party or parties included in the negotiated resolution may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9. *(Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 10/31/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.5.12.1 Written Agreement.

19.5.12.1.1 All Participating Parties Agree on Resolution. If all parties participating in the case agree on a resolution of the case, they shall submit the written agreement of negotiated resolution to the chair of the Committee on Infractions or the chief hearing officer, if assigned, for hearing panel review and approval. The enforcement staff shall include the violations by and penalties related to any party not participating in the case in the written agreement. A hearing panel of three Committee on Infractions members shall review the negotiated resolution if the parties submit the written agreement prior to issuance of the summary disposition report or notice of allegations. *(Adopted: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.1.2 Not All Participating Parties Agree on Resolution. If some, but not all, parties participating in the case agree on resolution of the case, the enforcement staff shall include the written agreement of negotiated resolution in the summary disposition report or notice of allegations submitted in connection with parties who are not included in the negotiated resolution, or amended summary disposition report or notice of allegations if the agreement is reached after issuance of the summary disposition report or notice of allegations. *(Adopted: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.1.3 Elements of Written Agreement. Any written agreement of a negotiated resolution shall contain the following: *(Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 10/31/18)*

(a) A brief description of the case, including the involvement of the parties included in the negotiated resolution;

(b) The agreed-upon violation(s);

(c) Other violations the enforcement staff considered and agreed or opted not to allege;

(d) The agreed-upon level of agreed-upon violation(s);

(e) The agreed-upon penalties, including all aggravating and mitigating factors;

(f) The nature of any participation or cooperation provided by a party pursuant to the negotiated resolution, and consequences for a party's failure or refusal to strictly adhere to the agreed-upon participation and cooperation conditions;

(g) Waiver of appellate opportunities; and

(h) Other material terms of the agreement.

19.5.12.2 Scope of Review. A hearing panel shall only reject a negotiated resolution if it is not in the best interests of the Association or the agreed-upon penalties are manifestly unreasonable pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 and Figure 19-1. *(Adopted: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.3 Preliminary Assessment of Penalties. Prior to submission of a written agreement of negotiated resolution, parties included in the negotiated resolution may request a hearing panel of three Committee on Infractions members to preliminarily assess whether the agreed-upon penalties are manifestly unreasonable pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 and Figure 19-1. The preliminary assessment is not binding. *(Adopted: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.3.1 Review By Hearing Panel After Preliminary Assessment. If practicable, the members of the panel that preliminarily assessed penalties will review the negotiated resolution when the written agreement is submitted prior to issuance of the summary disposition report or notice of allegations, or serve as part of the hearing panel, which may differ in size, that reviews the written agreement after issuance of the summary disposition report or notice of allegations. *(Adopted: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.4 Negotiated Resolution Approved. If the hearing panel approves the negotiated resolution, the panel shall forward the approval to the enforcement staff and the other parties, and publicly announce the resolution of the case. The approval shall be final and have no precedential value. *(Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.4.1 Approval When Not All Participating Parties Agree on Resolution. If some, but not all parties participating in the case agree on resolution of the case, the hearing panel shall not approve the negotiated resolution until the panel resolves the remainder of the case. *(Adopted: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.4.2 Approval in Conjunction with Preliminary Assessment. If all parties participating in the case request a preliminary assessment of penalties in accordance with Bylaw 19.5.12.3 and the parties submit all required elements of an agreement of negotiated resolution set forth in Bylaw 19.5.12.1.3, the hearing panel may approve the negotiated resolution in conjunction with its preliminary assessment unless the parties instruct otherwise in their request for preliminary assessment. *(Adopted: 1/23/19)*

19.5.12.5 Negotiated Resolution Not Approved. If the hearing panel does not approve the negotiated resolution, the panel may return the negotiated resolution to the parties included in the negotiated resolution for additional information or clarification or to respond to issues identified by the panel that preclude approval of the negotiated resolution, and request that the parties submit an amended written agreement of negotiated resolution in response. In the alternative, the panel may reject the negotiated resolution and issue instructions for processing of the case pursuant to Bylaw 19.6 or Bylaw 19.7. *(Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.5.1 Continued Review by Hearing Panel After Rejection of Negotiated Resolution. If practicable, the members of the panel that rejected the negotiated resolution submitted prior to issuance of a summary disposition report or notice of allegations will serve on the hearing panel, which may differ in size, when the case proceeds to summary disposition or hearing. *(Adopted: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.6 Case Referred to Independent Accountability Resolution Structure. If the Infractions Referral Committee refers the case to the independent accountability resolution structure pursuant to Bylaw 19.11.3 after some or all parties agree on resolution of the case, the Independent Resolution Panel shall not have the authority to approve the written agreement of negotiated resolution. The information contained in the written agreement, however, shall be part of the record in the referred case and the Independent Resolution Panel may consider the information in its review of the case. *(Adopted: 10/31/18, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.6 Summary Disposition Process Before the Committee on Infractions.

19.6.1 Summary Disposition Election. In a case before the Committee on Infractions involving Level I or Level II violations, the institution, involved individuals and the enforcement staff may elect to use the summary disposition procedures specified below. To invoke the summary disposition procedures, the enforcement staff, involved individuals, if participating, and the institution must agree to summary disposition. The institution, an involved individual or the enforcement staff may require, as a condition of agreement, that the parties jointly submit the proposed findings of fact to the chair of the Committee on Infractions or his or her designee for a preliminary assessment of the appropriateness of the use of the summary disposition process. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.6.2 Written Report. The institution, involved individuals and the enforcement staff shall submit a written report setting forth: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

(a) The proposed findings of fact;

(b) A summary of information on which the proposed findings of fact are based;

(c) A statement identifying the violation(s) of the NCAA constitution and/or bylaws;

(d) The parties' agreement on the overall level of the case;

(e) A stipulation by the enforcement staff that the investigation, if conducted by the institution, was complete and thorough and that the institution cooperated fully in the process;

(f) A statement of unresolved issues;

(g) A list of any agreed-upon aggravating and mitigating factors; and

(h) A stipulation that the proposed findings of fact are substantially correct and complete.

19.6.3 Proposed Penalties. The institution and involved individuals shall submit proposed penalties from the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 19.9 and Figure 19-1. The institution and involved individuals also may submit a statement regarding any aggravating or mitigating factors and other considerations that may impact the penalty or penalties. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.6.4 Committee on Infractions Review. A hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions shall consider the case during a subsequent meeting. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.6.4.1 Review of Investigation. The panel shall determine whether a thorough investigation of possible violations of the NCAA constitution and bylaws has been conducted (by the enforcement staff and/or the institution). If the panel determines that the investigation was inadequate, it shall notify the enforcement staff and the parties and allow them to respond, as appropriate. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.6.4.2 Additional Information or Clarification. The panel may contact the institution, enforcement staff and involved individuals for additional information or clarification prior to accepting or rejecting the proposed findings or penalties. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.6.4.3 Acceptance of Proposed Findings of Fact, Violations and Penalties. If the proposed findings of fact and proposed penalties are accepted, the panel shall prepare a report of its decision or adopt the written report of the parties. The panel may make additional comments explaining its analysis or amend the proposed findings of fact, provided any addition or amendment is editorial and does not alter the substance of the proposed findings of fact. The written report may identify the chancellor or president of the institution (in cases involving lack of institutional control); the director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department (in cases involving lack of institutional control and failure to monitor); the head coach(es) of the sport(s) involved; and, if appropriate, the chair or other members of the institution's governing body. The panel shall forward the report to the enforcement staff and the parties and publicly announce the resolution of the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.6.4.4 Proposed Findings of Fact and/or Violations Not Accepted. If the panel does not accept the proposed findings of fact, the case shall be processed pursuant to Bylaw 19.7. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.6.4.5 Proposed Penalties Not Accepted. If the panel accepts the proposed findings of fact but proposes penalties in addition to those set forth in the parties' written report, the institution and/or involved individuals may accept those penalties or request an expedited hearing on penalties before the panel. The institution and/or involved individuals may appear before the panel in person, by video conference or other mode of distance communication, as the panel deems appropriate, to discuss the proposed additional penalties. The institution and/or involved individuals also may provide a written submission in lieu of a hearing. The panel shall only consider information relevant to the calculation of penalties during the expedited hearing or, if no hearing is requested, on the written record. At the conclusion of the expedited hearing or review of the written record, the panel shall prepare a written report and provide notification of its decision. The institution and/or any involved individuals may appeal additional penalties to the Infractions Appeals Committee. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7 Notice of Allegations and Opportunity to Respond Before the Committee on Infractions.

19.7.1 Notice of Allegations. If the enforcement staff determines after an investigation that there is sufficient information to conclude that a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions could conclude that a violation occurred, it shall issue a cover letter and notice of allegations to the chancellor or president of the institution involved (with copies to the faculty athletics representative, the director of athletics and the executive officer of the conference of which the institution is a member). The

institution and/or involved individuals, if applicable, shall be given notice of the alleged violation(s), the details of the allegations, the possible level of each alleged violation, the processing level of the case, the available hearing procedures and the opportunity to answer the allegations. The notice of allegations shall also identify the factual information and aggravating and/or mitigating factors on which the enforcement staff may rely in presenting the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.7.1.1 Notice to Institution's Administration. The cover letter accompanying each notice of allegations shall: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

(a) Inform the chancellor or president of the matter under inquiry and request the cooperation of the institution in obtaining all the pertinent facts;

(b) Request the chancellor or president to respond to the allegations and to provide all relevant information that the institution has or may reasonably obtain, including information uncovered related to new violations. The responsibility to provide information continues until the case has been concluded;

(c) In cases in which there will be an in-person hearing, request the chancellor or president and other institutional staff to appear before a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions at a time and place determined by the panel;

(d) In cases in which there will be an in-person hearing, inform the chancellor or president that if the institution fails to appear after having been requested to do so, it may not appeal to the panel's decision or the resultant penalty; and

(e) Inform the chancellor or president that the enforcement staff's primary investigator in the case will be available to discuss the development of its response and assist in locating various individuals who have, or may have, important information regarding the allegations.

19.7.1.2 Notice to Involved Individuals. The enforcement staff shall notify an involved individual of the allegations in a notice of allegations in which he or she is named. The involved individual shall receive notice of his or her duty to cooperate in the investigation and to appear at a hearing, if requested (and the potential consequences for failing to appear). The notice of allegations shall request the involved individual to respond to the allegations and to provide all relevant information that he or she has or may reasonably obtain, including information uncovered related to new violations. The responsibility to provide information continues until the case has been concluded. The involved individual shall also be advised that the enforcement staff's primary investigator in the case will be available to discuss the development of the individual's response. If an involved individual is employed at a member institution, a copy of the notification shall also be forwarded to the chancellor or president and the director of athletics of his or her current institution. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.2 Responses by Institutions or Involved Individuals. Any response to the notice of allegations shall be submitted to the hearing panel, if assigned, and the enforcement staff, and pertinent portions to the institution and all involved individuals, not later than 90 days from the date of the notice of allegations unless the chief hearing officer, if assigned, and if not assigned, the committee chair, grants an extension. The enforcement staff may establish a deadline for the submission of responses to any reasonable time within the 90-day period, provided the institution and all involved individuals consent to the expedited deadline. Failure to submit a timely response may be viewed by the panel as an admission that the alleged violation(s) occurred. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.3 Submissions by Enforcement Staff. Within 60 days after the institution and involved individuals, if any, submit written responses to the notice of allegations, the enforcement staff shall submit a written reply to the hearing panel, and pertinent portions to an involved individual or institution. In addition to submitting its reply and after the prehearing conference, the enforcement staff shall prepare a statement of the case, which shall set forth a brief history of the case, summary of the parties' positions on each allegation and a list of any remaining items of disagreement. An involved individual will be provided those portions of the statement in which he or she is named. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.4 Prehearing Conference. Within 60 days after the institution and involved individuals, if any, submit written responses to the notice of allegations, the enforcement staff shall consult with institutional representatives and other involved individuals in order to clarify the issues to be discussed during the hearing, make suggestions regarding additional investigation or interviews that should be conducted to supplement a response and identify allegations that the staff intends to amend or withdraw. The enforcement staff shall conduct independent prehearings with the institution and/or any involved individuals, unless mutually agreed by all parties to do otherwise. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.5 Deadline for Submission of Written Material. Except as otherwise ordered by the chief hearing officer and for good cause shown, all written material from the parties to be considered by the hearing panel must be received by the hearing panel, enforcement staff, institution and any involved individuals at least 30 days prior to the date the panel considers the case. Information may be submitted at the hearing, subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 19.7.7.3. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.6 Prehearing Procedural Issues. The committee chair has authority to resolve procedural matters that arise prior to an infractions hearing. Unless otherwise specified by the committee chair, the chief hearing officer has authority to resolve procedural matters that arise prior to an infractions hearing and after appointment of the chief hearing officer to preside over the case assigned to a panel. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7 Committee Hearings. The hearing panel assigned to a case shall hold a hearing to make factual findings and to conclude whether violations of the NCAA constitution and bylaws occurred and, if so, to prescribe appropriate penalties as set forth in this article unless all participating parties agree to submit the case in writing without a hearing. In Level I cases that involve a small number of contested issues or Level I cases in which the contested issues are relatively uncomplicated, the institution and/or the involved individual may make a written request to appear before the panel by video conference or other mode of distance communication. The decision regarding the use of video conference (or another mode of communication) rests with the panel. In a Level II case, a hearing will be conducted by telephone or video conference unless an in-person hearing is requested by the panel, institution, enforcement staff or involved individual. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 4/14/17)*

19.7.7.1 Allegations of Violations in Multiple Levels. If violations from multiple levels are identified in the notice of allegations, the case shall be processed pursuant to procedures applicable to the most serious violation(s) alleged. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.2 Accelerated Hearing Docket. In Level I and Level II cases, the institution or involved individual may petition the committee chair for an accelerated schedule for written submissions and an earlier hearing date. The petition shall be submitted not later than 14 calendar days after the date of the notice of allegations. The enforcement staff may respond to the petition within five business days. The committee chair may grant or deny such a petition and set a reasonable schedule at his or her discretion. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17)*

19.7.7.3 Information Presented at Hearings. At a hearing, the parties or their legal counsel have the obligation to present, to the extent reasonably possible, material, relevant information necessary for the hearing panel to reach an informed decision, including information that corroborates or refutes an allegation. Subject to procedures of the Committee on Infractions, the parties or their legal counsel may deliver opening and closing statements, present factual information, make arguments, explain the alleged violations and answer questions from panel members. Any oral or documentary information may be received, but the panel may exclude information that it determines to be irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.3.1 Information from Confidential Sources. At a hearing, the parties, including the enforcement staff, shall present only information that can be attributed to individuals who are willing to be identified. Information obtained from individuals not wishing to be identified shall not be relied on by the hearing panel in concluding whether a violation occurred. Such confidential sources shall not be identified to the hearing panel, the institution or an involved individual. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.3.2 Information Relevant to Possible Penalties. Institutional, conference and enforcement staff representatives and any involved individuals are encouraged to present all relevant information that should be considered in arriving at appropriate penalties. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.4 Scope of Inquiry. When an institution and/or involved individual appears before a hearing panel to discuss a response to the notice of allegations, the hearing shall be directed toward the general scope of the notice of allegations but shall not preclude the panel from concluding that any violation occurred based on information developed or discussed during the hearing. In any case, the panel may make specific factual findings based on information presented by the parties or at a hearing even if different from the notice of allegations. *(Revised: 4/24/03, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.5 Appearance of Individuals at Hearings. Except as otherwise provided herein or as ordered by the chief hearing officer, hearing attendees shall be limited to institutional representatives (Bylaw 19.7.7.5.2), involved individuals, NCAA staff representatives, hearing panel members, representatives from the office of the Committees on Infractions, the audio recorder, court reporter and other technical/support staff as permitted by the chief hearing officer. An individual who appears before the panel may appear with personal legal counsel. At his or her discretion, the chief hearing officer may exclude an individual and his or her counsel from those portions of the hearing concerning matters in which the individual is not involved. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.7.7.5.1 Request for Specific Individuals. Institutional officials, current or former staff members, or enrolled student-athletes who are specifically requested by the chief hearing officer to appear before the hearing panel at an institutional hearing are expected to appear and may be accompanied by personal legal counsel. Failure to attend may result in a violation of this bylaw. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.5.2 Representatives of Institution. Except as otherwise ordered by the chief hearing officer, at the time an institution appears before the hearing panel, its representatives should include the institution's chancellor or president, the head coach of the sport(s) in question, the institution's director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department, senior compliance administrator, faculty athletics representative, legal counsel (if any), enrolled student-athletes whose eligibility could be affected by information presented at the hearing, and any other representatives whose attendance would be helpful to or has been requested by the panel. Additional individuals may be included among the institution's representatives only if specifically approved. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.7.7.5.3 Representatives of Member Conference. A representative of a conference may attend an institutional hearing involving a conference member. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.5.4 Prohibited Attendance by Conflicted Committee Members. A member of the Committee on Infractions or the Infractions Appeals Committee who is prohibited under Bylaws 19.3.4 or 19.4.3 from participating in an infractions proceeding may not attend a Committee on Infractions hearing involving his or her institution unless specifically requested by the chief hearing officer. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.6 Recording of Proceedings. The proceedings of infractions hearings shall be transcribed by a court reporter (unless otherwise agreed) and shall be recorded by the hearing panel. No additional verbatim recording of the proceedings will be permitted. In the event of an appeal, a transcript of the proceedings shall be reproduced and submitted to the Infractions Appeals Committee and made available for review by the appealing parties through a secure website. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.8 Posthearing Committee Deliberations. After all presentations have been made and the hearing has been concluded, the hearing panel shall excuse the parties and deliberate in private. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.8.1 Request for New Information. In arriving at its decision, the hearing panel may request additional information from any source, including the institution, the enforcement staff or an involved individual. In the event that new information is requested, all parties will be afforded an opportunity to respond at the time such information is provided. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.8.2 Request for Interpretation. The hearing panel may request that the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff provide an interpretation of applicable legislation based on facts submitted by the panel. If an interpretation is requested, the institution, involved individuals and the enforcement staff will be notified in writing of the interpretation request and the response. The institution may appeal the interpretation in accordance with Constitution 5.4.1.2. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.8.3 Basis of Decision. The hearing panel shall base its decision on information presented to it that it determines to be credible, persuasive and of a kind on which reasonably prudent persons rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The information upon which the panel bases its decision may be information that directly or circumstantially supports the alleged violation. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.3.1 Importation of Facts. Facts established by a decision or judgment of a court, agency, accrediting body, or other administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, which is not under appeal, or by a commission, or similar review of comparable independence, authorized by a member institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees and regardless of whether the facts are accepted by the institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees, may be accepted as true in the infractions process in concluding whether an institution or individual participating in the previous matter violated NCAA legislation. Evidence submitted and positions taken in such a matter may be considered in the infractions process. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.3.2 Materials Not Produced. The hearing panel may infer that materials requested during an investigation by the enforcement staff but not produced by an institution or individual would support an alleged violation for which the party may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.3.3 Failure or Refusal to Participate in Interview. The hearing panel may view the failure or refusal to participate in an interview requested by the enforcement staff as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the individual may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.3.4 Failure to Submit Timely Response to Notice of Allegations. The hearing panel may view the failure by an institution or individual to submit a timely response to a notice of allegations as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the party may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.4 Calculation of Penalty. If the hearing panel concludes that a violation occurred, it shall prescribe an appropriate penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 or recommend to the Board of Directors suspension or termination of

membership in an appropriate case. Failure to fully implement the prescribed penalty may be considered a violation and/or may subject the institution, and/or an institution employing an involved individual under a show-cause order, to further disciplinary action by the Committee on Infractions. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.8 Notification of Committee on Infractions Decision.

19.8.1 Infractions Decision. After a hearing, the Committee on Infractions hearing panel shall prepare and approve the final written infractions decision, which shall contain a statement of the findings of fact, conclusions of violations, penalties, corrective actions, requirements and (for institutions) any other conditions and obligations of membership. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.8.1.1 Provision of Decision to the Parties. The decision shall be sent to the chancellor or president of the involved institution (or his or her designee), any involved individuals and the vice president of enforcement. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.1.2 Public Infractions Decision. Once the decision has been provided to the parties, the hearing panel shall release a public infractions decision. The public infractions decision will not include names of individuals, but the panel may, at its discretion, identify the chancellor or president of the institution (in cases involving lack of institutional control); the director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department (in cases involving lack of control or failure to monitor); the head coach(es) of the sport(s) involved; and, if appropriate, the chair or other members of the institution's governing body. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.1.3 Public Announcement. Once the public infractions decision has been released, the panel member designated by the chief hearing officer may make a public announcement related to the infractions case. The institution and/or any involved individuals shall be requested not to comment publicly concerning the case prior to the time the NCAA's public announcement is released. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.1.4 Decision to Infractions Appeals Committee. The hearing panel shall forward a copy of the public infractions decision to the Infractions Appeals Committee at the time of the public announcement. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.2 Reconsideration by the Hearing Panel. Once the decision has been publicly announced by the Committee on Infractions hearing panel, and the appeal opportunity has been exhausted, there shall be no reconsideration of the decision except as follows. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.8.2.1 New Information or Prejudicial Error. A hearing panel may reconsider a decision upon a showing of new information that is directly related to the decision or upon a showing that there was prejudicial error in the procedure that was followed in the processing of the case. *(Revised: 1/9/96, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14)*

19.8.2.1.1 Review Process. Any institution or involved individual that initiates such a review shall submit a brief of its request to a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions. Based on the party's brief, the hearing panel shall decide whether to deny the request or grant the request and conduct further proceedings as the panel deems necessary to resolve the matter. *(Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.2.1.2 No Calculation of New Penalty. If reconsideration is granted, the panel may reduce or eliminate a penalty but may not prescribe any new penalty. The panel's decision with respect to the penalty shall be final and conclusive for all purposes. *(Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.2.2 Penalty Modified or Set Aside Outside the Association. Should any portion of the penalty in the case be modified or set aside for any reason other than by appropriate action of the Association, the penalty shall be reconsidered by a hearing panel. In such cases, any extensions or adjustment of a penalty shall be prescribed by the panel after notice to the institution and an opportunity to respond. Any such action by the panel may be reviewed by the Infractions Appeals Committee. *(Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.3 Finality of Decisions. Any decision by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions that is not appealed or reconsidered pursuant to Bylaw 19.8.2 shall be final, binding and conclusive, and shall not be subject to further review by any governance body. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.9 Penalties.

19.9.1 Application. The penalties set forth in this section shall be prescribed by hearing panels of the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel for violations committed on or after October 30, 2012. Penalties prescribed for violations committed before October 30, 2012, shall be the penalties set forth in this section or the penalties that would have been prescribed pursuant to the 2012-13 Division I Manual, whichever is less stringent. For violations that commence before October 30, 2012, and continue on or after October 30, 2012, the hearing panel shall prescribe the penalties set forth in this

section unless it finds or concludes that the conduct constituting a violation predominately occurred before October 30, 2012. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.9.2 Factors Affecting Penalties. The hearing panel shall determine whether any factors that may affect penalties are present for a case. The panel shall weigh any factors and determine whether a party should be subject to standard penalties or should be classified with aggravation or mitigation and, therefore, subject to a higher or lower range of penalties. Absent extenuating circumstances, core penalties corresponding to the classification shall be prescribed as set forth in Figure 19-1. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.9.2.1 Aggravation. An aggravated case is one in which aggravating factors for a party outweigh mitigating factors for that party. A case should not be classified as aggravated solely because the number of aggravating factors is larger than the number of mitigating factors. An egregious aggravating factor may outweigh multiple mitigating factors. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.9.2.2 Standard. A standard case is one in which no mitigating or aggravating factors are present for a party or in which aggravating and mitigating factors for that party are generally of equal weight. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.9.2.3 Mitigation. A mitigated case is one in which mitigating factors for a party outweigh aggravating factors for that party. A case should not be classified as mitigated solely because the number of mitigating factors is larger than the number of aggravating factors. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.9.3 Aggravating Factors. Aggravating factors are circumstances that warrant a higher range of penalties for a particular party. A hearing panel determines whether aggravating factors are present in a case and the weight assigned to each factor. Examples of aggravating factors include, but are not limited, to the following: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 8/8/18, 9/24/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Multiple Level I violations by the institution or involved individual;

(b) A history of Level I, Level II or major violations by the institution or involved individual. Additional considerations include:

(1) The amount of time between the occurrences of violations;

(2) The similarity, severity and types of violations involved;

(3) Efforts to implement previously prescribed corrective measures; and

(4) Other factors the hearing panel deems relevant to the infractions history.

(c) Lack of institutional control;

(d) Obstructing an investigation or attempting to conceal the violation;

(e) Unethical conduct, compromising the integrity of an investigation, failing to cooperate during an investigation or refusing to provide all relevant or requested information;

(f) Violations were premeditated, deliberate or committed after substantial planning;

(g) Multiple Level II violations by the institution or involved individual;

(h) Persons of authority condoned, participated in or negligently disregarded the violation or related wrongful conduct;

(i) One or more violations caused significant ineligibility or other substantial harm to a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete;

(j) Conduct or circumstances demonstrating an abuse of a position of trust;

(k) A pattern of noncompliance within the sport program(s) involved;

(l) Conduct intended to generate pecuniary gain for the institution or involved individual;

(m) Intentional, willful or blatant disregard for the NCAA constitution and bylaws;

(n) The institution employs an athletics department staff member who is subject to a show-cause order and during the period of the show-cause order that individual's conduct, or for a director of athletics and/or head coach, conduct involving any program in which he or she has oversight, results in an institutional Level I or Level II violation in the case; or

(o) Other facts warranting a higher penalty range.

19.9.4 Mitigating Factors. Mitigating factors are circumstances that warrant a lower range of penalties for a particular party. A hearing panel determines whether mitigating factors are present in a case and the weight assigned to each factor. Examples of mitigating factors include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 10/5/16, 4/25/18, 4/27/18, 8/8/18, 9/24/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Prompt self-detection and self-disclosure of the violation(s);

(b) Prompt acknowledgement of the violation, acceptance of responsibility and (for an institution) imposition of meaningful corrective measures and/or penalties;

(c) Affirmative steps to expedite final resolution of the matter, including timely submission of a summary disposition report pursuant to Bylaw 19.6.2;

(d) An established history of self-reporting Level III or secondary violations;

(e) Implementation of a system of compliance methods designed to ensure rules compliance and satisfaction of institutional/coaches' control standards (e.g., National Association of Athletics Compliance Reasonable Standards);

(f) Exemplary cooperation, such as:

(1) Identifying individuals (to be interviewed by the enforcement staff), documents and other information of which the enforcement staff was not aware;

(2) Expending substantial institutional resources to expedite a thorough and fair collection and disclosure of information; or

(3) Recognizing and bringing to the attention of the enforcement staff, in a timely manner, additional violations discovered in the investigation of which the enforcement staff was not aware.

(g) The violations were unintentional, limited in scope and represent a deviation from otherwise compliant practices by the institution or involved individual;

(h) The absence of prior conclusions of Level I, Level II or major violations committed by the institution or involved individual; or

(i) Other facts warranting a lower penalty range.

19.9.5 Core Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. If a hearing panel concludes that an institution or involved individual committed one or more Level I or Level II violations, and after determining the appropriate classification based on aggravating and mitigating factors, the hearing panel shall prescribe core penalties from the ranges set forth in Figure 19-1 and described below. The panel may depart from the core penalties only as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.6. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.9.5.1 Competition Penalties. Competition limitations on the institution's participation in postseason play in the involved sport(s). *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.9.5.2 Financial Penalties. Financial penalties may include requirements that an institution pay a fine, return revenue received from a specific athletics event or series of events, face reduction in or elimination of monetary distribution by the Association or lose all revenue sharing in postseason competition (including the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship) for the entire period of a postseason ban. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/8/18)*

19.9.5.2.1 Fine for Participation in NCAA Championship and Other Postseason Contests in Which an Ineligible Student-Athlete Competed. A hearing panel may require an institution to pay a fine, to be distributed to the NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund, if an ineligible student-athlete competes in NCAA championship or other postseason contests. In such a case, the institution shall pay the value of the full unit(s) [Basketball Performance Fund unit(s) and/or Equal Conference Fund unit(s)] awarded based on the institution's participation in NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship contests in which the ineligible student-athlete competed, or shall pay the value of a similar distribution awarded for the institution's participation in other NCAA championship or postseason contests in which the ineligible student-athlete competed. *(Adopted: 1/23/19)*

19.9.5.3 Scholarship Reductions. Limitations on the number of financial aid awards that may be provided during a specified period. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.9.5.4 Show-Cause Orders. If a determination is made by a hearing panel that an institution has not taken appropriate disciplinary or corrective action regarding an individual found in violation of the NCAA constitution and bylaws, the panel may issue an order that the institution take additional disciplinary or corrective action, including but not limited to, restriction of some or all athletically related duties, as set forth in Figure 19-1, unless the institution appears before the panel to show cause why the additional penalties should not be applied. Decisions regarding disciplinary or corrective actions involving personnel shall be made by the institution, but the determination of whether the action satisfies the institution's obligation of NCAA membership shall rest solely with the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.9.5.5 Head Coach Restrictions. If a determination is made by the hearing panel that an employing institution has not taken appropriate disciplinary or corrective action regarding a head coach found in violation of Bylaw 11.1.1.1, the panel may issue an order that the institution suspend the coach for a number of contests from the range set forth in Figure

19-1 that would apply to the underlying violation(s) unless the institution appears before the panel to show cause why the suspension should not be applied. Decisions regarding disciplinary or corrective actions involving personnel shall be made by the institution, but the determination of whether the action satisfies the institution's obligation of NCAA membership shall rest solely with the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.9.5.6 Recruiting Restrictions. Recruiting restrictions may include limitations for varying lengths of time on official visits; unofficial visits (the number of scheduled unofficial visits, provision of complimentary admissions and local transportation); recruiting communications (telephone and written correspondence); and off-campus recruiting activities. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.9.5.7 Probation. The hearing panel may prescribe probationary conditions designed on a case-by-case basis to remediate weaknesses detected in the institution's administration of its athletics programs. Prior to expiration of the probation period and before the institution is restored to full rights and privileges of membership in the Association, the office of the Committee on Infractions will review the athletics policies and practices of the institution. If an institution fails to satisfy all probationary conditions, the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel may extend the probationary period and/or prescribe additional penalties. Conditions of probation may include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Submission of compliance reports during the period of probation;

(b) Acknowledgement in alumni publications, media guides and recruiting materials identifying the violations committed, the terms of probation, and penalties prescribed;

(c) Written confirmation to the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel that the institution's president or chancellor met with student-athletes, athletics department staff and other relevant parties to personally affirm his or her commitment to NCAA rules compliance, shared responsibility and preserving the integrity of intercollegiate athletics;

(d) Requiring an institution to announce during broadcast contests, on its website and in institutional publications that it is on probation and the reasons why the probation was prescribed;

(e) In cases in which an institution is found to lack institutional control and serious remediation is necessary, in-person reviews of the institution's athletics policies and practices by the office of the Committee on Infractions or, in limited circumstances, as appropriate, Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel members or a third party;

(f) Implementation of educational or deterrent programs; or

(g) Audits for specific programs or teams.

19.9.6 Departures from Level I and Level II Core Penalties. If extenuating circumstances are found, the hearing panel may depart from the core penalties in Figure 19-1, provided the panel explains, in its decision, the basis for its prescription of core penalties different than those set forth in Figure 19-1. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.9.7 Additional Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. In addition to the core penalties for Level I and Level II violations, the panel may prescribe one or more of the following penalties: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/7/14)*

(a) Prohibition against specified competition in the sport during the regular season;

(b) Prohibition of all coaching staff members in the sport from involvement, directly or indirectly, in any coaching activities at the institution during the regular season;

(c) Prohibition against institutional staff members serving on the Board of Directors, Council or other committees of the Association for a prescribed period (or requirement that any institutional staff members serving in leadership positions on any NCAA council or committee resign their leadership positions);

(d) Requirement that the institution relinquish its voting privilege in the Association for a prescribed period;

(e) Recommendation that the institution's membership in the Association be suspended or terminated pursuant to Constitution 3.2.5;

(f) Public reprimand and censure;

(g) Vacation of records in contests in which a student-athlete competed while ineligible, including one or more of the following:

(1) Vacation of individual records and performances;

(2) Vacation of team records and performances, including wins from the career record of the head coach in the involved sport, or, in applicable cases, reconfiguration of team point totals; or

(3) Return of individual or team awards to the Association.

(h) Prohibition against television appearances of the institution in the sport in which the violation occurred. The penalty shall specify that the institution may not enter into any contracts or agreements for such appearances until the institution has been restored to full privileges of membership. The Board of Directors is authorized to permit a closed-circuit telecast, limited to the campus of the opponent of the ineligible institution, provided no rights fee is to be paid to the ineligible institution;

(i) Pursuant to a show-cause order, disassociation of relations with a representative of an institution's athletics interests, including:

(1) Not accepting any assistance from the individual that would aid in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes or the support of enrolled student-athletes;

(2) Not accepting financial assistance for the institution's athletics program from the individual;

(3) Ensuring that no athletics benefit or privilege is provided to the individual that is not generally available to the public at large; and

(4) Taking such other actions against the individual that the institution determines to be within its authority to eliminate the involvement of the individual in the institution's athletics program.

(j) Publicizing institutions on probation on the NCAA website, in appropriate NCAA publications and in NCAA championship game programs of the involved sports;

(k) Institutionally imposed suspension of a staff member from some or all athletically related duties for a specified period, pursuant to a show-cause order, for a situation in which he or she engaged in or condoned a Level I or Level II violation; or

(l) Other penalties as appropriate.

19.9.8 Penalties for Level III Violations. Penalties for Level III violations may include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17)*

(a) Termination of the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete by the institution or, if the prospective student-athlete enrolls (or has enrolled) in the institution, direction that the institution take appropriate action regarding his or her eligibility pursuant to Bylaw 12.12 and/or not allow the student-athlete to participate in intercollegiate athletics unless and until his or her eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement;

(b) Forfeiture/vacation of contests in which an ineligible student-athlete participated;

(c) Prohibition of the head coach or other staff members in the involved sport from participating in any off-campus recruiting activities for up to one year;

(d) An institutional fine for each violation, with the monetary penalty ranging in total from $500 to $5,000, except if an ineligible student-athlete participates in an NCAA championship or other postseason competition, the $5,000 limit shall not apply;

(e) Reduction in the number of financial aid awards that may be awarded during a specified period in the sport involved to the maximum extent of 20 percent of the maximum number of awards normally permissible in that sport;

(f) Institutional recertification that its current athletics policies and practices conform to all requirements of the NCAA constitution and bylaws;

(g) Institutionally imposed suspension of the head coach or other staff members for one or more competitions;

(h) Public reprimand; and

(i) Requirement that a member institution that has been found in violation, or that has an athletics department staff member who has been found in violation of the NCAA constitution and bylaws while representing another institution, show cause why a penalty or an additional penalty should not be prescribed if it does not take appropriate disciplinary or corrective action against the athletics department personnel involved, any other institutional employee, if the circumstances warrant, or representatives of the institution's athletics interests.

19.9.9 Show-Cause Penalties. If a hearing panel prescribes additional penalties for an institution for Level I or Level II violations pursuant to Bylaw 19.9.5.4, the institution shall be provided the opportunity to appear before the panel. Further, for show-cause penalties prescribed by a Committee on Infractions hearing panel, the institution shall be provided the opportunity to appeal any additional penalty prescribed by the panel. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.9.10 Notification of Regional Accrediting Agency. In cases in which the hearing panel has found academic violations or questionable academic conduct, the NCAA president may forward a copy of the public infractions decision to the appropriate regional accrediting agency. *(Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.9.11 Obligation of Institution to Take Appropriate Action. If a violation has been found that affects the eligibility of one or more student-athletes, the institution and its conference, if any, shall be notified of the violation and the name(s) of the student-athlete(s) involved. If the institution fails to take appropriate action by declaring the student-athlete(s) ineligible, the institution shall be required to show cause to the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel why additional penalties should not be prescribed for a failure to abide by the conditions and obligations of membership if it permits the student-athlete(s) to compete in intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 4/24/03, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.10 Appeal of Committee on Infractions Decisions.

19.10.1 Basis for Granting an Appeal.

19.10.1.1 Penalties. A penalty prescribed by the Committee on Infractions hearing panel, including determinations regarding the existence and weighing of any aggravating or mitigating factors, shall not be set aside on appeal except on a showing by the appealing party that the panel abused its discretion. The Infractions Appeals Committee may affirm a penalty for any reason in the record. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.10.1.2 Findings and Conclusions. A Committee on Infractions hearing panel's factual findings and its conclusion that one or more violations occurred shall not be set aside on appeal except on a showing by the appealing party that: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) A factual finding is clearly contrary to the information presented to the panel;

(b) The facts found by the panel do not constitute a violation of the NCAA constitution and bylaws; or

(c) There was a procedural error and but for the error, the panel would not have made the finding or conclusion.

19.10.2 Appeal by Institution or Involved Individual. An institution participating in the proceedings of a Committee on Infractions hearing panel may appeal the panel's findings, conclusions, penalties, corrective actions, requirements and/or other conditions and obligations of membership prescribed for the institution for violations of the NCAA constitution and bylaws. An involved individual participating in the proceedings of the panel and who the panel concluded committed a violation may appeal the panel's findings, conclusions and/or prescribed penalties regarding that individual for violations in which he or she is named. The notice of intent to appeal must be presented in writing to the Infractions Appeals Committee not later than 15 calendar days after the date the hearing panel releases the public infractions decision. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.10.2.1 Contents of Notice of Intent to Appeal. The notice of intent to appeal shall include the following, unless otherwise ordered by the Infractions Appeals Committee: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

(a) The date on which the decision of the hearing panel was released to the public;

(b) A statement indicating whether the appealing party desires to submit its appeal in writing only or requests an in-person oral argument. An appealing party may not request an in-person oral argument unless that party made an appearance before the hearing panel; and

(c) If the appealing party is an involved individual, a statement indicating whether he or she is employed at an NCAA institution. If the involved individual's employment status changes during the course of the appeal, the statement shall be amended promptly to reflect the change and the identity of the new employer.

19.10.2.2 Stay of Penalties. If a notice of intent to appeal is filed within the deadline, unless ordered otherwise by the Infractions Appeals Committee, any penalties prescribed by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions that have been appealed shall be stayed during the pendency of the appeal. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.3 Written Materials on Appeal. An appealing party may submit materials as set forth below, subject to procedures promulgated by the Infractions Appeals Committee or as otherwise directed by the committee. A deadline for the submission of a document shall be met if the document is submitted electronically to the Infractions Appeals Committees Office by 5 p.m. Eastern time on the due date. At the earliest opportunity after a document is submitted electronically, the submitting party shall provide a hard copy of the document directly to all members of the committee. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.3.1 Initial Submission by Institution or Involved Individual. Within 30 days after receipt of the Infractions Appeals Committee's acknowledgement of a timely notice of intent to appeal, an appealing institution or individual shall provide its initial submission in support of its appeal to the Infractions Appeals Committee. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.3.2 Response by Committee Appeals Advocate. Within 30 days after receipt of an initial submission in support of its appeal by an institution or involved individual, the committee appeals advocate shall submit a response to the

Infractions Appeals Committee. The response shall include the issues raised in the appeal and the responses to the issues raised by the appealing parties. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/19/19)*

19.10.3.3 Rebuttal by Institution or Involved Individual. Within 14 days after receipt of the committee appeals advocate's response, an institution or involved individual may submit a rebuttal to the Infractions Appeals Committee. The rebuttal may only address issues contained in the initial submission or the committee appeals advocate's response. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.3.4 Enforcement Staff Statement. Within 10 days after the deadline for submission of all rebuttals, the enforcement staff may provide a written statement to the Infractions Appeals Committee regarding perceived new information, errors, misstatements and omissions relating to the initial submission(s), the committee appeals advocate's response and/or rebuttal documents. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.4 Information Considered on Appeal. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall consider only the information contained in the record of proceedings before the Committee on Infractions, the record on appeal and arguments presented during the appeal oral argument, if any, unless otherwise ordered by the Infractions Appeals Committee. If an institution or involved individual seeks to introduce new information during the appeal process, the Infractions Appeals Committee shall determine whether it meets the threshold definition of new information per Bylaw 19.02.2 and, if so, may stay the appeal and remand the matter to the assigned panel to conduct further proceedings as may be necessary to address whether the information affects the panel's decision and to amend the decision, if necessary. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.10.5 Appeal Arguments. If one or more of the appealing parties request an appeal oral argument, an appeal oral argument may be conducted as set forth below, subject to procedures promulgated by the Infractions Appeals Committee or as otherwise directed by the committee. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

(a) Only those individuals identified in Bylaw 19.7.7.5 may attend the appeal oral argument;

(b) The parties may be represented by legal counsel and shall be permitted a reasonable time to make an oral presentation to supplement the initial submission;

(c) The Infractions Appeals Committee may question representatives of appealing parties (institution or involved individual), the Committee on Infractions or enforcement staff, as well as any other persons appearing before it, in order to determine the issues related to the appeal;

(d) Representatives from the enforcement staff may participate during the appeal oral argument but such participation shall be limited to the opportunity to provide information regarding perceived new information, errors, misstatements and omissions;

(e) If an institution or involved individual appeared before the Committee on Infractions but waived the right to appeal, the institution or involved individual may elect to be present in person and/or by counsel as a silent observer during the apppeal oral argument; and

(f) If the institution or involved individual elects to appeal in writing only, the committee appeals advocate's written response specific to that written appeal shall be considered without any in-person appearance.

19.10.6 Decision of the Infractions Appeals Committee. After considering the appeal and deliberating privately, the Infractions Appeals Committee shall prepare a written decision and provide a copy to any appealing party (including the president or chancellor of an institution currently employing an involved individual), the chair of the Committee on Infractions, the committee appeals advocate and the vice president of enforcement, unless otherwise ordered by the committee. Once the decision has been provided to the parties, the committee shall release a public appeal decision. The public appeal decision will not include names of individuals, but the committee may, at its discretion, identify the chancellor or president of the institution (in cases involving lack of institutional control); the director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department (in cases involving lack of control or failure to monitor); the head coach(es) of the sport(s) involved; and, if appropriate, the chair or other members of the institution's governing body. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.7 Final Decision not Subject to Further Review. Any decision of the Infractions Appeals Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive, and shall not be subject to further review by any governance body. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.11 Independent Accountability Resolution.

19.11.1 Independent Accountability Resolution Process. The independent accountability resolution process reinforces the mission, principles and commitments of the NCAA infractions program. The independent accountability resolution process ensures the Association's interests are best served by resolving select infractions cases involving allegations of Level I or Level II violations in an independent accountability resolution structure before a hearing panel comprised of members external to the Association. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.2 Independent Accountability Resolution Structure. The independent accountability resolution structure shall consist of the following bodies: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

(a) Independent Accountability Oversight Committee;

(b) Infractions Referral Committee;

(c) Independent Resolution Panel; and

(d) Complex Case Unit.

19.11.2.1 Independent Accountability Oversight Committee.

19.11.2.1.1 Composition. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall consist of five members, including three independent members of the Board of Governors, the chair of the Board of Directors and the vice chair of the Board of Directors. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.1.2 Method of Selection. The Board of Governors shall appoint the independent members of the Board of Governors on the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.1.3 Term of Office. The term of office for Independent Accountability Oversight Committee members shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The terms of office of independent members of the Board of Governors shall coincide with their respective terms on the Board of Governors.

(b) The terms of office of the chair and vice chair of the Board of Directors shall coincide with their terms as chair and vice chair, respectively.

19.11.2.1.4 Chair. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall elect a member of the committee who is an independent member of the Board of Governors to serve as chair. The chair shall serve for a period of not more than two years and is not immediately eligible for re-election to the position. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.1.5 Duties and Authority. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee administers the independent accountability process. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Oversee the Infractions Referral Committee, Independent Resolution Panel and Complex Case Unit;

(b) Consult with the Board of Directors in revising operating procedures for the independent accountability structure;

(c) Appoint the Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members on the Infractions Referral Committee, and the independent external investigators and advocates on the Complex Case Unit;

(d) Nominate individuals to serve on the Independent Resolution Panel, subject to appointment by the Board of Directors;

(e) On request by the Independent Resolution Panel, appoint a member of the general public (with formal legal training who is not associated with a collegiate institution, conference, or professional or similar sports organization and who does not represent coaches or athletes in any capacity) knowledgeable in the infractions process and with the NCAA constitution and bylaws to confer with the panel during its review of a particular case;

(f) Resolve operational matters related to the Infractions Referral Committee, Independent Resolution Panel and Complex Case Unit in accordance with applicable operating procedures; and

(g) Carry out such other duties as assigned by the Board of Governors.

19.11.2.2 Infractions Referral Committee.

19.11.2.2.1 Composition. The Infractions Referral Committee shall consist of five members, including one Independent Resolution Panel member, one Committee on Infractions member, one Infractions Appeals Committee member, and the Council chair and vice chair. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.2.2.2 Method of Selection. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall appoint the Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members on the Infractions Referral Committee. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.2.3 Term of Office. The term of office for the Infractions Referral Committee members shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members shall serve three-year terms and are not immediately eligible for reappointment.

(b) The terms of office of the Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members may expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. Such a member may be appointed for less than a full term.

(c) The Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members who serve more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term. A member who serves for one-half or less of a term is immediately eligible for reappointment to a new three-year term.

(d) The terms of office of the Council chair and vice chair shall coincide with their terms as Council chair and vice chair, respectively.

19.11.2.2.4 Chair. The Independent Resolution Panel member of the Infractions Referral Committee shall be the chair. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.2.5 Duties and Authority. The Infractions Referral Committee shall decide whether to refer cases to the independent accountability resolution structure pursuant to the standard and process for referral. The Infractions Referral Committee shall: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

(a) Review and respond to requests by the involved institution, vice president of enforcement and Committee on Infractions chair for referral to the independent accountability resolution structure, and positions taken by parties and the Committee on Infractions chair in response to the requests;

(b) Prepare and approve decisions on the requests;

(c) Report to the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee; and

(d) Carry out such other duties as assigned by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee.

19.11.2.2.6 Conflict of Interest. No Infractions Referral Committee member shall participate in a decision on whether to refer a case to the independent accountability resolution structure if he or she is directly connected with an institution under investigation or if he or she has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.3 Independent Resolution Panel.

19.11.2.3.1 Composition. The Independent Resolution Panel shall consist of 15 members with legal, higher education and/or sport backgrounds who are not staff members at an NCAA member institution or conference. The status of an individual who is employed by or otherwise affiliated with a member institution or conference shall be defined by the institution or conference. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.2.3.2 Method of Nomination and Selection. The Board of Directors shall appoint the Independent Resolution Panel members from individuals nominated by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.3.3 Term of Office. The term of office for Independent Resolution Panel members shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

(a) A member shall serve a five-year term and is not immediately eligible for reappointment.

(b) The terms of office may expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. A member may be appointed for less than a full term.

(c) A member who serves more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term. A member who serves for one-half or less of a term is immediately eligible for reappointment to a new five-year term.

19.11.2.3.4 Hearing Panels. Referred cases shall be presented to and decided by hearing panels consisting of five members generated from the Independent Resolution Panel. If a panel member is unable to participate in the disposition of a case, the panel member may be replaced. Decisions issued by hearing panels are made on behalf of the Independent Resolution Panel. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.3.5 Duties and Authority. The Independent Resolution Panel hears and decides cases through hearing panels. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be prescribed by panel members present and voting at any duly called hearing thereof, provided the call of such a hearing shall have contained notice of the situation presenting the disciplinary problem. The penalties prescribed by a panel are separate and apart from any penalties prescribed as part of the Academic Performance Program by the Committee on Academics. The Independent Resolution Panel shall: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Find facts related to alleged NCAA constitution and bylaw violations;

(b) Conclude whether the facts constitute one or more violations of the NCAA constitution and bylaws;

(c) Upon concluding that one or more violations occurred, prescribe an appropriate penalty consistent with the provisions of this article;

(d) As approved by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee at the request of the panel, confer with a member of the general public (with formal legal training who is not associated with a collegiate institution, conference, or professional or similar sports organization and who does not represent coaches or athletes in any capacity) knowledgeable in the infractions process and with the NCAA constitution and bylaws during the panel's review of a particular case;

(e) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions as necessary for logistic, administrative or other support related to implementation of the Independent Resolution Panel's decisions;

(f) Coordinate with the Committee on Infractions, which will monitor compliance with prescribed penalties. In the event that an institution fails or refuses to implement prescribed penalties, the Independent Resolution Panel may prescribe additional penalties, provided the institution is given the opportunity to appear before the panel;

(g) Prescribe penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate (see Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3);

(h) Sanction parties and/or their representative(s) for behaviors that inhibit the panel's ability to effectively manage the docket, ensure a professional and civil decorum in all proceedings or otherwise efficiently resolve infractions cases;

(i) Report to the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee; and

(j) Carry out such other duties directly related to hearing an infractions case as assigned by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee.

19.11.2.3.6 Conflict of Interest. No hearing panel member shall participate in a case if he or she is directly connected with an institution under investigation or if he or she has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. It is the responsibility of the panel member to remove himself or herself if a conflict exists. Objections to the participation of a panel member shall be addressed pursuant to applicable operating procedures. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.2.3.7 Duties of the Chief Panel Member. The chief panel member shall: *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Preside over cases assigned to his or her hearing panel;

(b) Resolve procedural and other matters that arise prior to the hearing as authorized in Bylaw 19.11.5.6.1;

(c) Schedule deadlines for matters related to the case as authorized in Bylaw 19.11.5.6.2;

(d) Conduct a hearing status conference with the parties and decide matters addressed in the conference as authorized in Bylaw 19.11.5.6.3;

(e) At the request of the Complex Case Unit, determine whether to grant limited immunity to a current or former institutional employee with responsibilities related to athletics based on information that the employee reports in situations in which he or she would otherwise be subject to disciplinary action as described in Bylaws 19.9.5.4 and 19.9.8-(i). Such immunity shall not apply to the employee's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported, to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the employee or to any action taken by an institution;

(f) At the request of the Complex Case Unit, determine whether to grant limited immunity to a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete in situations in which he or she might otherwise be declared ineligible for intercollegiate competition based on information reported to the enforcement staff by the individual or a third party associated with the individual. Such immunity shall not apply to the individual's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported, to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the individual or to any action taken by an institution;

(g) Oversee hearing administration and logistics; and

(h) Carry out other duties related to the processing of an infractions case.

19.11.2.4 Complex Case Unit.

19.11.2.4.1 Composition. The Complex Case Unit shall consist of one or more independent external investigators, one or more independent external advocates and select enforcement staff members. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.2.4.2 Method of Selection. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall appoint the independent external investigators and advocates on the Complex Case Unit from individuals nominated by the select enforcement staff members on the Complex Case Unit based on the needs associated with a particular case. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.4.3 Duties and Authority. After a case is referred by the Infractions Referral Committee, information regarding an alleged failure to comply with the NCAA constitution and bylaws or to meet the conditions and obligations of membership shall be provided to the Complex Case Unit. The Complex Case Unit shall: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

(a) Determine whether supplemental investigation of potential violations of the NCAA constitution and bylaws is warranted;

(b) If supplemental investigation is warranted, develop, to the extent reasonably possible, all relevant information about potential violations;

(c) Process violations it believes to be substantiated through final resolution by the Independent Resolution Panel;

(d) Report to the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee; and

(e) Carry out such other duties as assigned by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee.

19.11.2.4.4 Conflict of Interest. No Complex Case Unit member shall participate in a case if he or she is directly connected with an institution under investigation or if he or she has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.3 Referral to Independent Accountability Resolution Structure. The Infractions Referral Committee refers cases to the independent accountability resolution structure pursuant to a standard and process for referral. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.3.1 Standard for Referral. The Infractions Referral Committee shall refer select cases to the independent accountability resolution structure if it determines the Association's interests are best served by resolving the case under the independent accountability resolution structure, including when a case involves unique policy issues or factors that, when weighed in totality, could impede accurate and effective resolution of the case under the internal infractions structure. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.3.1.1 Referral Factors. Factors pertinent to the Infractions Referral Committee's determination may include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Cases involving major policy issues that may implicate NCAA core values and commitments to the collegiate model;

(b) Stale or incomplete facts;

(c) Lack of acceptance of the core principles of self-governance, such as adversarial posturing or refusal to cooperate;

(d) Actual or perceived misconduct by the involved parties;

(e) The scope, scale and duration of the case, and other factual complications;

(f) Breaches of confidentiality; and

(g) Increased stakes, including potential penalties, or other pressures driving institutional decision-making.

19.11.3.2 Referral Process.

19.11.3.2.1 Request. The involved institution, vice president of enforcement and Committee on Infractions chair may request the Infractions Referral Committee refer a case to the independent accountability resolution structure as follows: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) The involved institution or the vice president of enforcement may request referral at any time after the enforcement staff issues the notice of inquiry and within 15 days after the Committee on Infractions receives the enforcement staff reply.

(b) The Committee on Infractions chair may request referral at any time after the enforcement staff issues the notice of allegations and within 15 days after the Committee on Infractions receives the enforcement staff reply.

(c) Requests for referral shall consist of a written statement in support of the request.

19.11.3.2.2 Response to Request. All parties to a case and the Committee on Infractions chair may respond to requests for referral through a written statement to the Infractions Referral Committee. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.3.2.3 Review of Request. The Infractions Referral Committee may request additional information from the parties and Committee on Infractions chair. Based on the request for referral and information obtained related to the request, the Infractions Referral Committee shall decide whether to grant or deny the request. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.3.2.4 Referral Decision. After a request for referral, by majority vote, the Infractions Referral Committee shall prepare and approve a decision on the request. The decision shall state the rationale for or against referral. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.3.2.4.1 Provision of Referral Decision. The referral decision shall be sent to the president or chancellor of the involved institution (or his or her designee), any involved individuals, the vice president of enforcement and the Committee on Infractions chair. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.3.2.4.2 Finality of Referral Decision. The Infractions Referral Committee's decision shall be final, binding and conclusive, and not subject to further review. Once referred, a case shall be resolved through final disposition pursuant to Bylaw 19.12. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4 Review and Supplemental Investigation of Alleged Violations.

19.11.4.1 Supplemental Investigation. If the Complex Case Unit determines investigation of potential violations of the NCAA constitution and bylaws supplemental to the enforcement staff investigation is warranted, the Complex Case Unit shall conduct supplemental investigation to develop, to the extent reasonably possible, all relevant information. The Complex Case Unit will usually share information with the institution during an investigation, including information that may assist the institution in stopping an ongoing violation. However, to protect the integrity of the investigation, the Complex Case Unit may not, in all instances, share information with the institution. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.2 Public Announcements. The Complex Case Unit shall not publicly confirm or deny the existence of an infractions case before resolution of the case. However, if information concerning a case is made public, the institution, Complex Case Unit and any involved individual may confirm, correct or deny the information made public.
(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

19.11.4.3 Representation by Legal Counsel. When a Complex Case Unit member conducts an interview, the individual questioned may be represented by personal legal counsel.
(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

19.11.4.4 Interview Notices.

19.11.4.4.1 Disclosure of Purpose of Interview. If a Complex Case Unit member requests information that could be detrimental to the interests of the student-athlete or institutional employee being questioned, that individual shall be advised that the purpose of the interview is to determine whether the individual has knowledge of or has been involved directly or indirectly in any violation of the NCAA constitution and bylaws. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.4.2 Responsibility to Provide Truthful Information. At the beginning of an interview involving the Complex Case Unit, a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional employee shall be advised that refusing to furnish information or providing false or misleading information to the NCAA, conference or institution may result in an allegation that the individual has violated NCAA ethical conduct bylaws. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.5 Interview with Member Institution. The director of athletics or other appropriate official of an institution shall be contacted by the Complex Case Unit in order to schedule interviews on the institution's campus with enrolled student-athletes or coaching or other institutional staff members with athletically related responsibilities who are believed to have knowledge of possible violations. Interviews should be conducted without disrupting normally scheduled academic activities whenever reasonably possible. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.5.1 Presence of Institutional Representative During Interview. If an interview with an enrolled student-athlete or athletics department staff member is conducted on the campus of an institution, an institutional representative (as designated by the institution) may be present during the interview, provided the subject matter to be discussed in the interview relates directly to the individual's institution or could affect the individual's eligibility or employment at the institution. If the Complex Case Unit wishes to discuss information with a student-athlete or staff member that is related solely to institutions other than the one in which the student-athlete is enrolled or the staff member is employed, and would not reasonably affect the student's eligibility or the staff member's employment at that institution, the institution may designate a representative to be present during the interview, provided the

representative is someone who would not compromise the integrity of the investigation and whose participation would not prejudice the subject institution or any involved individual. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.6 Statement of Confidentiality. Individuals and institutional representatives shall be required to agree not to release recordings or interview transcripts to a third party. A statement of confidentiality shall be signed or recorded prior to an interview. Failure to enter into such an agreement precludes the individual or institutional representative from recording or transcribing the interview. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.7 Access to Information. For all cases, the Complex Case Unit shall make available to the institution and any participating involved individuals recorded interviews, interview summaries and/or interview transcripts, and other factual information pertinent to the case. The institution and involved individuals may review such information through a secure website or at the NCAA national office. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.8 Statute of Limitations. Allegations included in a notice of allegations shall be limited to possible violations occurring not earlier than four years before the date the notice of inquiry is provided to the institution or the date the institution notifies (or, if earlier, should have notified) the enforcement staff of its inquiries into the matter. However, the following shall not be subject to the four-year limitation: *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Allegations involving violations affecting the eligibility of a current student-athlete;

(b) Allegations in a case in which information is developed to indicate a pattern of willful violations on the part of the institution or individual involved, which began before but continued into the four-year period; and

(c) Allegations that indicate a blatant disregard for the Association's fundamental recruiting, extra benefit, academic or ethical conduct bylaws or that involve an effort to conceal the occurrence of the violation. In such cases, the Complex Case Unit shall have an 18-month period after the date information concerning the matter becomes available to the Complex Case Unit to investigate and submit allegations concerning the matter.

19.11.5 Notice of Allegations and Opportunity to Respond.

19.11.5.1 Notice of Allegations Issued After Referral. If the Infractions Referral Committee refers a case to the independent accountability resolution structure before the enforcement staff issues a notice of allegations, and the Complex Case Unit determines that there is sufficient information for a hearing panel to conclude that a violation occurred, the Complex Case Unit shall issue a cover letter and notice of allegations to the chancellor or president of the institution. The institution and/or involved individuals, if applicable, shall be given notice of the alleged violation(s), the details of the alleged violation(s), the possible level of each alleged violation, the processing level of the case, the available hearing procedures and the opportunity to answer the allegations. The notice of allegations shall also identify the factual information and aggravating and/or mitigating factors on which the Complex Case Unit may rely in presenting the case. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.1.1 Notice to Institution's Administration. The cover letter accompanying each notice of allegations shall: *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) Inform the chancellor or president of the matter under inquiry and request the cooperation of the institution in obtaining all the pertinent facts;

(b) Request the chancellor or president to respond to the allegations and to provide all relevant information that the institution has or may reasonably obtain, including information uncovered related to new violations. The responsibility to provide information continues until the Independent Resolution Panel resolves the case; and

(c) Require the chancellor or president and other institutional staff to appear before a hearing panel at a time and place determined by the chief panel member.

19.11.5.1.2 Notice to Involved Individuals. The Complex Case Unit shall notify an involved individual of the allegations in a notice of allegations in which he or she is named. The involved individual shall receive notice of his or her duty to cooperate in the investigation and to appear at a hearing, if requested (and the potential consequences for failing to appear). The notice of allegations shall request the involved individual to respond to the allegations and to provide all relevant information that he or she has or may reasonably obtain, including information uncovered related to new violations. The responsibility to provide information continues until the Independent Resolution Panel resolves the case. If an involved individual is employed at a member institution, a copy of the notification shall also be forwarded to the chancellor or president and the director of athletics of his or her institution. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.2 Notice of Allegations Issued Before Referral. If the Infractions Referral Committee refers a case to the independent accountability resolution structure after the enforcement staff issues a notice of allegations, the Complex Case

Unit may withdraw, supplement or amend the allegations issued by the enforcement staff. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.3 Responses by Institutions or Involved Individuals. The institution and all involved individuals may respond to the notice of allegations or, in accordance with applicable operating procedures, allegations issued by the enforcement staff as supplemented or amended by the Complex Case Unit. Any response shall be submitted to the hearing panel and Complex Case Unit, and pertinent portions to the institution and all involved individuals, by a deadline established by the chief panel member. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.4 Reply by Complex Case Unit. The Complex Case Unit shall submit a written reply to any responses to the notice of allegations, or incorporate as its own a reply submitted by the enforcement staff prior to referral of the case. The Complex Case Unit shall submit the reply to the hearing panel, and pertinent portions to the institution and involved individuals, by a deadline established by the chief panel member.
(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

19.11.5.5 Submission of Information. The parties shall submit information for consideration by the hearing panel by a deadline established by the chief panel member. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.6 Prehearing Matters.

19.11.5.6.1 Procedural Matters. The chief panel member has authority to resolve procedural and other matters that arise prior to the hearing. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.6.2 Scheduling of Deadlines. Upon referral, the chief panel member has authority to schedule deadlines for supplemental investigation, if any, case processing, submission of information and other matters related to the case.
(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

19.11.5.6.2.1 Case Management Conferences. The chief panel member may conduct a conference to schedule deadlines related to the case and/or address matters related to deadlines in the case. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.6.3 Hearing Status Conference. After the Complex Case Unit submits its reply in accordance with Bylaw 19.11.5.4, the chief panel member shall conduct a hearing status conference with the parties. The conference shall address any procedural matters to be resolved before the hearing, disputes between the parties, scheduling and logistics of the hearing, hearing attendees, order and manner of presentation of information at the hearing, issues to be discussed during the hearing and other matters related to the hearing. The chief panel member has authority to decide such matters. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7 Hearings. The hearing panel shall hold a hearing to make factual findings and conclude whether violations of the NCAA constitution and bylaws occurred and, if so, to prescribe appropriate penalties as set forth in Bylaw 19.9 unless all participating parties agree to submit the case in writing without a hearing. The chief panel member shall preside over the hearing and oversee hearing administration and logistics.
(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

19.11.5.7.1 Information Presented at Hearings. At the hearing, the parties or their representatives have the obligation to present, to the extent reasonably possible, material, relevant information necessary for the hearing panel to reach an informed decision, including information that corroborates or refutes an allegation. The parties shall present information in accordance with applicable operating procedures and any decisions by the chief panel member. The panel may exclude information that it determines to be irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.1.1 Information from Confidential Sources. At the hearing, the parties shall present only information that can be attributed to individuals who are willing to be identified. Information obtained from individuals not wishing to be identified shall not be relied on by the hearing panel in concluding whether a violation occurred. Such confidential sources shall not be identified to the hearing panel, the institution or an involved individual. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.2 Scope of Inquiry. When an institution and/or involved individual appears before a hearing panel to discuss a response to the notice of allegations, the hearing shall be directed toward the general scope of the notice of allegations but shall not preclude the panel from concluding that a violation occurred based on information developed or discussed during the hearing. In any case, the panel may make specific factual findings based on information presented by the parties or at a hearing even if different from the notice of allegations. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.3 Appearance and Hearing Attendees. All parties to the case must appear before the hearing panel, unless otherwise approved by the chief panel member. Except as otherwise provided herein or as approved or ordered by the chief panel member, only institutional representatives, involved individuals, Complex Case Unit representatives, hearing panel members, a representative from the institution's conference, a representative from a member institution employing an involved individual at the time of the hearing, select NCAA staff representatives, the audio recorder, the court reporter, other technical and support staff as approved by chief panel member, individuals with information germane to the case as approved by the chief panel member and individuals otherwise requested by the chief panel member may attend the hearing. An individual who appears before the panel may appear with personal legal counsel. The chief panel member may exclude an individual and his or her representative from portions of the hearing concerning matters in which the individual is not involved. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.3.1 Request for Specific Individuals. Institutional officials, current or former staff members, or enrolled student-athletes who are specifically requested by the chief panel member to appear before the hearing panel are expected to appear and may be accompanied by personal legal counsel. Failure to appear may result in a violation of this bylaw. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.3.2 Institutional Representatives. Except as otherwise approved or ordered by the chief panel member, at the time an institution appears before the hearing panel, its representatives should include the president or chancellor, head coach of the sport(s) in question, director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department, senior compliance administrator, faculty athletics representative, legal counsel and/or other representatives, and other individuals whose attendance is requested by the chief panel member. Additional individuals may be included among the institution's representatives only if approved by the chief panel member. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.4 Recording of Proceedings. The proceedings of the hearing shall be transcribed by a court reporter (unless otherwise approved by the chief panel member) and shall be recorded by the hearing panel. No additional verbatim recording of the proceedings will be permitted. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8 Deliberations. The hearing panel shall deliberate following presentations by the parties.
(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

19.11.5.8.1 Request for Additional Information. In arriving at its decision, the hearing panel may request additional information from the parties. If additional information is requested, all parties will be afforded an opportunity to respond at the time such information is provided. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.2 Request for Interpretation. The hearing panel may request that the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff provide an interpretation of applicable legislation based on facts submitted by the hearing panel. If an interpretation is requested, the institution, involved individuals and the Complex Case Unit will be notified in writing of the interpretation request and the response. The institution may appeal the interpretation in accordance with Constitution 5.4.1.2. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3 Basis of Decision. The hearing panel shall base its decision on information presented to it that it determines to be credible, persuasive and of a kind on which reasonably prudent persons rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The information upon which the panel bases its decision may be information that directly or circumstantially supports the alleged violation. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3.1 Importation of Facts. Facts established by a decision or judgment of a court, agency, accrediting body, or other administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, which is not under appeal, or by a commission, or similar review of comparable independence, authorized by a member institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees and regardless of whether the facts are accepted by the institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees, may be accepted as true in the infractions process in concluding whether an institution or individual participating in the previous matter violated NCAA legislation. Evidence submitted and positions taken in such a matter may be considered in the infractions process. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3.2 Materials Not Produced. The hearing panel may infer that materials requested during an investigation by the Complex Case Unit and/or enforcement staff but not produced by an institution or individual would support an alleged violation for which the party may be subject to a penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3.3 Failure to Participate in Interview. The hearing panel may view the failure or refusal to participate in an interview requested by the Complex Case Unit and/or enforcement staff as an admission that an

alleged violation, for which the individual may be subject to a penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3.4 Failure to Submit Timely Response to Notice of Allegations. The hearing panel may view the failure by an institution or individual to submit a timely response to a notice of allegations as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the party may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.4 Calculation of Penalty. If a hearing panel concludes that a violation occurred, it shall prescribe an appropriate penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 or recommend to the Board of Directors suspension or termination of membership in an appropriate case. Failure to fully implement the prescribed penalty may be considered a violation and/or may subject the institution, and/or an institution employing an involved individual under a show-cause order, to further disciplinary action by the Independent Resolution Panel. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.4.1 Penalties Prescribed in Prior Cases. Penalties prescribed by the Committee on Infractions and Independent Resolution Panel in prior infractions cases shall have no precedential value. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.6 Notification of Independent Resolution Panel Decision.

19.11.6.1 Infractions Decision. After a hearing, the hearing panel shall prepare and approve the final written infractions decision, which shall contain a statement of the findings of fact, conclusions of violations, penalties, corrective actions, requirements and (for institutions) any other conditions and obligations of membership. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.6.1.1 Provision of Decision to the Parties. The decision shall be sent to the chancellor or president of the involved institution (or his or her designee), any involved individuals, the Office of the Committees on Infractions and the vice president of enforcement. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.6.1.2 Public Infractions Decision. Once the decision has been provided to the parties, the hearing panel shall release a public infractions decision. The public infractions decision will not include names of individuals, but the panel may, at its discretion, identify the chancellor or president of the institution (in cases involving lack of institutional control); the director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department (in cases involving lack of control or failure to monitor); the head coach(es) of the sport(s) involved; and, if appropriate, the chair or other members of the institution's governing body. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.6.2 Finality of Decision. Any decision by a hearing panel shall be final, binding and conclusive, and shall not be subject to further review by any governance body. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.12 Notice of Allegations, Opportunity to Respond and Penalties (Level III Cases).

19.12.1 General Process for Alleged Violations. A Level III case is a case presenting Level III violations that do not collectively constitute a Level II violation. An institution or involved individual subject to a show-cause order in a Level III case may be represented by legal counsel and shall be provided the following: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 4/14/17)*

(a) Notice of any specific allegations and the facts upon which such allegations are based; and

(b) An opportunity to provide a written response to the vice president of enforcement, or his or her designee, to answer such allegations by the production of factual information and to appeal to a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions.

19.12.2 Determination by Enforcement Staff. After reviewing relevant information and consulting with the institution or involved individual, the enforcement staff shall conclude whether one or more Level III violations occurred. If the enforcement staff concludes that the alleged violation(s) should not be processed as a Level III case, it may process the case as Level I or Level II case, as appropriate, or determine that no further action is required. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17)*

19.12.3 Authority to Prescribe Penalties. As authorized by the Committee on Infractions, upon a conclusion that one or more Level III violations occurred, the vice president of enforcement, or his or her designee, may determine whether a penalty is warranted and, if so, prescribe and announce an appropriate penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9.8. Failure to fully implement the penalty may be considered a violation and/or may subject the institution to further disciplinary action by the NCAA. Failure to

fully implement self-imposed actions may also subject the institution to further disciplinary action by the NCAA. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.12.4 Appeal to Committee on Infractions. If an institution or involved individual subject to a show-cause order disputes an action by the enforcement staff regarding a Level III violation, the institution or involved individual may appeal by submitting a notice of appeal through the online reporting system for Level III violations within 15 days after receipt of the enforcement staff's decision. An institution that self-reports a violation may appeal a penalty prescribed by the enforcement staff, but not the violation. An institution or involved individual subject to a show-cause order may request the opportunity to appear in person or by video or telephone conference. If no such request is made, or if the request is denied, a hearing panel of the committee will review the appeal on the basis of the written record. The panel shall not deny an involved individual's request to appear in person if a show-cause order was prescribed. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.12.4.1 Stay of Penalties. If a notice of appeal is filed within the deadline, unless ordered otherwise by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions, any penalties prescribed by the enforcement staff that have been appealed shall be stayed during the pendency of the appeal. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.13 Restitution. If a student-athlete who is ineligible under the terms of the constitution, bylaws or other legislation of the Association is permitted to participate in intercollegiate competition contrary to such NCAA legislation but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction operative against the institution attended by such student-athlete or against the Association, or both, and said injunction is voluntarily vacated, stayed or reversed or it is finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, the Board of Directors may take any one or more of the following actions against such institution in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing institutions: *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

(a) Require that individual records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be vacated or stricken;

(b) Require that team records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be vacated or stricken;

(c) Require that team victories achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be abrogated and the games or events forfeited to the opposing institutions;

(d) Require that individual awards earned during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be returned to the Association, the sponsor or the competing institution supplying same;

(e) Require that team awards earned during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be returned to the Association, the sponsor or the competing institution supplying same;

(f) Determine that the institution is ineligible for one or more NCAA championships in the sports and in the seasons in which such ineligible student-athlete participated;

(g) Determine that the institution is ineligible for invitational and postseason meets and tournaments in the sports and in the seasons in which such ineligible student-athlete participated;

(h) Require that the institution shall remit to the NCAA the institution's share of television receipts (other than the portion shared with other conference members) for appearing on any live television series or program if such ineligible student-athlete participates in the contest(s) selected for such telecast, or if the Board of Directors concludes that the institution would not have been selected for such telecast but for the participation of such ineligible student-athlete during the season of the telecast; any such funds thus remitted shall be devoted to the NCAA postgraduate scholarship program; and

(i) Require that the institution that has been represented in an NCAA championship by such a student-athlete shall be assessed a financial penalty as determined by the Committee on Infractions.

FIGURE 19-1

Penalty Guidelines

(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 8/8/18, 1/23/19)

evel I	Violation Level II	Competition Penalties: Postseason Ban *Competition penalties may be used singularly or in combination			
on		1 to 5 years			
	Aggravation	1 to 2 years			
n	Standard	0 to 1 year			
	Mitigation	0			

vel I	Violation Level II	Financial Penalties: Fine based on percent of total budget for sport program	Financial Penalties: Fine based on participation in NCAA championship and other postseason contests in which an ineligible student-athlete competed (see Bylaw 19.9.5.2.1)	Financial Penalties: Negate revenue from sport program for years in which violations occurred	Financial Penalties: Reduce or eliminate NCAA monetary distribution for sports sponsorship and/or grants-in-aid	Financial Penalties: Loss of all revenue sharing in postseason competition (including NCAA Men's Basketball Championship) for entire period of postseason ban
on		$5,000 plus 3 to 5%	Alternative financial penalty	Impose this penalty if greater than percent of budget fine + $5,000	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty
d	Aggravation	$5,000 plus 1 to 3%	Alternative financial penalty		Alternative financial penalty	
n	Standard	$5,000 plus 0 to 1%	Alternative financial penalty		Alternative financial penalty	
	Mitigation	$5,000*	Alternative financial penalty		Alternative financial penalty	
		*A minimum $5,000 financial penalty will be imposed to ensure the penalty will be at least as significant as the fine imposed for a Level III violation.				

n Level I	Violation Level II	Scholarship Reductions of Involved Sport Program*			
vation		10 to 25%	*For cases in which financial aid overages have occurred, a minimum 2-for-1 reduction in financial aid awards shall apply up to at least 20% of the team financial aid limit.		
dard	Aggravation	5 to 15%			
ation	Standard	0 to 10%			
	Mitigation	0 to 5%			

tion Level I	Violation Level II	Show-Cause Order	Restrictions	
avation		3 years to lifetime	All athletically related duties	
ndard	Aggravation	2 to 5 years	All or partial coaching and recruiting duties (including game suspensions)	
gation	Standard	0 to 2 years	All or partial coaching and recruiting duties (including game suspensions)	
	Mitigation	0 to 1 years	All or partial coaching and recruiting duties (including game suspensions)	

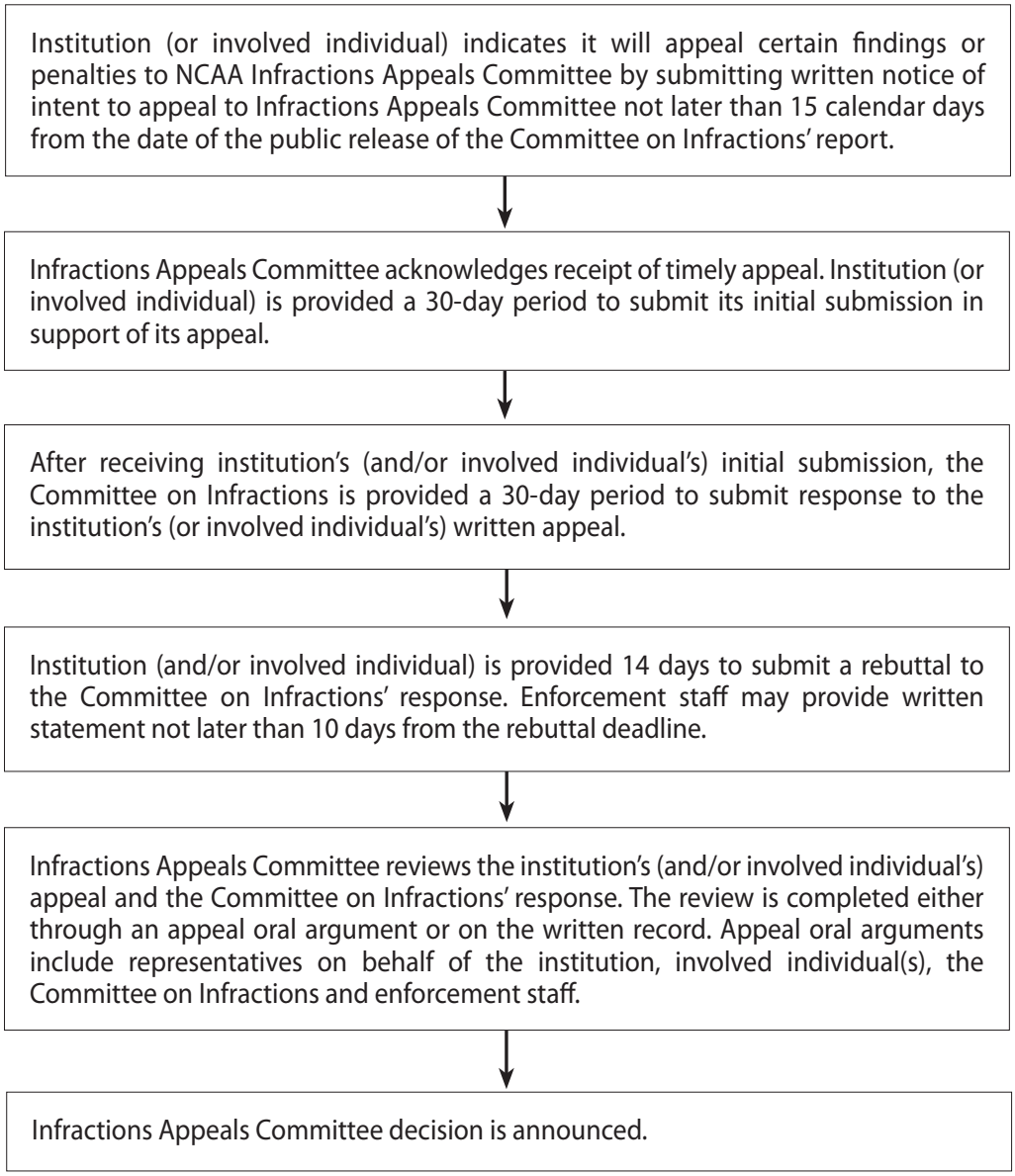
on Level I	Violation Level II	Head Coach Restrictions (game suspensions via show cause for Bylaw 11.1.1.1)		
avation		50 to 100% of season plus % of additional seasons		
ndard	Aggravation	30 to 50% of season		
gation	Standard	0 to 30% of season		
	Mitigation	0 to 10% of season		

on Level I	Violation Level II	Recruiting Visit Restrictions	Recruiting Communication Restrictions	Off-Campus Recruiting Restrictions
ravation		25 to 100% 14- to 52-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets) 25 to 100% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years) Football: 14 to 56 visits (need to account for unused visits from the previous year, if any) Men's Basketball: 4 to 14 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period) Women's Basketball: 3 to 12 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period) Baseball: 7 to 25 visits	25 to 50% 14- to 26-week ban on communication with all prospective student-athletes	25 to 50% Sports with no limits: 14- to 26-week ban on all contacts and evaluations 25 to 50% cuts in Recruiting Person Days (RPD) or Evaluation Days (ED) Men's Basketball: 33 to 65 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 28 to 56 (RPD) Football: 11 to 21 Fall; 42 to 84 Spring (ED) Women's Beach Volleyball: 13 to 25 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 20 to 40 (ED) Men's Golf: 12 to 23 (ED)
dard	Aggravation	12.5 to 25% 7- to 13-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets) 12.5 to 25% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years) Football: 7 to 14 visits (need to account for unused visits from the previous year, if any) Men's Basketball: 2 to 4 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period) Women's Basketball: 2 to 3 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period) Baseball: 4 to 7 visits	12.5 to 25% 7- to 13-week ban	12.5 to 25% No-limit sports: 7- to 13-week ban 12.5 to 25% cuts in RPD or ED Men's Basketball: 17 to 33 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 14 to 28 (RPD) Football: 6 to 11 Fall; 21 to 42 Spring (ED) Women's Beach Volleyball: 7 to 13 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 10 to 20 (ED) Men's Golf: 6 to 12 (ED)

on Level I	Violation Level II	Recruiting Visit Restrictions	Recruiting Communication Restrictions	Off-Campus Recruiting Restrictions
ation	Standard	0 to 12.5% 0 to 6-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets) 0 to 12.5% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years) Football: 0 to 7 visits (need to account for unused visits from the previous year, if any) Basketball: 0 to 2 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period) Baseball: 0 to 4 visits	0 to 12.5% 0 to 6-week ban	0 to 12.5% No-limit sports: 0 to 6-week ban 0 to 12.5% cuts in RPD or ED Men's Basketball: 0 to 17 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 0 to 14 (RPD) Football: 0 to 6 Fall; 0 to 21 Spring (ED) Women's Beach Volleyball: 0 to 7 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 0 to 10 (ED) Men's Golf: 0 to 6 (ED)
	Mitigation	0 to 5% 0 to 3-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets) 0 to 5% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years) Football: 0 to 3 visits Basketball: 0 to 1 visit (need to account for rolling two-year period) Baseball: 0 to 2 visits	0 to 5% 0 to 3-week ban	0 to 5% No-limit sports: 0 to 3-week ban 0 to 5% cuts in RPD or ED Men's Basketball: 0 to 7 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 0 to 6 (RPD) Football: 0 to 3 Fall; 0 to 9 Spring (ED) Women's Beach Volleyball: 0 to 3 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 0 to 4 (ED) Men's Golf: 0 to 3 (ED)

ion Level I	Violation Level II	Probation		
ravation		4 to 10 years		
andard	Aggravation	3 to 6 years		
tigation	Standard	2 to 4 years		
	Mitigation	0 to 2 years		

FIGURE 19-2
Processing a Typical NCAA Infractions Appeals Case



Division Membership

20.01 General Principles.

20.01.1 Membership in the Association. Eligibility for membership in the Association; conditions, obligations and classes of Association membership; and procedures governing the termination, suspension and reinstatement of such membership are governed by Constitution 3.

20.01.2 Division Membership. Each active and provisional member institution and member conference is designated as a member of Division I, II or III for certain legislative and competitive purposes. In football, Division I is divided into the Football Bowl Subdivision and the Football Championship Subdivision (see Bylaw 20.7.1). Multidivision classification is permitted under specified circumstances (see Bylaw 20.4). *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.02 Definitions and Applications.

20.02.1 Multidivision Classification. Multidivision classification is the classification in which a sport is classified in a division other than the division in which an institution holds membership (see Bylaw 20.4). *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.2 Performance Criterion. A performance criterion is a requirement for membership or classification in a division that must be met by the member institution prior to the date that the requirement becomes effective (e.g., during the academic year preceding the effective date). Performance criteria include, but are not limited to, minimum sports sponsorship requirements, minimum scheduling requirements and minimum game-attendance requirements.

20.02.3 Restricted Membership. Restricted membership is a membership classification status assigned to an institution that fails to comply with the minimum requirements of its division (e.g., sports sponsorship, scheduling). The institution placed in such status loses eligibility for a number of membership privileges and has from one year to three years to comply with the requirement involved. Failure to comply shall result in the termination of the institution's membership in the Association. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.4 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women and countable for purposes of revenue distribution (for sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid): *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 4/15/97, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/25/02, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 4/30/09, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/11, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14 effective 8/1/15, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) **Team Sports:** acrobatics and tumbling and rugby; and

(b) **Individual Sports:** equestrian, triathlon and wrestling.

20.02.4.1 Additional Emerging Sports. The Board of Directors periodically shall identify future emerging sports for women that shall be countable sports for revenue distribution and minimum sports sponsorship criteria and shall establish procedures to determine minimum contests and maximum grants in those sports. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)*

20.02.4.2 Removal of Emerging Sports. A sport shall no longer be considered an emerging sport once the sport has been established as a championship sport. Further, an emerging sport is limited to a 10-year period to become a championship sport unless it can be demonstrated that steady growth has occurred during that time. *(Adopted: 4/15/97)*

20.02.5 Multisport Conference. A Division I multisport conference shall satisfy the requirements of this section. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.5.1 Minimum Number of Members. A multisport conference shall be composed of at least seven active Division I members. The member conference shall include at least seven active Division I members that sponsor both men's and women's basketball. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.5.2 Sports Sponsorship. A multisport conference shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) The conference shall sponsor a minimum of 12 Division I sports;

(b) The conference shall sponsor a minimum of six men's sports, one of which shall be men's basketball. In addition to men's basketball, the conference shall sponsor football or two other men's team sports. A minimum of seven members shall sponsor men's basketball. A minimum of six members shall sponsor five other sports, including football or two additional men's team sports; and

(c) The conference shall sponsor a minimum of six women's sports, one of which shall be women's basketball. In addition to women's basketball, the conference shall sponsor two other women's team sports. A minimum of seven members shall sponsor women's basketball. A minimum of six members shall sponsor five other sports, including two additional women's team sports (or a minimum of five members for an emerging sport for women).

20.02.5.3 Regular-Season Conference Competition. Multisport conference members shall participate in regular-season conference competition, subject to the following requirements: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) Basketball teams shall participate in a regular-season conference schedule of a double round robin, in-season competition, or a minimum of 14 regular-season conference contests;

(b) In football or in a minimum of two men's team sports other than men's basketball [as required in Bylaw 20.02.5.2-(b)], teams shall compete in a minimum regular-season conference schedule of five contests. A minimum of five regular-season conference contests must be hosted by one of the two competing teams at its home venue; and

(c) In a minimum of two women's team sports other than women's basketball (as required in Bylaw 20.02.5.2), teams shall compete in a minimum regular-season conference schedule of five contests. A minimum of five regular-season conference contests must be hosted by one of the two competing teams at its home venue.

20.02.5.4 Continuity. A multisport conference shall establish continuity. To establish continuity, a multisport conference must meet the requirements of Bylaw 20.02.5.1. In addition, the conference must meet the requirements of Bylaws 20.02.5.2 and 20.02.5.3 for a period of eight consecutive years. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.5.5 Grace Period. A conference shall continue to be considered a multisport conference for two years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's noncompliance with the minimum multisport conference requirements. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.6 Football Bowl Subdivision Conference. A conference classified as a Football Bowl Subdivision conference shall be comprised of at least eight full Football Bowl Subdivision members that satisfy all bowl subdivision requirements. An institution shall be included as one of the eight full Football Bowl Subdivision members only if the institution participates in the conference schedule in at least six men's and eight women's conference-sponsored sports, including men's basketball and football and three women's team sports including women's basketball. A conference-sponsored sport shall be a sport in which regular-season and/or championship opportunities are provided, consistent with the minimum standards identified by the applicable NCAA sport committee for automatic qualification. *(Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.02.6.1 Exception. A Football Bowl Subdivision member institution shall be permitted to count as one of its required six men's sports and one of its required eight women's sports a sport in which its conference does not sponsor or conduct a championship, provided the sport is one in which it participates in another Division I multi- or single-sport conference. Different sports may be counted for men and women. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.02.6.2 Grace Period. A conference shall continue to be considered a Football Bowl Subdivision conference for two years following the date when it fails to satisfy the eight full Football Bowl Subdivision member requirement due to one or more of its member's failure to comply with the bowl subdivision membership requirements. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.02.7 Full Grant. For purposes of Bylaw 20, a full grant is the value of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books. *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

20.2 Establishment of and Compliance With Division Criteria.

20.2.1 Adoption of Criteria. The members of the division, through the legislative process, may establish division criteria for membership and competition by sport.

20.2.2 Effective Date and Compliance Period. In establishing criteria, the members of the division shall specify the effective date and compliance period, if any. Each institution (either as a member of that division or as an institution that competes in a sport in that division under the provisions of multidivision classification per Bylaw 20.4) shall conform to the requirements of the criteria by that effective date or by the end of the compliance period, whichever is later.

20.2.2.1 Deadline for Meeting Performance Criterion. An institution must comply with any specific performance criterion adopted by the membership of its division (e.g., that the institution sponsor a minimum number of sports, schedule and play a specific percentage or number of contests against opponents of a certain division, or demonstrate a specific level of paid attendance) by the end of the academic year prior to the effective date of the legislation.

20.2.3 Failure to Conform by Effective Date. If an institution has not conformed to the adopted criteria of its division by the effective date or the end of the prescribed compliance period, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4)

shall be reassigned to a division for which it qualifies. If the member (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4) does not qualify for any division, the institution (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4) shall be reclassified in accordance with Bylaw 20.2.5.

20.2.4 Continuation of Compliance. To retain division membership or approved multidivision classification (per Bylaw 20.4), each member institution shall continue to meet division criteria when any grace period expires. If an institution fails to remain in compliance with its division's criteria, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4) shall be reassigned to a division for which it qualifies. If the member (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4) does not qualify for any division, the institution shall be reclassified in accordance with Bylaw 20.2.5 and also shall be subject to the Association's infractions process. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

20.2.5 Noncompliance and Waivers of Division Criteria.

20.2.5.1 Restricted Membership.

20.2.5.1.1 Minimum One-Year Compliance Period. If an institution (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4) does not qualify for membership in any division, the institution (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4) may be placed in a restricted membership category for a minimum of one year. At the conclusion of the minimum one-year period, the institution automatically shall be granted membership in its preferred division, provided the institution complies with the division's criteria. If the institution does not meet the criteria of any division at the end of the restricted membership period, the institution shall forfeit its membership in the Association. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.2.5.1.2 Failure to Meet Minimum Sports Sponsorship Criteria.

20.2.5.1.2.1 One-Year Probationary Period. An institution that fails to meet either the minimum men's or women' sports sponsorship criterion for its division shall be placed on probation for one year for its entire program (both men's and women's sports) in the next academic year after noncompliance with sports sponsorship requirements is discovered. An institution shall be afforded the one-year probationary period for failure to comply with sports sponsorship criteria only once in every 10-year period. The 10-year period shall begin the September 1 following completion of the academic year in which the membership criterion is not met. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

20.2.5.1.2.2 Application of Restricted Membership Status. If an institution fails to meet the sports sponsorship criteria at the end of the probationary year or is ineligible for the once-in-10-year probationary period, it shall be placed in restricted membership and shall not be eligible for NCAA championship competition in all sports (both men's and women's) in the first academic year after the probationary year (or the first academic year after failure to meet the requirements if the institution is ineligible for the once-in-10-year probationary period). If the institution still cannot certify compliance with the division criteria at the end of that year, it shall forfeit its membership in the Association. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.2.5.1.3 Failure to Meet Division Scheduling Requirement. An institution that fails to meet the division scheduling requirement in a sport shall be placed in the restricted membership category in that sport, with men's and women's teams in the same sport treated separately. The sport shall be in the restricted membership category for not longer than a three-year period.

20.2.5.1.4 Failure to Meet Financial Aid Minimums. An institution that fails to meet the financial aid minimums shall be placed in the restricted membership category for a period of one year. *(Adopted: 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01)*

20.2.5.1.5 Voting Privileges and Eligibility for Championships. The institution shall identify its preferred division and, during the period of restricted membership, shall be:

(a) In compliance to the greatest extent possible with that division's scheduling criteria;

(b) Bound by all other applicable rules of the Association;

(c) Permitted to vote only on dominant issues, unless the restricted membership status is in one sport, in which case its loss of voting privileges shall apply only to that sport; and

(d) Ineligible for NCAA championships and postseason football contests, unless the restricted membership status is in one sport, in which case loss of eligibility for championships and postseason football contests shall apply only to that sport.

20.2.5.1.6 Division Members Counting a Restricted Opponent. During the period of its restricted membership, an institution may be counted by its classified opponents as a member of the restricted institution's desired division for purposes of the opponents' meeting their division's scheduling criteria; however, a restricted member shall not count another restricted member for such purposes.

20.2.5.1.6.1 Restricted Members Counting a Restricted Opponent. A contest between two institutions in restricted membership status in a sport shall not be counted as a contest by either institution for purposes of the scheduling criterion in the sport in which they are restricted, provided this exception is not applied to more than 25 percent of an institution's contests in the sport in question for any particular season.

20.2.5.1.7 No Voluntary Selection of Restricted Membership Category. Restricted membership status is imposed only when an institution has failed to comply with division membership criteria. An institution is not permitted to select voluntarily or to request that it be placed in the restricted membership category.

20.2.5.1.8 Removal of Restricted Membership Status. When an institution that has been placed in restricted membership status wishes to return to its original membership division, it shall meet the criteria that were in effect at the time it became restricted or that have become effective since that time. If a restricted institution wishes to move to a different membership division, it is considered a petitioner for change of division membership per Bylaw 20.5 and would be required to meet all of the new division's criteria at the time the institution leaves restricted status.

20.2.5.2 Loss of Membership.

20.2.5.2.1 Failure to Meet Three-Season Requirement. If an active member no longer meets the three-season requirement for either men or women, it shall immediately forfeit its membership in the Association. *(Revised: 5/8/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.2.5.3 Waivers of Division I Membership Criteria. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the Division I membership criteria according to the procedures specified below. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.2.5.3.1 Submission of Request. The institution shall submit its written request for a waiver to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, and it shall be received in the national office not later than September 15. The request shall be signed by the institution's president or chancellor and shall include pertinent information supporting the institution's request. The committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the September 15 deadline due to circumstances beyond an institution's control. *(Revised: 1/19/96, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.2.5.3.2 Effective Date of Waiver. If the division votes to admit the institution as a member of that division, such classification shall become effective: *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Constitution 3.2.3.3 if a new member of the Association is involved;

(b) September 1 following the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee action if an active member institution is seeking multidivision classification or change of division membership; or

(c) Immediately if the institution receives a waiver of the restricted membership classification.

20.2.5.3.2.1 Maximum Three-Year Waiver Period. If after three years from the effective date of multidivision classification or reclassification (September 1 following the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee action) the institution receiving such a waiver has not conformed to all adopted criteria of the division, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4): *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) Shall be assigned to a division for which it qualifies in accordance with Bylaw 20.5.1; or

(b) Shall be placed in the restricted membership category for a minimum of one year in accordance with Bylaw 20.2.5.1 if the member (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4) does not qualify for any division.

20.2.5.3.2.2 Eligibility for Championships. The institution receiving such a waiver shall be accorded all privileges of division membership during this waiver period; however, its eligibility for championships shall require compliance with the institutional eligibility requirements of Bylaw 20.4.3 or 20.5.3.

20.2.5.3.3 Rejection of Waiver Request. If the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee votes to reject the institution's request, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4): *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) Shall be reassigned to a division for which it qualifies;

(b) Shall be placed in the restricted membership category, if it does not qualify for any division (see Bylaw 20.2.5.1); or

(c) Shall be required to repeat the membership process.

20.4 Multidivision Classification/Reclassification of Football Subdivision.

20.4.1 Multidivision Classification. A member of Division II or Division III may have a sport classified in Division I, provided the sport was so classified during the 2010-11 academic year. Such a classification shall continue until the institution fails to conduct the sport in Division I in any subsequent academic year. *(Revised: 8/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.4.1.1 Reclassification of a Sport of the Opposite Gender. A member of Division II or Division III that had one sport classified in Division I during the 2010-11 academic year may petition to have one sport of the opposite gender, other than football or basketball, classified in Division I, provided the original sport remains classified in Division I. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12)*

20.4.1.1.1 Notification/Application Requirement. An institution's chancellor or president shall submit to the national office written notice of the institution's intention to reclassify and a completed application. The notice and application shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 two years prior to August 1 of the year the institution intends to reclassify the applicable sport. Any form received after June 1 shall be postmarked not later than May 25. The notice and application shall be accompanied by a $10,000 fee and a strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9.2) and the requirements set forth by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. If the institution fails to meet the requirements of reclassification, the application fee shall be refunded, less any expenditure for educational costs related to the reclassification process. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 8/7/14, 10/5/16)*

20.4.1.1.2 Compliance With Criteria. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall monitor the institution's progress and compliance with the criteria of the reclassification process. The committee shall have the authority to deny advancement to the next year of the process if it determines that deficiencies warrant a requirement that the institution repeat the first year. If the institution meets all applicable division membership criteria of this article (other than scheduling requirements during the first year of reclassification) and complies for the two years preceding June 1 of the year the institution intends to reclassify the applicable sport with all other bylaw requirements as they pertain to the sport in question, the committee shall refer the institution's request for participation in the division in that sport to the Board of Directors for election effective August 1 of the year that the institution selects as its effective date. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 7/22/13, 8/7/14, 10/6/17)*

20.4.1.1.3 Reclassification Requirements.

20.4.1.1.3.1 First Year. During the first year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) Attend an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to the application of Division I membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 at the end of the first academic year based on feedback received from the previous year's report; and

(c) Report all violations as part of the required annual report.

20.4.1.1.3.2 Second Year. During the second year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/6/17)*

(a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements; and

(b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan confirming compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements; and

(c) Report all violations as part of the required annual report.

20.4.1.1.3.3 Compliance Review Requirement. The institution must engage in a compliance review (at the institution's expense) during the multidivision reclassification period. The review must be conducted by an authority outside the athletics department (e.g., multisport conference, outside consultant), subject to approval by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. A copy of the report must be submitted to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/23/19)*

20.4.2 Football Subdivision Reclassification Options. A member of Division I may petition to be classified in football in the Football Bowl Subdivision or the Football Championship Subdivision. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.4.2.1 Reclassification from Football Championship Subdivision to Football Bowl Subdivision.

20.4.2.1.1 Eligibility for Reclassification. Before a Football Championship Subdivision institution may apply for reclassification to the Football Bowl Subdivision, the institution must receive a bona fide invitation for membership from a Football Bowl Subdivision conference or a conference that previously met the definition of a Football Bowl Subdivision conference (see Bylaw 20.02.6). *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.4.2.1.2 Notification/Application Requirement. The chancellor or president from a Football Championship Subdivision institution that intends to petition for reclassification to the Football Bowl Subdivision, per Bylaw 20.4.2, shall submit to the national office written notice of the institution's intention to reclassify and a completed application. The notice and application shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 two years prior to the August 1 when the institution intends to reclassify to the Football Bowl Subdivision. Any form received after June 1 shall be postmarked not later than May 25. The notice and application shall be accompanied by a $5,000 fee and a strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9.2) and any requirements set forth by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. If the institution fails to qualify for membership in the Football Bowl Subdivision, the application fee shall be refunded, less any expenditure for educational costs related to the reclassification process. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 3/8/06, 12/15/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13, 8/7/14, 10/5/16)*

20.4.2.1.3 Compliance with Criteria. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall monitor the institution's progress and compliance with the criteria of the reclassification process. The committee shall have the authority to deny advancement to the next year of the process if it determines that deficiencies warrant a requirement that the institution repeat the first year. If the member has met all applicable division membership criteria of this article (other than scheduling requirements during the first year of reclassification) and has complied for the two years preceding June 1 with all other bylaw requirements as they pertain to the Football Bowl Subdivision, the committee shall refer the institution's request for participation in the Football Bowl Subdivision to the Board of Directors for election effective August 1 of the year that the institution selects as its effective date. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/22/13, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.4.2.1.4 Reclassification Requirements.

20.4.2.1.4.1 First Year. During the first year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 1/8/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) Attend an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to the application of Football Bowl Subdivision membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 at the end of the first academic year based on feedback received from the previous year's report; and

(c) Report all violations as part of the required annual report.

20.4.2.1.4.2 Second Year. During the second year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) Full compliance with all Football Bowl Subdivision legislation and membership requirements;

(b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan confirming compliance with all Football Bowl Subdivision legislation and membership requirements; and

(c) Report all violations as part of the required annual report.

20.4.2.1.4.3 Compliance Review Requirement. The institution must engage in a compliance review (at the institution's expense) during the reclassification period. The review must be conducted by an authority outside the athletics department (e.g., multisport conference, outside consultant), subject to approval by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. A copy of the report must be submitted to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/23/19)*

20.4.2.1.5 Waivers. The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the requirements for reclassification from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

20.4.3 Championships Eligibility. A member of Division I that has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its football membership classification from Championship Subdivision to Bowl Subdivision per Bylaw

20.4.2.1 no longer shall be eligible for participation in the Division I Football Championship. *(Adopted: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.4.4 Compliance Review Requirement. At least once every four years, an active multidivisional institution must engage in a compliance review (at the institution's expense) conducted by an authority outside the athletics department (e.g., Division I multisport conference, outside consultant), subject to approval by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. A copy of the report of the compliance review must be submitted to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/23/19)*

20.4.4.1 Failure to Meet Deadline. A multidivisional institution that fails to complete a compliance review and submit a copy of the report to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee by the end of each four-year period shall be subject to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)*

20.5 Change of Division Membership.

20.5.1 Eligibility for Reclassification. A member of Division II may petition to change its membership to Division I subject to the following prerequisites: *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) The institution shall have been an active Division II member for the preceding five years;

(b) The institution shall be in compliance with all Division I minimum sports sponsorship and financial aid membership requirements; and

(c) The institution shall have received a bona fide offer of membership by an active Division I multisport conference.

20.5.2 Requesting Reclassification. In order to petition to change its membership to Division I, the institution and its sponsoring conference shall complete an application and submit it to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee on a form approved by the committee. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.5.2.1 Deadline for Submission of Application. The application shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 prior to the academic year in which the institution is seeking to begin its first year of the reclassification process. Any application received after that date shall be postmarked not later than May 25. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.5.2.2 Application Fee. A fee shall accompany the application. The amount of the fee shall be determined each year based on the estimated annual average value of direct benefits through distributions and championships made available to Division I members. If an institution withdraws from the reclassification process, the application fee shall be refunded to the institution on a prorated basis -- 75 percent through year one, 50 percent through year two, 30 percent through year three and no refund thereafter. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.5.2.3 Initial Strategic Plan. The institution's application shall include an initial strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9.2) and the requirements set forth by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. The initial strategic plan must be approved by the sponsoring conference. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/19/13, 8/7/14, 10/5/16)*

20.5.2.4 Notification of Infractions Matters. The institution's application shall include notification whether it is, at the time of application, involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.5.2.5 Compliance With Criteria. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall monitor the institution's progress and compliance with the criteria of the reclassification process. The committee shall have the authority to deny advancement to the next year of the process if it determines that deficiencies warrant a requirement that the institution repeat a particular year. If the institution has met the reclassification criteria of this article and has complied for the four years preceding June 1 with all other requirements set forth in this bylaw, the committee shall refer the institution's request for active Division I membership to the Board of Directors for election effective August 1 following such election. However, the committee may deny referral of a reclassifying institution to the Board of Directors for advancement to active Division I status if any of the institution's sport programs are subject to penalties pursuant to the Division I Academic Performance Program. An institution shall not be elected to active membership in Division I if it is subject to an Academic Performance Program penalty. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09 applicable to institutions in the provisional or reclassifying processes as of 8/1/09 and those beginning either process on or after 8/1/09, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.5.2.5.1 First Year. During the first year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 3/10/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/5/16, 10/4/17)*

(a) Attendance at an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to basic Division I operating rules and membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(c) Attendance at the Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(d) Apply all Division I legislation, except scheduling requirements and continuing eligibility requirements (e.g., progress-toward-degree, five-year rule) for student-athletes who are completing their final season of competition and were enrolled at the institution at least one year prior to the institution entering year one of the reclassification process;

(e) Completion of an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;

(f) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and

(g) Submit an annual report and a strategic plan by June 1. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.5.2.5.2 Second Year. During the second year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements;

(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.

(c) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(d) Completion of a compliance review conducted by the national office and submission of a report with an institutional response to the findings and recommendations;

(e) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and

(f) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violation.

20.5.2.5.3 Third Year. During the third year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/5/16, 10/4/17)*

(a) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(b) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at

the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(c) Completion of an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;

(d) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and

(e) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.5.2.5.4 Fourth Year. During the fourth year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/5/16, 10/4/17)*

(a) Successfully complete an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;

(b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(c) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;

(d) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and

(e) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.5.3 Timing of Monetary Distributions. The institution shall qualify to begin receiving revenue distributions related to sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid after its third academic year as an active Division I member. The institution shall qualify to receive the Student Assistance Fund, Academic Enhancement Fund, Academic Performance Fund, Basketball Performance Fund and Equal Conference Distribution Fund, as determined by its sponsoring conference, beginning with the first year of active membership. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 2/24/12, 10/25/13, 5/16/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

20.5.4 Championships Eligibility. To be eligible for NCAA championships in Division I as of the effective August 1, the institution shall comply with all championships eligibility requirements, as prescribed by Bylaw 31, and otherwise shall be eligible for participation in those championships. In addition, a member of Division I shall comply with the provisions of Bylaw 18.4.2.2. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.7 Division Legislation.

20.7.1 Applicable Legislation. A member institution shall observe the applicable legislation and requirements of its membership division. However, if the institution is eligible to participate in a sport in Division I (see Bylaw 20.4 for multidivision-classification privileges), it shall apply the rules of Division I that govern the sport in question. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.7.1.1 Football Championship Subdivision Member Electing Football Bowl Subdivision Legislation. A Football Championship Subdivision member institution may elect to be governed by the legislation pertaining to the Football Bowl Subdivision, as follows: *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

(a) The institution shall file a declaration of intent with the NCAA president. The declaration shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 preceding the applicable academic year. Any declaration received after that date shall be postmarked not later than May 25.

(b) Once receipt of the declaration has been confirmed, the institution shall not be eligible for inclusion in championship subdivision football rankings or for consideration for the Division I Football Championship.

20.7.1.2 Division III Application. A Division III member institution that has a sport classified in Division I may apply Division I rules in that sport except the institution must apply the Division III financial aid regulations of Bylaw 15 in the Division I sport. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 2/7/20)*

20.7.1.2.1 Waivers. If a member institution conducts a men's or women's sport that was classified in Division I during the 1982-83 academic year, the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the application of the Division III regulations to such a sport. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.8 Eligibility for National Collegiate and Division Championships.

20.8.1 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships. [#] Separate championships in each division are not sponsored in the following sports: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/30/14 effective 8/1/15, 7/31/15)*

Women's Beach Volleyball	Women's Gymnastics	Men's Volleyball
Women's Bowling	Women's Ice Hockey	Men's Water Polo
Men's and Women's Fencing	Men's and Women's Rifle	Women's Water Polo
Men's Gymnastics	Men's and Women's Skiing	

An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution normally is required to meet only the institutional and individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question.

20.8.2 Division II Options When No Division II Championship Is Conducted. An active member institution that holds membership in Division II is eligible to compete in the Division I championship in those sports for which no championship is conducted in Division II. The Division II institution shall declare its intention to compete by June 1. This declaration of intent shall be effective for a minimum of three years. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/92)*

20.8.2.1 Participation in Division I Championship. To be eligible for the Division I championship in such a sport, the Division II member institution is required to meet all Division I institutional and individual eligibility requirements and may use Division I financial aid limitations in that sport as permitted under Bylaw 20.9.1.1. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/92)*

20.8.2.2 Exception for Maximum Number of Contests or Dates of Competition. A Division II member institution that is eligible for a championship in another division because there is no championship in that sport in its membership division shall apply the maximum number of contests or dates of competition in the sport involved that applies to the division in which it declares its intention to compete.

20.9 Division I Membership.

20.9.1 Commitments to the Division I Collegiate Model. In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division I support the following commitments in the belief that these commitments assist in defining the nature and purposes of the division. These commitments are not binding on member institutions, but serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.1 The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation. Bylaws proposed and enacted by member institutions governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be designed to foster competition in amateur athletics, promote the Association's enduring values and advance the Collegiate Model as set forth in the NCAA Constitution. In some instances, a careful balancing of these values may be necessary to help achieve the purposes of the Association. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.2 The Commitment to Amateurism. Member institutions shall conduct their athletics programs for students who choose to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a part of their educational experience and in accordance with NCAA bylaws, thus maintaining a line of demarcation between student-athletes who participate in the Collegiate Model and athletes competing in the professional model. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.3 The Commitment to Fair Competition. Bylaws shall be designed to promote the opportunity for institutions and eligible student-athletes to engage in fair competition. This commitment requires that all member institutions compete within the framework of the Collegiate Model of athletics in which athletics competition is an integral part of the student-athlete's effort to acquire a degree in higher education. The commitment to fair competition acknowledges that variability will exist among members, including facilities, geographic locations and resources, and that such variability should not be justification for future legislation. Areas affecting fair competition include, but are not limited to, personnel, eligibility and

amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, the length of playing and practice seasons, and the number of institutional competitions per sport. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.4 The Commitment to Integrity and Sportsmanship. It is the responsibility of each member institution to conduct its athletics programs and manage its staff members, representatives and student-athletes in a manner that promotes the ideals of higher education and the integrity of intercollegiate athletics. Member institutions are committed to encouraging behavior that advances the interests of the Association, its membership and the Collegiate Model of athletics. All individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty, responsibility, academic integrity and ethical conduct. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics programs. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.5 The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance. It is the responsibility of each member institution to monitor and control its athletics programs, staff members, representatives and student-athletes to ensure compliance with the Constitution and bylaws of the Association. Responsibility for maintaining institutional control ultimately rests with the institution's campus president or chancellor. It is also the responsibility of each member institution to report all breaches of conduct established by these bylaws to the Association in a timely manner and cooperate with the Association's infractions process. Upon a conclusion that one or more violations occurred, an institution shall be subject to such disciplinary and corrective actions as may be prescribed by the Association on behalf of the entire membership. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

20.9.1.6 The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be conducted in a manner designed to enhance the well-being of student-athletes who choose to participate and to prevent undue commercial or other influences that may interfere with their scholastic, athletics or related interests. The time required of student-athletes for participation in intercollegiate athletics shall be regulated to minimize interference with their academic pursuits. It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment in which student-athletes' activities, in all sports, are conducted to encourage academic success and individual development and as an integral part of the educational experience. Each member institution should also provide an environment that fosters fairness, sportsmanship, safety, honesty and positive relationships between student-athletes and representatives of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.7 The Commitment to Sound Academic Standards. Standards of the Association governing participation in intercollegiate athletics, including postseason competition, shall be designed to ensure proper emphasis on educational objectives and the opportunity for academic success, including graduation, of student-athletes who choose to participate at a member institution. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be maintained as an important component of the educational program, and student-athletes shall be an integral part of the student body. Each member institution's admission and academic standards for student-athletes shall be designed to promote academic progress and graduation and shall be consistent with the standards adopted by the institution for the student body in general. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.8 The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards. Recruiting bylaws shall be designed to promote informed decisions and balance the interests of prospective student-athletes, their educational institutions, the Association's member institutions and intercollegiate athletics as a whole. This commitment includes minimizing the role of external influences on prospective student-athletes and their families and preventing excessive contact or pressure in the recruitment process. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.9 The Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion. The Division I membership believes in and is committed to the core values of diversity, inclusion and equity, because realization of those values improves the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhances excellence within the membership and in all aspects of intercollegiate athletics. The membership shall create diverse and inclusive environments, promote an atmosphere of respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person, and include diverse perspectives in the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence. Member institutions, with assistance from the national office, are expected to develop inclusive practices that foster positive learning and competitive environments for student-athletes, as well as professional development and opportunities for athletics administrators, coaches and staff from diverse backgrounds. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.2 Division I Philosophy. Members of Division I support the following principles in the belief that the following statements provide further definition of the nature and purposes of the division. These statements are not binding on member institutions, but serve as additional guidance for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences. A member of Division I: *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

(a) Subscribes to high standards of academic quality, as well as breadth of academic opportunity;

(b) Strives in its athletics program for regional and national excellence and prominence. Accordingly, its recruitment of student-athletes and its emphasis on and support of its athletics program are, in most cases, regional and national in scope;

(c) Recognizes the dual objective in its athletics program of serving both the university or college community (participants, student body, faculty-staff, alumni) and the general public (community, area, state, nation);

(d) Believes in offering extensive opportunities for participation in varsity intercollegiate athletics for both men and women;

(e) Sponsors at the highest feasible level of intercollegiate competition one or both of the traditional spectator-oriented, income-producing sports of football and basketball. In doing so, members of Division I recognize the differences in institutional objectives in support of football; therefore, the division provides competition in that sport in the Bowl Subdivision and the Championship Subdivision;

(f) Believes in scheduling its athletics contests primarily with other members of Division I, especially in the emphasized, spectator-oriented sports, as a reflection of its goal of maintaining an appropriate competitive level in its sports program;

(g) Maintains institutional control over all funds supporting athletics; and

(h) Understands, respects and supports the programs and philosophies of other divisions. Occasionally, institutions from other divisions or athletics associations will seek membership in Division I. In such cases, the applicants should be required to meet, over a period of time, prescribed criteria for Division I membership in order to ensure that such institutions agree and comply with the principles and program objectives embodied in this statement.

20.9.3 Financial Aid Requirements.

20.9.3.1 Maximum Limitations. A member of Division I shall not make an award of financial aid (for which the recipient's athletics ability is considered in any degree) in excess of the number permitted by the provisions of the bylaws governing Division I financial aid awards limitations (see Bylaw 15.5). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.9.3.2 Minimum Awards. A member of Division I shall provide institutional financial assistance that equals one of the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 1/14/97 effective 9/1/97, 4/15/97 effective 8/1/98, 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 4/13/99, 4/11/00, 4/10/01, 8/14/02, 4/28/05, 4/27/06, 6/11/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) A minimum of 50 percent of the maximum allowable grants in 14 sports, at least seven of which must be women's sports. If an institution uses indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and cross country to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 80 percent of the full grants for men and 80 percent of the full grants for women in those sports. If the institution counts two of those three sports to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 70 percent of the full grants for men and 70 percent of the full grants for women. If the institution counts indoor and outdoor track and field as one sport, it must award the equivalent of at least 50 percent of the full grants for men and 50 percent of the full grants for women;

(b) Financial aid representing a minimum aggregate expenditure of $1,755,002 in 2020-21 (with at least $877,501 in women's sports) and $1,781,327 in 2021-22 (with at least $890,664 in women's sports) exclusive of grants in football and men's and women's basketball, provided the aggregate grant value is not less than the equivalent of 38 full grants, with at least 19 full grants for women. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall adjust the minimum aggregate figure annually to reflect inflation, based on changes in average national tuition charges for regionally accredited institutions. The committee shall announce the revised figure in the fall each year for the following academic year. If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, the minimum aggregate expenditure must be $1,158,661 in 2020-21 and $1,176,041 in 2021-22 for the gender without the basketball program, but in no case fewer than the equivalent of 29 full grants for that gender;

(c) A minimum of the equivalent of 50 full grants (at least 25 full grants in women's sports), exclusive of grants awarded in football and men's and women's basketball. If the member institution does not provide men's or women's basketball, it shall sponsor a minimum of 35 full grants in the sports program for the gender without the basketball program; or

(d) A minimum of one-half of the required grants or aggregate expenditures cited in (a), (b) or (c) above, for institutions that depend on exceptional amounts of federal assistance to meet students' financial needs. This provision shall be applicable to an institution in a given year if the average per-student allotment of Pell Grant dollars for undergraduates reported to the U.S. Department of Education the previous September is more than one standard deviation above the mean for all reporting Division I member institutions that year. If an institution does not qualify under this provision after having been able to do so the previous year, the institution may continue to use this alternative for one year and shall not be required to meet the provisions of (a), (b) or (c) above until the following year. This provision shall be applicable only to institutions that were members of Division I on September 1, 1990.

20.9.3.2.1 Aid Counted Toward Minimum Requirements. All institutional financial aid (including any exempted aid) awarded by the member institution to a counter (per Bylaw 15.5.1) shall be used to meet the appropriate minimum. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/11/04, 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06, 7/7/20)*

20.9.3.2.2 Student-Athlete Who Has Exhausted Eligibility or Used Medical Exemption. Countable financial aid awarded to a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility in a sport during a previous academic year and countable aid provided to a medically exempt student-athlete per Bylaw 15.5.1.2 may be used to meet the appropriate minimum. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

20.9.3.2.3 Award Requirement. To be included in reaching the appropriate minimum, the financial aid actually must be awarded. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.9.3.2.4 Multisport Student-Athlete. Financial aid awarded to multisport student-athletes shall be counted against the minimum requirements pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.9. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.9.3.2.5 Emerging Sports. Financial aid awarded to student-athletes in those emerging sports for women, as defined in Bylaw 20.02.4, may be counted in reaching the appropriate financial aid minimum requirements as well as for revenue distribution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)*

20.9.3.2.6 Non-NCAA Sports. Financial aid awarded in non-NCAA sports per Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1 may be counted in reaching the appropriate minimum, but financial aid awarded to those other than student-athletes (e.g., cheerleaders) shall not be counted. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.9.3.2.7 Exemptions -- No Institutional Athletics Aid. Member institutions that did not award any athletically related financial aid in any sport as of January 11, 1991, shall be exempted from the minimum requirements. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.9.3.2.8 On-Campus Employment. On-campus employment earnings during the academic year outside the athletics department for which athletics interests of the institution do not intercede on behalf of the student-athlete are not countable for team equivalency purposes per Bylaw 15.02.5.2-(a) but may be counted in reaching the appropriate minimum. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)*

20.9.3.2.9 Submission of Annual Form. A member institution must submit its annual form regarding minimum financial aid awards to the NCAA national office not later than September 15. *(Adopted: 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01)*

20.9.3.2.10 Waiver of Minimum Financial Aid Awards. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the minimum financial aid awards required for Division I membership based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of that legislation. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.9.4 Regular-Season Eligibility. A member institution shall conduct its regular-season competition under eligibility rules at least as stringent as the provisions of Bylaw 14.

20.9.5 Three-Season Requirement. The institution shall sponsor at least one sport involving an all-male team or a mixed team of males and females and at least one sport involving an all-female team in every sport season. An institution may use a sport to meet the three-season requirement only if the institution has met the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in that sport as set forth in Bylaw 20.9.6.3. *(Revised: 5/8/06)*

20.9.5.1 Counting Multiseason Sports. If an institution sponsors the same sport in two different seasons, it may count the sport only in the season in which its team participates in the most contests. To be counted as a fall sport, the majority of an institution's contests or dates of competition would have to occur from September through December; to be counted as a spring sport February through May. *(Revised: 5/8/06)*

20.9.5.2 Mixed Team. A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes. *(Revised: 5/8/06)*

20.9.5.3 Single-Gender Institution Exception. Institutions that sponsor and conduct athletics programs for only one gender need not meet the four-sport/three-season requirement for the other gender. *(Revised: 5/8/06)*

20.9.5.4 Waiver of Three-Season Requirement. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the requirement that an active member shall conduct at least one sport in every sport season if the institution is precluded by its academic calendar and climatic conditions from conducting a sport in a particular season. *(Revised: 5/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.9.6 Sports Sponsorship. A member institution shall sponsor teams in a minimum of: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94, 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 12/15/06)*

(a) Seven varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and seven varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.4 may be used), including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-female teams; or

(b) Six varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and eight varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.4 may be used), including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-female teams. (See Bylaws 20.9.9.1 and 20.9.10.1 for additional sports sponsorship requirements for member institutions participating in football.)

20.9.6.1 Acceptable Sports. The sports designated to meet the sports sponsorship criteria shall: *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)*

(a) Be among those in which the Association sponsors a championship or emerging sports for women (per Bylaw 20.02.4);

(b) Be recognized by the institution as varsity intercollegiate sports (see Constitution 3.2.4.6); and

(c) Involve all-male teams, mixed teams of males and females or all-female teams.

20.9.6.1.1 Waiver. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve a request from an active member institution to designate one sport involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females and one sport involving all-female teams other than those set forth in Bylaw 20.9.6.1-(a). *(Revised: 1/11/89, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 12/17/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.9.6.2 Waiver of Minimum Women's Sports Sponsorship Criterion. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the minimum women's sports sponsorship requirement for active members in accordance with the procedures listed below: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) The institution shall submit its request for a waiver, signed by the institution's president or chancellor, to the NCAA president. The request shall include pertinent information supporting the institution's request, and it shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than October 1. Any request received after that date shall be postmarked not later than September 22.

(b) The institution shall provide data demonstrating that the ratio of male to female enrollment prohibits the offering of the required number of sports for women; or

(c) The institution shall provide data demonstrating insufficient student interest in establishing or maintaining the requisite number of teams.

(d) If the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee votes to reject the institution's request, the institution shall be placed in a division for which it qualifies or in the restricted membership category pursuant to the provisions of Bylaw 20.2.5.1.

20.9.6.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports and women's rowing, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable: *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 1/12/99, 1/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 10/31/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 7/31/15, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Acrobatics and Tumbling	6	18	Women's Bowling	8	5
Baseball	27		Cross Country	4	5
Basketball	25		Equestrian	6	12
Women's Beach Volleyball	8		Men's Fencing	9	5
Field Hockey	11		Women's Fencing	9	5
Football	9		Golf	8	5
Men's Ice Hockey	25		Men's Gymnastics	9	6

Women's Ice Hockey	20		Women's Gymnastics	9	5
Lacrosse	10		Rifle	8	4
Women's Rowing	6	23	Skiing	5	5
Women's Rugby	9		Swimming and Diving	6	11
Soccer	11		Tennis	12	5
Softball	27		Track and Field, Indoor	4	14
Volleyball	19		Track and Field, Outdoor	4	14
Men's Water Polo	15		Women's Triathlon	4	3
Women's Water Polo	10		Men's Wrestling	13	7
			Women's Wrestling	13	7

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.9 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 17.)

20.9.6.3.1 Completion of Contest. To count as a contest, the institution's team actually shall participate in and complete the contest. Scheduled contests that are canceled or not completed (in accordance with the playing rules of the sport in question) may not be counted.

20.9.6.3.2 Counting Multicontest Events in Team Sports. In the team sports, each game in a doubleheader, triple-header or tournament shall be counted as one contest.

20.9.6.3.3 Counting Multiteam Events in Individual Sports. In cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, a multiteam event shall count as one contest. In the individual sports other than cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, not more than three institution-versus-institution meetings shall be counted as contests in any multiteam competition (e.g., quadrangular meet). If the institution achieves a single score in competition with the other competing institutions (e.g., a conference championship), it shall be counted as one contest. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 9/1/90, 1/10/95, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.9.6.3.3.1 Meets With No Team Scoring. In the individual sports, a meet at which no team scoring is kept counts as a contest for the purpose of meeting the minimum-contest requirement, provided at least the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.9.6.3 participate on the institution's team.

20.9.6.3.3.2 Regional Cross Country Qualifying Meets. An institution may count participation in a regional cross country meet in meeting the minimum-contest requirement, provided the institution meets the minimum-participant requirement per Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

20.9.6.3.4 Individual Sports -- One or More Sites. In the individual sports, if the minimum number of student-athletes participating on one or more teams, at one or more sites, on behalf of the institution on the same day equals or exceeds the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.9.6.3, an institution may use the competition as a contest in meeting the minimum-contest requirements (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1). *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

20.9.6.3.4.1 Exception -- Multiday Meets -- Track and Field. In track and field, if the number of student-athletes participating in a multiday meet on behalf of the institution during the course of the entire meet equals or exceeds the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and the meet is conducted on consecutive days, an institution may use the competition as a contest in meeting the minimum-contest requirements. *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

20.9.6.3.5 Contests in Two Seasons. If an institution sponsors the same sport in two different seasons of the same academic year, it may count contests in both seasons, provided regular varsity competition is sponsored in both seasons and is so listed on the institution's official schedule in that sport.

20.9.6.3.6 Contests vs. Club Teams. A contest against a collegiate institution's club team may not be counted toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. However, a member is not precluded from scheduling club teams.

20.9.6.3.6.1 Exception -- Women's Beach Volleyball. One dual, one-day contest against a four-year collegiate institution's club team per year may count toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. A multi-opponent tournament (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3.9) may count toward meeting minimum-contest requirements if not more than 40 percent of the participating teams are club teams affiliated with four-year collegiate institutions. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.9.6.3.6.2 Exception -- Women's Rugby. In women's rugby, an institution may count up to two contests per year against collegiate club teams of four-year institutions toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

20.9.6.3.7 Indoor Track and Field and Outdoor Track and Field. A member institution may receive credit for sponsoring both indoor track and field and outdoor track and field, provided its team participates in a total of at least eight indoor and outdoor meets during the year, including at least three indoor and three outdoor meets. *(Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.9.6.3.8 Women's Rugby. In women's rugby, 15-a-side and seven-a-side competition may count toward the required minimum number of contests. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

20.9.6.3.9 Women's Beach Volleyball. The following additional criteria shall apply to women's beach volleyball: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 10/30/13)*

(a) Not less than three of the minimum eight contests shall be dual, one-day competitions in which five two-person teams compete (institution versus institution on a single day). Only one contest per day shall count toward meeting this requirement; and

(b) The remaining number of minimum contests shall be dual, one-day competitions in which five two-person teams compete or be multi-opponent competitions. For a tournament to qualify as a contest, it must culminate in the determination of a winner based on the performance of each institution's five, two-person teams.

20.9.6.3.10 Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling. In women's acrobatics and tumbling, dual meets and triangular meets may count toward the minimum number of contests. Triangular meets are counted as two contests for each competing team. No more than two triangular meets may be counted toward the minimum number of contests. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

20.9.6.3.11 Waivers.

20.9.6.3.11.1 Minimum Contests and Participants. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests or the minimum number of participants in a contest in situations in which unforeseen circumstances beyond the institution's control have prevented the completion of a scheduled competition or the participation of the required minimum number of individuals and, despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to engage in at least the required minimum number of intercollegiate contests. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.9.6.3.11.2 Minimum Contests. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve an additional waiver of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests in a situation in which: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) The member institution can document that it had scheduled (for that academic year) the appropriate minimum number of contests under enforceable game contracts executed in writing;

(b) An opponent canceled a game that it had contracted to play that academic year; and

(c) Despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to re-arrange its schedule to play the appropriate minimum number of contests.

20.9.7 Scheduling -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

20.9.7.1 Scheduling Requirement -- Sports Other Than Football, Basketball, Cross Country, Men's Swimming and Diving, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, and Wrestling. In sports other than football, basketball, cross country, men's swimming and diving, indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling that an institution uses to meet the Division I sports sponsorship criteria, an institution shall schedule and play 100 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to meet the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.9.6.3. The institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests beyond the number specified in Bylaw 20.9.6.3 against Division I

opponents. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/3/13, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.9.7.2 Scheduling Requirement -- Cross Country, Men's Swimming and Diving, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, and Wrestling. In cross country, men's swimming and diving, indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling, an institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.9.6.3. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/3/13, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.9.7.3 Application of Scheduling Requirements -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

20.9.7.3.1 Reclassifying Opponents. A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Division I opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must comply with Division I scheduling requirements (year two of reclassifying). A reclassifying institution may be counted as a Division I opponent in year one of the reclassification process if the reclassifying institution meets Division I scheduling requirements. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 9/1/04, Revised: 1/11/94, 6/3/13, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

20.9.7.3.2 Multiteam Events -- Individual Sports Other Than Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. In individual sports other than cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, if a multiteam event is not scored by division, an institution may use the event to satisfy the scheduling requirements, provided at least two-thirds of the institutions competing in the event are Division I members. If a multiteam event is scored by division, there is no minimum required percentage of participating Division I institutions. Regardless of whether a multiteam event is scored by division, an institution that is using a multiteam event to satisfy the scheduling requirements must satisfy the minimum required number of participants, per Bylaw 20.9.6.3. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/11/94, 6/3/13, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.9.7.3.2.1 Multiteam Events -- Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. In cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, if a multiteam event is not scored by division, an institution may use the event to satisfy the scheduling requirements, provided at least one other institution competing in the event is a Division I member. If a multiteam event is scored by division, there is no minimum required percentage of participating Division I institutions. Regardless of whether a multiteam event is scored by division, an institution that is using a multiteam event to satisfy the scheduling requirements must satisfy the minimum required number of participants, per Bylaw 20.9.6.3. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.9.7.3.3 Exception. The scheduling criteria in Bylaws 20.9.7.1 and 20.9.7.2 shall not apply in sports in which the only championship opportunity is the National Collegiate Championship per Bylaw 18.02.1.1 or sports in which there is no NCAA-sponsored postseason championship. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 6/3/13)*

20.9.7.3.4 Waiver -- Situations Beyond Institutional Control. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the scheduling requirement in situations beyond the control of the institution (e.g., weather conditions or natural disasters) that prevent the completion of scheduled competition. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 6/3/13, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.9.8 Basketball Scheduling.

20.9.8.1 Four-Game Limit. An institution may schedule and play not more than four basketball games, including any contest (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition), in an academic year against institutions that are not members of Division I. *(Revised: 3/1/12)*

20.9.8.2 One-Third of Contests in Home Arena. An active or reclassifying member must play at least one-third of its regular-season basketball contests in the arena regularly used for the institution's home games. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 3/10/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.9.8.2.1 Multiple Home Arenas. In meeting the home-arena requirement, an institution may use more than one arena, provided each arena is located within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus and each arena is used annually by the institution for at least two home basketball contests.

20.9.8.3 One-Third of Women's Contests Away From Home or at a Neutral Site. An active member or a reclassifying member must play at least one-third of its regular-season women's basketball contests away from home or at a neutral site. A reclassifying member is required to apply scheduling criteria beginning with year two of the reclassifying process. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.9.8.4 Counting Contests.

20.9.8.4.1 Membership Classification of Opponents. In determining whether an institution meets the scheduling criteria, each opponent shall be counted as it was classified on August 1 of the academic year involved.

20.9.8.4.1.1 Reclassifying Opponents. A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Division I opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must comply with Division I scheduling requirements (year two of the reclassifying process). A reclassifying institution may be counted as a Division I opponent in year one of the reclassification process if the reclassifying institution meets Division I scheduling requirements. *(Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

20.9.8.4.1.2 Waiver. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver of the provisions of Bylaw 20.9.8.4.1 in cases of reclassification of an opponent when there is an enforceable game contract, executed in writing, or in the case of similar contractual problems. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.9.9 Football Bowl Subdivision Requirements. [FBS] An institution classified in the Football Bowl Subdivision shall meet the additional requirements listed below. *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.9.9.1 Sports Sponsorship. [FBS] The institution shall sponsor a minimum of 16 varsity intercollegiate sports, including football, based on the minimum sports sponsorship and scheduling requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.6 and 20.9.6.3, including a minimum of six sports involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and a minimum of eight varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.4 may be used) based on the minimum sports sponsorship and scheduling requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.6 and 20.9.6.3 and involving all-female teams, subject to the waiver provision in Bylaw 20.9.6.2. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04)*

20.9.9.2 Football Scheduling Requirements. [FBS] The institution shall schedule and play at least 60 percent of its football games against members of the Football Bowl Subdivision. The institution shall schedule and play at least five regular-season home games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents. For purposes of satisfying the home-games requirement, a contest shall be considered a home contest if it is played in the stadium in which an institution conducts at least 50 percent of its home contests. In addition, an institution may use one home contest against a Football Bowl Subdivision member conducted at a neutral site to satisfy the home-games requirement. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04, 1/12/04, 12/15/06, 10/6/17)*

20.9.9.2.1 Exception -- Football Championship Subdivision Opponent. [FBS] Each year, a Football Bowl Subdivision institution may count one contest against a Football Championship Subdivision opponent to satisfy the football-scheduling requirement specified in Bylaw 20.9.9.2, provided the Football Championship Subdivision opponent has averaged 90 percent of the permissible maximum number of grants-in-aid per year in football over a rolling two-year period. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.9.9.2.2 Membership Classification of Opponents. [FBS] In determining whether an institution meets the scheduling requirements of the Football Bowl Subdivision, each opponent shall be counted as it was classified on September 1 of the academic year involved. *(Revised: 12/15/06, 10/6/17)*

20.9.9.2.2.1 Reclassifying Opponents. A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must meet the Football Bowl Subdivision scheduling requirements (year two of the reclassifying process). A reclassifying institution may be counted as a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent in year one of the reclassification process if the reclassifying institution meets Football Bowl Subdivision scheduling requirements. *(Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 3/10/04, 12/15/06, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

20.9.9.2.2.2 Waiver. [FBS] The Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver of the provisions of Bylaw 20.9.9.2.2 in cases of reclassification of an opponent when there is an enforceable game contract, executed in writing, or in the case of similar contractual problems. *(Revised: 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.9.9.2.3 Canceled Games. [FBS] A canceled game shall not be counted toward meeting the Football Bowl Subdivision scheduling requirements unless the Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, approve a waiver of the criterion in a situation in which: *(Revised: 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) The member institution can document that it had scheduled (for that academic year) the appropriate minimum percentage of contests with members of the Football Bowl Subdivision, under enforceable game contracts executed in writing;

(b) An opponent canceled a game that it had contracted to play that academic year; and

(c) Despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to re-arrange its schedule to play the appropriate percentage of contests with members of the Football Bowl Subdivision.

20.9.9.2.4 Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico. [FBS] Games played in Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico shall not be counted for purposes of meeting the subdivision's scheduling requirement if such games are exempt from counting toward the playing-season limitations. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

20.9.9.3 Football-Attendance Requirements. [FBS] Once every two years on a rolling basis, the institution shall average at least 15,000 in actual or paid attendance for all home football games. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

20.9.9.3.1 Counting Attendance. [FBS]

20.9.9.3.1.1 Actual Attendance. [FBS] For purposes of computing actual attendance figures, an individual may be counted if any one of the following conditions applies: *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) Attendees are issued tickets that are collected on admission to the game and retained;

(b) Attendees enter through and are counted by a turnstile that is monitored by a representative of the department of athletics who verifies in writing the accuracy of the count on a per-game basis; or

(c) Attendees enter through a gate at which a representative of the department of athletics counts them individually with a manual counter, and the representative provides a written statement verifying the accuracy of the count on a per-game basis.

20.9.9.3.1.2 Paid Attendance. [FBS] For purposes of computing paid attendance figures, tickets must be sold for at least one-third of the highest regular established ticket price as established prior to the season, regardless of whether they are used for admission. Tickets sold at less than one-third of the highest regular established price may be counted as paid attendance only if they are used for admission. Student attendance may be counted as paid attendance if the student pays at least one-third of the highest regular established ticket price or, if the student actually attends the game and any one of the following conditions applies: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) The student paid an athletics fee;

(b) The student paid an institutional fee of which a certain portion was allocated to the department of intercollegiate athletics; or

(c) The student paid no athletics fee, but the institution allocated to the department of intercollegiate athletics a certain portion of tuition income or general operating funds as the equivalent of a student athletics fee.

20.9.9.3.1.2.1 Student Attendance. [FBS] Student attendance must be verified through one of the following methods: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) Such students are issued tickets that are collected on admission to the game and retained;

(b) Such students enter through and are counted by a turnstile (which is not used by others in attendance) that is monitored by a representative of the department of athletics who verifies in writing the accuracy of the count on a per-game basis; or

(c) Such students enter through a gate (that is not used by others in attendance) at which a representative of the department of athletics counts them individually with a manual counter, and the representative provides a written statement verifying the accuracy of the count on a per-game basis.

20.9.9.3.1.2.1.1 Noncounted Students. [FBS] Student-athletes and cheerleaders scheduled by the institution to be at the game and students performing services at the stadium (e.g., concessionaires, ticket takers, parking-lot attendants, ushers, grounds keepers) shall not be counted toward meeting the attendance requirements. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

20.9.9.3.1.2.2 Exchange of Tickets With Opponent. [FBS] For an institution to meet the Football Bowl Subdivision attendance requirements, tickets for a football contest obtained by an institution through an exchange agreement or a purchase agreement with another institution may be used only if sold for at least one-third of the highest regular established ticket price and are used to attend the game. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.9.9.3.2 Certified Audit. [FBS] In meeting the football-attendance requirements of the Football Bowl Subdivision, an institution must undertake an annual certified audit verifying its football attendance. The audited football-attendance figures must be received in the NCAA national office not later than the February 15 following the completion of the football season, and NCAA national office staff shall verify compliance with all the Football Bowl Subdivision attendance requirements. The certified audit and materials (including the ticket manifest) must be available for inspection for a four-year period. *(Revised: 10/17/05, 12/15/06)*

20.9.9.4 Additional Financial Aid Requirements. [FBS] The institution shall satisfy the following additional financial aid requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04)*

(a) Provide an average of at least 90 percent of the permissible maximum number of overall football grants-in-aid per year during a rolling two-year period; and

(b) Annually offer a minimum of 200 athletics grants-in-aids or expend at least $4 million on grants-in-aid to student-athletes in athletics programs.

20.9.9.4.1 Type of Financial Aid Counted. [FBS] The institution shall count only athletically related financial aid awarded to counters (as defined in Bylaw 15.02.3). *(Adopted: 3/10/04 effective 8/1/04)*

20.9.9.4.2 Exception -- National Service Academies. [FBS] The national service academies are exempt from all financial aid requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.9.9. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04)*

20.9.9.5 Noncompliance with Football Bowl Subdivision Criteria. [FBS]

20.9.9.5.1 Notice of Noncompliance. [FBS] An institution that fails to satisfy any of the Football Bowl Subdivision membership requirements shall receive notice of such noncompliance. After receiving notice, any further noncompliance with the Football Bowl Subdivision requirements within a 10-year period shall cause the institution to be placed in restricted membership. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.9.9.5.2 Restricted Membership. [FBS] While in restricted membership, the institution shall not be eligible for postseason football competition. At the conclusion of the one-year period, the institution shall be granted membership in its preferred subdivision, provided the institution complies with the subdivision's criteria. If the member does not meet the criteria of any subdivision at the end of the restricted membership period, the institution may continue to be classified as a Division I member in sports other than football, provided the institution satisfies the Division I membership requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.3 through 20.9.7. A Division I member that loses Football Bowl Subdivision status must comply with the multidivision classification requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.4 to regain such status. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.9.9.6 Waivers. [FBS] There shall be no waivers of the Football Bowl Subdivision membership requirements. *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.9.10 Football Championship Subdivision Requirements. [FCSD] An institution classified as a Football Championship Subdivision member shall meet the additional requirements listed below. *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.9.10.1 Sports Sponsorship. [FCSD] The institution shall sponsor in Division I a minimum of: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 1/15/11)*

(a) Seven varsity intercollegiate sports, including football, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.9.6 and 20.9.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and seven varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.4 may be utilized) based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.9.6 and 20.9.6.3 and involving all-female teams, subject to the waiver provision in Bylaw 20.9.6.2; or

(b) Six varsity intercollegiate sports, including football, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.9.6 and 20.9.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and eight varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.4 may be utilized) based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.9.6 and 20.9.6.3 and involving all-female teams, subject to the waiver provision in Bylaw 20.9.6.2.

20.9.10.2 Football Scheduling Requirement. [FCSD] The institution shall schedule and play more than 50 percent of its football games against Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision members. *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.9.10.2.1 Membership Classification of Opponents. [FCSD] In determining whether an institution meets the scheduling criteria of the Football Championship Subdivision, each opponent shall be counted as it was classified on September 1 of the academic year involved. *(Revised: 12/15/06, 1/15/11)*

20.9.10.2.1.1 Reclassifying Opponents. A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Football Championship Subdivision opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must comply with Football Championship Subdivision scheduling requirements (year two of the reclassifying process). A reclassifying institution may be counted as a Football Championship Subdivision opponent in year one of the reclassification process if the reclassifying institution meets Football Championship Subdivision scheduling requirements. *(Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 3/10/04, 12/15/06, 1/15/11, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

20.9.10.2.1.2 Waiver. [FCSD] The Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, may grant a waiver of the provisions of Bylaw 20.9.10.2.1 in cases of reclassification of an opponent

when there is an enforceable game contract, executed in writing, or in the case of similar contractual problems. *(Revised: 12/15/06, 1/15/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.9.10.2.2 Canceled Games. [FCSD] A canceled game shall not be counted toward meeting the Football Championship Subdivision scheduling criterion unless the Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, approves a waiver of the criterion in a situation in which: *(Revised: 12/15/06, 1/15/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) The member institution can document that it had scheduled (for that academic year) the appropriate minimum percentage of contests with members of the Football Championship Subdivision, under enforceable game contracts executed in writing;

(b) An opponent canceled a game that it had contracted to play that academic year; and

(c) Despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to re-arrange its schedule to play the appropriate percentage of contests with Football Championship Subdivision members.

20.9.10.2.3 Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico. [FCSD] Games played in Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico shall not be counted for purposes of meeting the subdivision's scheduling requirement if such games are exempt from counting toward the playing-season limitations. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/15/11)*

20.9.10.2.4 Geographical Waiver -- Football Championship Subdivision. [FCSD] The Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, may waive the provisions of Bylaw 20.9.10.2 for a Football Championship Subdivision institution that does not offer athletically related financial aid in football, or which offers fewer than 20 percent of the maximum allowable number of scholarships in the Football Championship Subdivision and was classified in Division II prior to September 1993, if it is determined that fewer than six other championship subdivision football programs exist within a 500-mile radius of the institution's campus that do not offer athletically related financial aid in football or which offer fewer than 20 percent of the maximum allowable number of scholarships in the Football Championship Subdivision and were classified in Division II prior to September 1993. An institution must calculate the percentage based upon the amount of athletically related financial aid received by its student-athletes, as opposed to including all institutional aid. *(Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, Revised: 1/10/95, 12/15/06, 1/15/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

FIGURE 20-1

General Requirements for Division I Membership

	Sports Sponsorship: Number of Sports										
	All-Male or Mixed-Team Sports	All-Female Sports	Minimum Number of Team Sports	Football Scheduling Requirement	Football Attendance Requirement	Men's Basketball Scheduling Requirement		Women's Basketball Scheduling Requirement		Scheduling Requirement—Sports Other Than Football and Basketball	Financial Aid Requirement [2]
Division I	7 OR 6	7 8	2-All male/mixed 2-All female			Active or reclassifying member:	All but four games against Division I teams. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played in home arena	Active or reclassifying member:	All but four games against Division I teams. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played in home arena. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played away from home or at a neutral site.	Sports used to meet sports sponsorship criteria: An institution shall schedule and play 100% of its contests against Division I opponents to meet minimum number of contests. [1] 50% of remaining contests against Division I opponents.	a) 50% of maximum allowable grants in each sport [3] or b) Minimum aggregate expenditure of $1,755,002 (with at least $877,501 in women's sports) in 2020-21 (excluding football and men's and women's basketball). Grant value may not be less than 38 full grants (with at least 19 for women) [4] or c) A minimum of the equivalent of 50 full grants (at least 25 full grants in women's sports), exclusive of grants in football and men's and women's basketball [5]
Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS)	8 Including football OR 7 Including football OR 6 Including football	8 9 10	2-All male/mixed 2-All female	At least 60% of all games must be played against FBS members and at least five home games against members of FBS	Average 15,000 in actual or paid attendance for home football games during a rolling two-year period.						In addition to Division I requirement, a) provide an average of at least 90% of permissible maximum number of football grants-in-aid during a rolling two-year period and b) Annually offer a minimum of 200 athletics grants-in-aid or spend $4 million on athletics grants-in-aid annually.
Football Championship Subdivision (FCS)	7 Including football OR 6 Including football	7 8	2-All male/mixed 2-All female	More than 50% of all games must be played against FBS or FCS members	NONE						No additional requirements.

1 In men's swimming and diving, men's indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling, an institution shall schedule and play at least 50% of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests.

2 For institutions that depend on exceptional amounts of federal assistance to meet students' financial needs, the institution must provide a minimum of one-half of the required grants or aggregate expenditures cited in (a), (b) or (c) above. This provision shall be applicable to an institution in a given year if the average per-student allotment of Pell Grant dollars for undergraduates reported to the U.S. Department of Education the previous September is more than one standard deviation above the mean for all reporting Division I member institutions that year. If an institution does not qualify under this provision after having been able to do so the previous year, the institution may continue to use this alternative for one year and shall not be required to meet the provisions of (a), (b) or (c) until the following year. This provision shall be applicable only to institutions that were members of Division I on September 1, 1990.

3 If an institution uses indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and cross country to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 80% of the full grants for men and 80% of the full grants for women in these sports. If the institution counts two of those three sports to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 70% of the full grants for men and 70% of the full grants for women. If the institution counts indoor and outdoor track and field as one sport, it must award the equivalent of at least 50% of the full grants for men and 50% of the full grants for women.

4 If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, the minimum aggregate expenditure must be $1,158,661 in 2020-21 for men or for women, but not fewer than the equivalent of 29 full grants for men or for women.

5 If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, it must provide a minimum of 35 full grants in the sports program for the gender without the basketball program.

Committees

21.02 Definitions and Applications.

21.02.1 Association-Wide Committees. [*] Association-wide committees deal with issues that affect all members of the Association and perform duties necessary to the on-going operation of the Association. Association-wide committees are comprised of members from each of the Association's divisions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.02.2 Common Committees. [*] Common committees deal with issues that apply to more than one division of the Association. Common committees perform duties necessary to the on-going operation of the applicable divisions and are comprised of members from the applicable divisions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.02.3 Federated Committees. [*] Federated committees deal with issues that apply to a specific membership division. Federated committees perform duties necessary to the on-going operation of that division and are comprised only of members from that division. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.02.4 Districts. [#] For purposes of committee composition, the geographical districts are as follows: *(Adopted: 10/30/03)*

(a) District 1 -- Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont;

(b) District 2 -- Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, West Virginia;

(c) District 3 -- Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia;

(d) District 4 -- Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin;

(e) District 5 -- Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota;

(f) District 6 -- Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas;

(g) District 7 -- Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming; and

(h) District 8 -- Alaska, British Columbia, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington.

21.02.5 Conflict of Interest. A committee member shall not participate in the committee's discussion or vote on any action that might bring direct or indirect financial benefit to the member of any organization in which the member is financially interested (other than the member's institution or the conference of which it is a member). A violation of this rule by a member of a committee shall not invalidate the action taken by the committee if, following disclosure of the conflict of interest, the committee authorizes, ratifies or approves the action by a vote sufficient for the purpose, without counting the vote of the committee member with the conflict of interest, and the Council approves such action. All committee members shall agree to this policy prior to committee service and shall abide by the policy at all times. The current conflict of interest policy is located on the NCAA website (NCAA.org) or may be obtained from the NCAA national office. *(Adopted: 1/13/09, Revised: 8/7/14)*

21.1 Playing Rules Oversight Panel. [#]

21.1.1 Composition. [#] The panel shall consist of 12 members, including six members from Division I and three representatives each from Divisions II and III. A single conference may not have more than one representative on the panel. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.1.2 Method of Selection. [#] Three of the six Division I representatives shall be appointed by the Division I Council and one of those three must have experience working with playing rules. The remaining three shall be appointed by the Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA). Two of those three shall have experience working with playing rules. One of the three Divisions II and III representatives shall be appointed by the divisions' Championships Committees (these appointees must be current members of the divisions' Championships Committees). The remaining two representatives in Divisions II and III will be appointed at large and one of the two per each division shall have experience working with playing rules. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.1.2.1 Definition of "Working With Playing Rules." [#] The following experience will be considered to be the equivalent of "working with playing rules": officiating experience, previous service on a rules committee, previous service on a committee with responsibility for playing rules administration or coaching. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.1.3 Term of Office. [#] At-large and Division I members of the panel will serve four-year terms. Championships Committee appointments will serve for the duration of their committee term. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/07, 8/7/14)*

21.1.4 Duties. [#] The panel shall: *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 1/8/07)*

(a) Oversee all NCAA playing rules committees. This includes approval of playing rules recommendations and oversight of other issues pertaining to playing rules;

(b) Recommend the establishment and dissolution of playing rules committees;

(c) Monitor playing rules maintained outside the NCAA;

(d) Be responsible for all research and communication pertaining to the administration of playing rules, including the advancement of budgetary recommendations from the playing rules committees and to ensure consistency among different sports, when appropriate (for example, policies controlling fighting or abusive language);

(e) Review and act on requests from any division to exempt it from applying or delaying implementation of a playing rule for financial reasons;

(f) Review all playing rules changes pertaining to finances, safety and image of the game; and

(g) Oversee the selection process for secretary-rules editors, approve the selections of secretary-rules editors and review waiver requests for secretary-rules editor term limits.

21.1.5 Meetings. [#] The Playing Rules Oversight Panel shall meet three times annually (e.g., March, June, August) after the playing rules committees for each season have completed their meetings. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.1.6 Special Operating Rules. [#]

21.1.6.1 Review Process. [#] A recommendation from any rules committee shall be considered valid unless the Playing Rules Oversight Panel determines that the recommendation harms the image of the games, creates an unsafe environment for student-athletes or places an unreasonable financial burden on the membership. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.1.6.1.1 Rules Committee Involvement. [#] The Playing Rules Oversight Panel may request that playing rules committee chairs and/or secretary-rules editors present their case to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel when proposed changes are controversial or unusually complicated. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.2 Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees. [#]

21.2.1 Selection, Term of Office and Operation. [#]

21.2.1.1 Method of Selection. [#] Each division's governance structure shall appoint members to serve on the general Association-wide committees of the Association, consistent with that division's committee-appointment procedures. The membership of each committee shall include representatives from each of the Association's membership divisions, including each subdivision of Division I. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01, 5/13/08)*

21.2.1.2 Term of Office. [#] Unless otherwise specified, a member of the committees listed in this bylaw shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former member may be appointed to an additional term after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of September following the member's election or appointment. *(Revised: 5/13/08)*

21.2.1.3 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors also shall ratify policies regarding length, location and expenses of Association-wide committee meetings. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01, 5/13/08, 10/30/14)*

21.2.2 Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [#]

21.2.2.1 Composition. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports shall consist of 23 members, including six positions allocated for men, six allocated for women and 10 unallocated. The membership of the committee shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91, 1/10/95, 10/28/99, 4/26/01, 11/1/01, 10/30/03, 7/22/14, 4/30/15, 3/27/17, 4/14/17, 10/4/17)*

(a) Two athletics directors or senior woman athletics administrators, one man and one woman;

(b) One member who is an active coach;

(c) One strength and conditioning specialist certified by an accredited strength and conditioning certification body;

(d) Three members from the field of medicine, of whom at least one shall be a woman. One shall be a primary-care physician who is board certified in family practice, internal medicine or emergency medicine, and shall have a current Certificate of Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine. One shall be a board certified orthopedic surgeon. The third member shall be a physician who is a member of the general public;

(e) Two athletic trainers, one man and one woman. One must be responsible for the total athletics training program at a member institution;

(f) One member representing the field of law who is a lawyer practicing in sports law or a related field, or a faculty member in sports law or a related field;

(g) One member of the NCAA Football Rules Committee;

(h) One member representing secondary school interests. This individual shall be the National Federation of State High School Associations' staff liaison to the Sports Medicine Advisory Board and shall be eligible for reappointment without restriction;

(i) One member active in sport-science research;

(j) One member with expertise in drug testing;

(k) One member with expertise in the area of drug education;

(l) One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. Each student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility;

(m) One licensed clinical sports psychologist;

(n) One registered dietitian who specializes in sports nutrition;

(o) One representative from the Division I Council;

(p) One representative from the Division II Management Council; and

(q) One representative from the Division III Management Council.

21.2.2.2 Duties. [#] The committee, subject to the direction of the Board of Governors, and in conjunction with the NCAA Sport Science Institute, shall: *(Revised: 10/31/02, 10/30/14)*

(a) Promote and sponsor research to address relevant health and safety issues;

(b) Promote education to enhance the health and safety of student-athletes;

(c) Operate a national injury surveillance program to monitor injury trends and enhance safety in intercollegiate athletics;

(d) Deter the use of NCAA banned substances in order to promote fair competition and safety;

(e) Facilitate outreach activities to enhance student-athlete health and safety; and

(f) Provide a health and safety perspective on relevant legislation and policy.

21.2.2.3 Term of Office, Chair. [#] The chair may remain on the committee for up to one additional year if the individual becomes the committee chair with only one year or less remaining on his or her four-year term. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 10/22/07)*

21.2.3 Honors Committee. [#]

21.2.3.1 Composition. [#] The Honors Committee shall consist of nine members, including one current or former chancellor or president from a member institution, one member from each division and subdivision of Division I and three nationally distinguished citizens, one of which must be a former NCAA honors recipient. Division II and Division III will be represented each by a member of the Management Council. Two positions shall be allocated for men, two allocated for women and five unallocated. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 11/1/07)*

21.2.3.2 Term of Office. A member's term of service shall commence on the day following adjournment of the NCAA Convention following the member's appointment. *(Adopted: 1/14/08)*

21.2.3.3 Duties. [#] The committee shall receive nominations for the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the Silver Anniversary Awards, the Today's Top 10 Awards, the Award of Valor and the Inspiration Award and shall select the recipients of those awards. *(Revised: 7/25/12)*

21.2.4 Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [#]

21.2.4.1 Composition. [#] The Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee shall consist of 18 members, including a current chancellor or president from each division. There shall be six members from Division I, six members from Division II and six members from Division III. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athletes may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of their athletics eligibility. Committee membership shall include a minimum of eight ethnic minorities, including at least four males and four females. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 11/1/01, 8/11/11, 4/14/17)*

21.2.4.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 10/29/15)*

(a) Review issues related to the interests and advocacy of student-athletes, coaches and administrators who are ethnic minorities, LGBTQ or who have disabilities; and

(b) Review and advocate for NCAA programs and policies that affect and include, but are not limited to, ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities and the LGBTQ community.

21.2.5 Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. [#]

21.2.5.1 Composition. The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee shall consist of 14 members, including at least one from each division. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athletes may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of his or her athletics eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 11/1/01, 4/14/17)*

21.2.5.2 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 10/17/19)*

(a) Act as a liaison between the Association, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and national governing bodies; and

(b) Study and make recommendations concerning the Association's appropriate role in the involvement of student-athletes in international athletics.

21.2.6 Postgraduate Scholarship Committee. [#]

21.2.6.1 Composition. [#] The Postgraduate Scholarship Committee shall consist of seven members, including two positions allocated for men, two allocated for women and three unallocated, one of which shall be a former recipient of an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

21.2.6.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall be responsible for planning and administering the Association's postgraduate scholarship program for student-athletes who have distinguished themselves academically and athletically.

21.2.7 Research Committee. [#]

21.2.7.1 Composition. [#] The Research Committee shall consist of 10 members, including four representatives from Division I, two each from Divisions II and III and two unallocated. In addition, three positions shall be allocated for men, three allocated for women and four unallocated. The membership of the committee shall consist of at least three athletics administrators and at least three faculty athletics representatives with appropriate research experience. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 11/1/01, 8/7/03)*

21.2.7.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall: *(Revised: 10/30/14, 4/10/18)*

(a) Promote and encourage graduate student research on psychosocial aspects of intercollegiate athletics by administering the Association's Graduate Student Research Grant Program;

(b) Assist staff in the evaluation of data-sharing requests submitted by the membership, as needed;

(c) Study and make recommendations to the NCAA research staff and governance committees concerning opportunities for Association or collaborative research at the nexus of higher education and athletics;

(d) Confer with research staff on issues related to the Research Review Board, its policies and standard operating procedures; and

(e) Monitor progress of the most significant research endeavors undertaken by the NCAA research staff at the behest of the Association.

21.2.8 Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. [#]

21.2.8.1 Composition. The Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct shall consist of 11 members. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athlete may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of his or her athletics eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/01, 4/14/17)*

21.2.8.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall be responsible for promoting sportsmanship and ethical conduct within the Association. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.2.9 Walter Byers Scholarship Committee. [#]

21.2.9.1 Composition. The Walter Byers Scholarship Committee shall consist of seven members, including one position allocated for a man, one allocated for a woman, one allocated for a former student-athlete and four unallocated. *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 5/2/13, 6/13/18)*

21.2.9.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall be responsible for planning and administering the Association's Walter Byers Scholarship program for student-athletes who have distinguished themselves academically and athletically. *(Adopted: 1/10/90)*

21.2.10 Committee on Women's Athletics. [#]

21.2.10.1 Composition. [#] The Committee on Women's Athletics shall consist of 18 members, including a current chancellor or president from each division. There shall be six members from Division I, six members from Division II and six members from Division III. Six positions shall be allocated for men, six allocated for women and six unallocated. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athlete may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of his or her athletics eligibility. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 11/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/24/08, 8/11/11, 4/14/17)*

21.2.10.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall: *(Revised: 4/24/03)*

(a) Study and make policy recommendations concerning opportunities for women in athletics at the institutional, conference and national levels;

(b) Study and make policy recommendations concerning other issues directly affecting women's athletics; and

(c) Appoint and oversee the Woman of the Year Selection Committee and the process.

21.3 Association-Wide Committees -- Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities. [#]

21.3.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation. [#]

21.3.1.1 Method of Selection. [#] Each division's governance structure shall appoint members to serve on the rules committees without championships administration responsibilities. The Playing Rules Oversight Panel shall oversee the selection process for secretary-rules editors and approve selections for those positions. The secretary-rules editor may be re-appointed but is limited to a term not to exceed eight years in length and shall be a nonvoting member of the committee. The membership of each committee shall include representatives from each of the Association's membership divisions. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01, 4/24/03, 1/8/07)*

21.3.1.1.1 Waiver -- Secretary-Rules Editor Term Limit. [#] Due to extenuating circumstances, the Playing Rules Oversight Panel may waive the secretary-rules editor's eight-year term limit; however, the term shall not be extended by more than four additional years. *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 1/8/07)*

21.3.1.2 Composition Requirements. [#] At least 25 percent of the positions on each rules committee shall be filled by athletics directors, associate or assistant athletics directors, senior woman athletics administrators, individuals who are employed full-time as administrators by member conferences, or individuals who are employed both part-time as administrators by member conferences and full-time by member institutions. Further, at least 50 percent of the total positions on each rules committee shall be filled by coaching staff members. In order for a district to be represented, at least five of its active members shall sponsor the sport involved on an intercollegiate basis. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

21.3.1.3 Duties. [#] Subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, each rules committee shall establish and maintain rules of play in its sport consistent with the sound traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. These playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association, and differences among the divisions shall not be permitted, except for the division-specific playing regulations developed to address significant financial impact and approved by the divisions and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. Playing rules committees shall have the authority to permit rules experimentation in the nontraditional/nonchampionship season without Playing Rules Oversight Panel approval. Experimentation in the regular season shall be subject to Playing Rules Oversight Panel review. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/05, 12/2/05)*

21.3.1.4 Term of Office. [#] Unless otherwise specified, a member of the committees listed in this bylaw shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former member may be appointed to an additional term after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of September following the member's election or appointment. *(Revised: 5/13/08)*

21.3.1.5 Cooperation with Other Organizations. [#] A rules committee may cooperate with other national organizations in the development of common playing rules. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.3.1.6 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of association-wide committee meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

21.3.2 Baseball Rules Committee. [#] The Baseball Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.3 Basketball Rules Committee, Men's. [#] The Men's Basketball Rules Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/10/91)*

(a) There shall be at least two representatives from each of the following four geographical regions: Districts 1 and 2; District 3; Districts 4 and 5; and Districts 6, 7 and 8;

(b) Six members shall be from Division I, three members shall be from Division II, three members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and

(c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.4 Basketball Rules Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Basketball Rules Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

(a) There shall be at least two representatives from each of the following four geographical regions: Districts 1 and 2; District 3; Districts 4 and 5; and Districts 6, 7 and 8;

(b) Six members shall be from Division I, three members shall be from Division II, three members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and

(c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.5 Football Rules Committee. [#] The Football Rules Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

(a) There shall be at least two representatives from each of the following four geographical regions: Districts 1 and 2; District 3; Districts 4 and 5; and Districts 6, 7 and 8;

(b) Six members shall be from Division I, three members shall be from Division II, three members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and

(c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.6 Ice Hockey Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/27/00, 4/26/01, 10/29/15)*

(a) Six members shall be from Division I, one member shall be from a Division II institution that sponsors Division I, II or III men's or women's ice hockey, four members shall be from Division III, one member shall be from Division II or III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor;

(b) Within Divisions I and III, one-half of the members shall represent men's ice hockey interests and one-half of the members shall represent women's ice hockey interests; and

(c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.7 Lacrosse Rules Committee, Men's. [#] The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows:

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, one member shall be from the Division II and three members shall be from Division III. One additional member shall serve as a nonvoting secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.8 Lacrosse Rules Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, one member shall be from Division II and three members shall be from Division III. One additional member shall serve as a nonvoting secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.9 Soccer Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor;

(b) Within each division, one-half of the members shall represent men's soccer interests, and one-half of the members shall represent women's soccer interests; and

(c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.10 Softball Rules Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Softball Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.11 Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be a secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.12 Track and Field Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be a secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.13 Volleyball Rules Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, Adopted: 11/1/01)*

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and one additional member shall serve as nonvoting secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.3.14 Men's Wrestling Rules Committee. The Men's Wrestling Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be a secretary-rules editor; and

(b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.4 Common Committees -- Committees With Playing Rules and Championships Administration Responsibilities. [#]

21.4.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation. [#]

21.4.1.1 Method of Selection. [#] Each division's governance structure shall appoint members to serve on the committees with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities. The Playing Rules Oversight Panel shall oversee the selection process of secretary-rules editors and approve the selections for those positions. The secretary-rules editor may be reappointed but is limited to a term not to exceed eight years in length and shall be a nonvoting member of the committee. The membership of each committee shall include representatives from each of the Association's membership divisions. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01, 4/24/03, 1/8/07)*

21.4.1.1.1 Waiver -- Secretary-Rules Editor Term Limit. [#] Due to extenuating circumstances, the Playing Rules Oversight Panel may waive the secretary-rules editor's eight-year term limit; however, the term shall not be extended by more than four additional years. *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 1/8/07)*

21.4.1.2 Composition Requirements. [#] For committees that administer Division I, Division II, Division III and National Collegiate Championships in individual sports, at least 25 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators (athletics directors, associate or assistant athletics directors, senior woman athletics administrators, individuals who are employed full time as administrators by member conferences, or individuals who are

employed both part time as administrators by member conferences and full time by member institutions). Further, at least 50 percent of the total positions on each rules committee shall be filled by coaching staff members. For committees that administer Division I, Division II, Division III and National Collegiate Championships in team sports, at least 50 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators. Further, at least 50 percent of the total positions on each rules committee shall be filled by coaching staff members. In order for a district to be represented on a committee for which district representation is specified, at least five of its active members shall sponsor the sport on an intercollegiate basis. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

21.4.1.2.1 Exception -- Men's and Women's Skiing Committee. [#] The Men's and Women's Skiing Committee shall be exempt from the composition requirements set forth in Bylaw 21.4.1.2. *(Adopted: 11/1/00)*

21.4.1.3 Special Operating Rules. [#] Each committee shall act as one body to formulate playing rules and determine general policies for the administration of the NCAA championships under its jurisdiction. Division subcommittees, composed of committee members from the respective divisions, shall be responsible for administering the respective division championships.

21.4.1.4 Advisory Committees. [#] The governing sports committee may appoint individuals not already serving on a sports committee to an advisory committee.

21.4.1.5 Duties. [#]

21.4.1.5.1 Rules of Play. [#] Subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, each rules committee shall establish and maintain rules of play in its sport consistent with the sound traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. These playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association, and differences among the divisions shall not be permitted, except for the division-specific playing regulations developed to address significant financial impact and approved by the divisions and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. Playing rules committees shall have the authority to permit rules experimentation in the nontraditional/nonchampionship season without Playing Rules Oversight Panel approval. Experimentation in the regular season shall be subject to Playing Rules Oversight Panel review. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/05, 12/2/05)*

21.4.1.5.2 National Records. [#] In sports for which national records are maintained, each committee shall be responsible for approval of such national records.

21.4.1.5.3 Cooperation with Other Organizations. [#] A rules committee may cooperate with other national organizations in the development of common playing rules. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.4.1.5.4 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of common committee meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

21.4.1.6 Term of Office. [#] Unless otherwise specified, a member of the committees listed in this bylaw shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former member may be appointed to an additional term after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of September following the member's election or appointment. *(Revised: 5/13/08)*

21.4.2 Beach Volleyball Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Beach Volleyball Committee shall consist of six members. *(Adopted: 1/17/15, Revised: 7/31/15)*

21.4.3 Bowling Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Bowling Committee shall consist of seven members, including the secretary-rules editor, who shall be a nonvoting member. *(Revised: 10/28/10)*

21.4.4 Rifle Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Rifle Committee shall consist of seven members, including the secretary-rules editor.

21.4.5 Skiing Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Skiing Committee shall consist of seven members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/11/00, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/01, 10/29/15)*

(a) Two members shall represent men's skiing interests, two members shall represent women's skiing interests and three unallocated;

(b) One member shall be selected from the West skiing region, one member shall be selected from the Central skiing region, two members shall be selected from the East skiing region, two members shall be selected at large and one member shall be secretary-rules editor; and

(c) Two members shall be coaches who represent downhill Alpine skiing and two members shall be coaches who represent Nordic skiing. The secretary-rules editor may be counted towards satisfying this requirement.

21.4.6 Water Polo Committee, Men's. [#] The Men's Water Polo Committee shall consist of six members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 10/28/97, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 1/8/07 representation shall be achieved through normal attrition)*

(a) Two members shall be from the East region;

(b) Two members shall be from the West region;

(c) One member shall be selected at large; and

(d) An additional member shall be secretary-rules editor.

21.4.7 Water Polo Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Water Polo Committee shall consist of six members. There shall be three members from Division I, one member from Division II, one member from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

21.5 Common Committees -- Committees With Only Championship Administration Responsibilities. [#]

21.5.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation. [#]

21.5.1.1 Method of Selection. [#] Each applicable division's governance structure shall nominate and select the members and chair of each committee. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01)*

21.5.1.2 Duties. [#] Each committee shall be responsible for developing policies and procedures governing the administration and conduct of the NCAA championships under its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the applicable division's governance structure and the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed by Bylaw 31. Policies and procedures governing the administration of National Collegiate Championships applicable to more than one division also shall be subject to the ratification of the Board of Governors. (See Bylaw 31 for committee duties related to the administration of championships.) *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/07, 10/30/14)*

21.5.1.3 Term of Office. [#] Unless otherwise specified, a member of committees listed in this bylaw shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former member may be appointed to an additional term after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of September following the member's election or appointment. *(Revised: 5/13/08)*

21.5.1.4 Special Operating Rules. [#] Each committee shall act as one body to determine general policies for the administration of championships. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.5.1.5 Selection Criteria. [#] Each committee shall have the authority to establish championships selection criteria, including requirements to use regular-season playing rules that conform with rules used in NCAA championships under its jurisdiction in those sports for which the Association does not maintain playing rules.

21.5.1.6 Regional Advisory Committees. [#] Regional advisory committees may be appointed by each championships committee. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.5.1.7 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of common committee meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

21.5.2 Ice Hockey Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Ice Hockey Committee shall consist of five members. There shall be four members from Division I and one member from Division II. *(Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/26/17 effective 7/18/17)*

21.6 Common Committees -- Committees With Governance Administration Responsibilities. [#]

21.6.1 Selection. [#] Each applicable division's governance structure shall appoint members to serve on the common committees with governance administration responsibilities. The membership of each committee shall include representatives from each of the Association's applicable membership divisions, including each subdivision of Division I. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/01)*

21.6.2 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of common committee meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

21.6.3 International Student Records Committee. [#]

21.6.3.1 Composition. [#] The committee shall consist of six members, including two Division I representatives, two Division II representatives and two representatives who may be from either Division I or Division II. *(Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 5/9/07, 4/30/09 composition to be achieved by normal attrition, 10/29/09)*

21.6.3.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall assist in reviewing initial-eligibility standards for international students. The Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall annually review and approve the policies and procedures of the International-Student Records Committee. *(Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 10/29/15)*

21.6.3.3 Terms. [#] Committee members shall be appointed for one three-year term. Members may be appointed to an additional term(s) on the committee after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served three consecutive terms on the committee may not serve further on that committee. *(Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 11/1/01)*

21.6.4 High School Review Committee. [#]

21.6.4.1 Composition. [#] The committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

(a) One admissions officer of a Division I or Division II institution;

(b) One staff member of a Division I or Division II institution or conference office;

(c) One staff member of a Division I institution or conference;

(d) One representative from the Division II Academic Requirements Committee;

(e) Four representatives from the secondary-school community; and

(f) One member selected at large from either the secondary-school community or a Division I or II institution or conference office.

21.6.4.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the academic review of high schools and to determine the validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a high school shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review and determination of the validity of a high school shall be approved by the Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 14.1.2.3.) *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.6.4.3 Terms. [#] Committee members shall be appointed to one four-year term. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of July following the member's appointment. A member may be appointed to one additional term. An individual who has served two terms may not be re-appointed. The term of service of the member serving on the Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall run concurrently with his or her service on that committee. *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

21.6.4.4 Appeals. [#] The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.6.5 Student Records Review Committee. [#]

21.6.5.1 Composition. [#] The committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

(a) One admissions officer of a Division I or Division II institution;

(b) One staff member of a Division I or Division II institution or conference office;

(c) One staff member of a Division I institution or conference;

(d) One representative from the Division II Academic Requirements Committee;

(e) Four representatives from the secondary-school community; and

(f) One member selected at large from either the secondary-school community or a Division I or II institution or conference office.

21.6.5.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the review of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials and to determine the validity of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review of academic credentials and the determination of the validity of such credentials shall be approved by the Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 14.1.2.4.) *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.6.5.3 Terms. [#] Committee members shall be appointed to one four-year term. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of January following the member's appointment. A member may be appointed to one additional term. An individual who has served two terms may not be re-appointed. The term of service of the member serving on the

Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall run concurrently with his or her service on that committee. *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

21.6.5.4 Appeals. [#] The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 4/27/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.7 Division I Committees.

21.7.1 Eligibility for Membership.

21.7.1.1 "On the Staff." Individuals serving on Division I committees, or as Division I representatives on Association-wide or common committees shall be salaried on a regular basis by a Division I institution or conference and perform a regular staff function representing at least 50 percent of the normal workload for a staff member at that institution or conference, unless otherwise specified. In addition, a conference office staff member must be employed at a single or multisport conference that meets the requirements for automatic qualification and he or she must be nominated by a multisport conference set forth in Constitution 4.2.1. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 1/8/07, 8/7/14)*

21.7.1.1.1 Modification in Employment Status. If a committee member's employment status is altered to the extent that the individual no longer meets this requirement, the individual shall be replaced. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.7.1.1.2 Individuals on Sabbatical or Temporary Leave. An individual on sabbatical or other temporary leave for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months may be considered to be "on the staff" and eligible for committee membership. An individual on terminal leave or on leave in excess of 12 consecutive months shall not be eligible to serve on a committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 8/7/14)*

21.7.1.1.3 Waiver of Replacement Requirement. The Council, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors, shall have the authority to waive this provision or to approve a delayed replacement if it deems that an immediate replacement would be detrimental to the work of the committee involved. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.7.1.1.4 Exception -- Secretary-Rules Editor. An individual serving as the secretary-rules editor on a sport rules committee shall not be subject to the "on the staff" requirement set forth in Bylaw 21.7.1.1. *(Adopted: 8/9/01)*

21.7.1.1.5 Exception -- Playing Rules Committees. Institutional staff members from Division II or Division III institutions that sponsor a Division I sport may serve on that sport's playing rules committee as a Division I representative, provided at least 25 percent of the institutions that sponsor the sport are Division II or III institutions. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

21.7.2 Representation. No subdivision shall have more than 50 percent representation on any committee unless approved by a vote of at least 85 percent of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, the Council and football-related committees are not subject to this requirement. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 6/4/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.7.2.1 Exception. The following committees shall not be subject to the requirement that no subdivision shall have more than 50 percent representation on any committee: *(Adopted: 10/27/98, Revised: 11/1/01, 8/8/02, 10/31/02, 4/24/03, 4/29/04, 5/30/07, 1/14/08, 4/28/11, 8/7/14, 1/17/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) Baseball Committee;

(b) Men's Basketball Committee;

(c) Women's Basketball Championship Sport Committee;

(d) Committee on Academics;

(e) Committee on Infractions;

(f) Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement;

(g) Men's Gymnastics Committee;

(h) Women's Gymnastics Committee;

(i) Independent Accountability Oversight Committee;

(j) Infractions Referral Committee;

(k) Infractions Appeals Committee;

(l) Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee;

(m) Men's Soccer Committee;

(n) Women's Soccer Committee;

(o) Women's Softball Committee;

(p) Women's Volleyball Committee; and

(q) Men's Wrestling Committee.

21.7.3 Appointments, Methods of Selection and Term of Office.

21.7.3.1 Appointment of Committees. The Council shall make committee appointments. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.7.3.2 Term of Office of Committees. The term of office for members of committees shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

(a) Unless otherwise specified, members of committees shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former committee member may be appointed to an additional term on that committee after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee;

(b) Unless otherwise specified, a term of office shall commence on the first day of September following the member's appointment;

(c) Members who serve more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term; and

(d) The chair of each committee may recommend to the Council that a member be replaced if he or she is not properly discharging his or her duties.

21.7.4 Meeting Length and Sites. The Council, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors, is responsible for developing policies governing the length, sites and expenses related to Division I committee meetings (see Bylaw 31.7.2). *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.7.5 Committees Reporting to the Committee on Academics.

21.7.5.1 Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee.

21.7.5.1.1 Composition. The Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee shall consist of 20 members. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/15/97, 10/30/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.7.5.1.2 Term of Office. A member's term of office shall commence on the first day of January following the member's appointment. *(Adopted: 4/27/00)*

21.7.5.1.3 Duties. The committee shall be responsible for: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 8/7/14)*

(a) Oversight of the process for reviewing requests for waivers of the initial-eligibility requirements in accordance with Bylaw 14.3.1.4 . The policies and procedures for the review of such waivers shall be approved by the Committee on Academics; and

(b) Consideration of appeals of staff decisions related to initial-eligibility waiver requests.

21.7.5.1.4 Appeals. After the NCAA staff has acted on an initial-eligibility matter, the involved institution may appeal the decision to the Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee. The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)*

21.7.5.2 Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee.

21.7.5.2.1 Composition. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall consist of 14 members. *(Revised: 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 8/7/14)*

21.7.5.2.2 Duties. The committee shall be responsible for: *(Revised: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 8/7/14)*

(a) Oversight of the process for reviewing requests for waivers of all progress-toward-degree requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3 and all full-time enrollment requirements of Bylaw 14.2. The policies and procedures for the review of such waivers shall be approved by the Committee on Academics; and

(b) Oversight of the process for reviewing requests for waivers of the two-year college transfer requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 and 14.5.5. The policies and procedures for the review of such waivers shall be approved by the Committee on Academics; and

(c) Consideration of appeals of staff decisions related to waiver requests for which the committee has jurisdiction.

21.7.5.2.3 Appeals. After the NCAA staff has acted on a progress-toward-degree or two-year college transfer matter, the involved institution may appeal the decision to the Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee. The committee's determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, Revised: 10/28/11 effective 4/1/12)*

21.7.5.3 Common Committees. The following committees shall report to the Committee on Academics regarding issues related to Division I: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

(a) International-Student Records Committee;

(b) High School Review Committee; and

(c) Student Records Review Committee.

21.7.6 Committees Reporting to the Council. The total composition of the seven standing committees of the Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, Competition Oversight Committee, Football Oversight Committee, Legislative Committee, Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and Student-Athlete Experience Committee) shall consist of approximately 95 members, as set forth in the Council's policies and procedures. The composition of other committees that report to the Council is set forth below. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.1 Men's Basketball Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.1.1 Men's Basketball Committee. The Men's Basketball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the five Division I men's basketball regions and five members selected at large. Not more than three committee members shall represent any single region. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.1.1.1 Term of Office. A committee member shall be appointed for a five-year term. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.2 Women's Basketball Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.2.1 Women's Basketball Committee. The Women's Basketball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the five Division I women's basketball regions and five members selected at large. Not more than three committee members shall be from any single region. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.2.1.1 Term of Office. A committee member shall be appointed for a five-year term. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.3 Competition Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Competition Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.3.1 Sports Committees.

21.7.6.3.1.1 Rules Committees without Championships Responsibilities. These Association-wide committees shall report to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee for Division I review of the playing rules developed by those committees, which are applicable to all divisions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.3.1.2 Rules Committees with Championships Responsibilities. These common committees shall report to the Competition Oversight Committee for Division I review of the playing rules developed by those committees, which are applicable to all divisions. Each committee shall act as one body to formulate playing rules and to administer championships in those sports in which there is only a National Collegiate Championship. Division I members of each committee shall be responsible for administering the Division I championship in the sport. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.3.1.2.1 Administration of Championships. Each committee shall develop policies and procedures governing the administration of the NCAA championships under its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the Competition Oversight Committee, and shall control, direct and supervise the conduct of said championships subject to the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed by Bylaw 31. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 6/3/15, 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.3.1.2.2 Regional Advisory Committees. Regional advisory committees may be appointed by each sports committee as prescribed by the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.3.1.3 Committees with Championships Administration and Sports Issues Responsibilities. These sports committees shall be responsible for administering the Division I championships or National Collegiate Championships in the applicable sport. Those committees that administer National Collegiate Championships may include representatives from member institutions in Divisions II and III. Those committees administering Division I championships may meet with committees administering championships in the same sport in other divisions as appropriate for the efficient administration of the championships. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.1 Composition Requirements. For committees that administer championships in individual sports, at least 25 percent of the positions on each sports committee shall be filled by athletics administrators (e.g., athletics directors, associate or assistant athletics directors, senior woman administrators, individuals who are employed full time as administrators by member conferences, or individuals who are employed both part time as administrators by member conferences and full time by member institutions). For committees that administer championships in team sports, at least 50 percent of the positions on each sports committee shall be filled by athletics administrators. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.2 Duties. Each committee shall be responsible for: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

(a) Developing policies and procedures governing the administration and conduct of the NCAA championships under its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the Council and the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed by Bylaw 31; and

(b) The review of issues related to the applicable sport.

21.7.6.3.1.3.3 Championships Selection Criteria. Each committee shall have the authority to establish championships selection criteria, including requirements to use regular-season playing rules that conform with rules used in NCAA championships under its jurisdiction in those sports for which the Association does not maintain playing rules. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.4 Regional Advisory Committees. Regional advisory committees may be appointed by each sports committee as prescribed by the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.5 Baseball Committee. The Baseball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the five Division I baseball regions and five members selected at large. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 12/15/06, 10/5/16)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.6 Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. The Men's and Women's Fencing Committee shall consist of eight members. Four members shall represent men's fencing interests, including one representative from each of the four men's fencing regions. Four members shall represent women's fencing interests, including one representative from each of the four women's fencing regions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.7 Field Hockey Committee. The Field Hockey Committee shall consist of six members. One member shall be selected from each of the five Division I field hockey regions, and one member shall be selected at large. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.8 Men's Golf Committee. The Men's Golf Committee shall consist of six members. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/28/99)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.9 Women's Golf Committee. The Women's Golf Committee shall consist of six members. *(Adopted: 10/28/99)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.10 Men's Gymnastics Committee. The Men's Gymnastics Committee shall consist of six members, including at least two representatives from each of the two men's gymnastics regions (East and West) and two representatives selected at large. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/24/03)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.11 Women's Gymnastics Committee. The Women's Gymnastics Committee shall consist of seven members, including six members from Division I and one member from Division II or III. The six

Division I members shall include one member from each of the six women's gymnastics regions and the Division II or III member may represent any of the six women's gymnastics regions. Further, the Division II or III member shall be excluded in determining whether the 50 percent administrator committee composition requirements per Bylaw 21.4.1.2 are met. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 4/26/01)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.12 Men's Ice Hockey Committee. The Men's Ice Hockey Committee shall consist of one member from each conference that is eligible for and applies for automatic qualification into the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. Institutional staff members from Division II or Division III institutions that sponsor Division I men's ice hockey may serve on the committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/26/01, 10/29/09 effective 8/1/10, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.13 Men's Lacrosse Committee. The Men's Lacrosse Committee shall consist of five members, including two representatives from the North region, two representatives from the South region and one representative from the West region. Of the five members, at least two must be coaches. *(Revised: 4/27/06)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.14 Women's Lacrosse Committee. The Women's Lacrosse Committee shall consist of six members, including one representative from each of the four regions (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South and West/Midwest) and two representatives selected at large. Not more than two committee members shall be from any single region. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/00, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 5/18/05, 4/27/06 composition will be achieved through normal attrition)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.15 Women's Rowing Committee. The Women's Rowing Committee shall consist of seven members, including one from each of the five Division I women's rowing regions and two members selected at large. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.16 Men's Soccer Committee. The Men's Soccer Committee shall consist of eight members, including one member from each of the four Division I men's soccer regions and four members selected at large. Not more than three members may be appointed from the same region. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 12/15/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/5/16, 1/17/18 effective 8/1/18)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.17 Women's Soccer Committee. The Women's Soccer Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the five Division I women's soccer regions and five members selected at large. Not more than two members of the committee may be appointed from the same region. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 12/15/06, 10/30/08, 10/5/16)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.18 Women's Softball Committee. The Women's Softball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one representative from each of the five regions. Not more than two members of the committee may be appointed from the same region. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/00, 12/15/06, 10/5/16)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.19 Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee shall consist of 10 members. Four members of the committee shall represent men's swimming interests and four members shall represent women's swimming interests, including three positions allocated for men, three allocated for women and two unallocated. An additional two members shall represent diving interests, one representing men's diving and one representing women's diving. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.20 Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. The Men's and Women's Tennis Committee shall consist of 12 members. Six members of the committee shall represent men's tennis interests and six members shall represent women's tennis interests, including four positions allocated for men, four allocated for women and four unallocated. Not more than one of the six members representing men's tennis interests shall be selected from any one of the six Division I men's tennis regions. Not more than one of the six members representing women's tennis interests shall be selected from any one of the six Division I women's tennis regions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 11/1/00, 10/27/06)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.21 Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee. The Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee shall consist of 12 members. Six members of the committee shall represent men's track and field and cross country interests and six members shall represent women's track and field and cross country interests, including four positions allocated for men, four allocated for women and four unallocated. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 6/3/15)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.22 Men's Volleyball Committee. The Men's Volleyball Committee shall consist of five members, including one member from each of the three men's volleyball regions and two members selected at large. Not more than two committee members shall be from any single region. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.23 Women's Volleyball Committee. The Women's Volleyball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the five Division I women's volleyball districts and five members selected at large. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 12/15/06, 10/5/16)*

21.7.6.3.1.3.24 Men's Wrestling Committee. The Men's Wrestling Committee shall consist of six members. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

21.7.6.3.2 Association-Wide Committees. The following committees shall report to the Council Competition Oversight Committee regarding issues related to Division I: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee; and

(b) Playing Rules Oversight Panel (for informational purposes only).

21.7.6.4 Football Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Football Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.4.1 Football Championship Committee. The Football Championship Committee shall consist of one representative from each conference that is eligible for and applies for automatic qualification for participation in the Division I Football Championship. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.5 Legislative Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Legislative Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures.
(Adopted: 10/4/17)

21.7.6.5.1 Interpretations Committee. The Interpretations Committee shall report to the Legislative Committee. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.5.1.1 Composition. The Interpretations Committee shall consist of 11 members, including a representative from each of the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1, a minimum of two members representing each subdivision and a minimum of one director of athletics/senior woman administrator, one campus compliance administrator, one conference administrator and one faculty athletics representative. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 8/7/14, 4/16/15)*

21.7.6.5.1.2 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 8/5/04)*

(a) Determine interpretations of all legislation;

(b) Review interpretations issued by the academic and membership affairs staff and, if necessary, modify such interpretations;

(c) Respond to requests from the member institutions to interpret Division I bylaws (see Constitution 5.4.1.2.1); and

(d) Identify interpretations to be incorporated into the NCAA Division I Manual.

21.7.6.5.1.3 Special Operating Rules.

21.7.6.5.1.3.1 Limit on Authority. The committee shall not have the authority to alter interpretations that have been approved by the Legislative Committee. Its decision shall be binding unless overturned on appeal to the Legislative Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.5.1.3.2 Areas of Autonomy. The members of the committee who are representatives from the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 shall have the authority to act on behalf of the committee on matters that relate to the areas of autonomy listed in Constitution 5.3.2.1.2. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

21.7.6.5.2 Committee for Legislative Relief. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall report to the Legislative Committee. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.5.2.1 Composition. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall consist of seven members, including at least one representative from the conferences listed in Constitution 4.3.1-(b), at least one representative from the conferences listed in Constitution 4.3.1-(c), at least one representative from the conferences listed in Constitution 4.3.1-(d) and at least one representative from the conferences listed in Constitution 4.3.1-(e). One member of the committee shall be a member of the Student-Athlete Experience Committee. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.5.2.1.1 Student-Athlete Representation. One member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve as a member of the committee in an advisory capacity and may serve up to one year after completion of his or her collegiate athletics eligibility. The student-athlete member shall attend all in-person meetings and participate on teleconferences not associated with an appeal of a legislative relief waiver case. *(Adopted: 4/18/18)*

21.7.6.5.2.2 Duties. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall review appeals of waiver requests submitted to the NCAA staff for relief from the application of NCAA legislation to a particular situation in which no other entity has the authority to act. In reaching its decision, the committee shall review the complete record in order to determine whether there is sufficient basis to grant relief from the application of the legislation. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall establish policies and procedures for reviewing such requests, subject to the review of the Legislative Committee. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.5.2.3 Authority. A decision made by the Committee for Legislative Relief shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.5.3 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall report to the Legislative Committee. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.5.3.1 Composition. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall consist of five members. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 1/9/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.7.6.5.3.1.1 Student-Athlete Representation. One member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve as a member of the committee in an advisory capacity and may serve up to one year after completion of his or her collegiate athletics eligibility. The student-athlete member shall attend all in-person meetings and participate on teleconferences not associated with an appeal of a reinstatement case. *(Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.7.6.5.3.2 Term of Office. Committee members shall be appointed for one three-year term. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of July following the member's appointment. A committee member may be appointed to a second three-year term on the committee. An individual who has served two terms on the committee may not serve further on the committee. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 8/4/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.7.6.5.3.3 Duties. The committee shall have the authority under Bylaw 12.12 to determine all matters pertaining to the policies and procedures for the restoration of eligibility of a student-athlete who is ineligible for intercollegiate competition as a result of a violation of NCAA legislation and for waivers of legislation for which the committee has been authorized to act. *(Adopted: 1/11/01, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.7.6.5.3.3.1 Application of Eligibility Rules. In fulfilling the duties set forth above, the following shall apply: *(Adopted: 1/11/01, Revised: 1/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/20/09, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) **Authority of the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Staff.** Subject to review by the Legislative Committee, the student-athlete reinstatement staff is authorized to apply the eligibility rules of the division.

(b) **Appeals.** After the student-athlete reinstatement staff has acted on a reinstatement matter or waiver, the involved institution or conference may appeal the decision to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The committee's determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority.

21.7.6.6 Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies

and procedures.
(Adopted: 10/4/17)

21.7.6.6.1 Association-Wide Committees. The following committees shall report to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee regarding issues related to Division I: *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

(a) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports;

(b) Honors Committee;

(c) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee;

(d) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee;

(e) Research Committee;

(f) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct;

(g) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee; and

(h) Committee on Women's Athletics.

21.7.6.7 Student-Athlete Experience Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Student-Athlete Experience Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.7.1 Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee. The Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee shall report to the Student-Athlete Experience Committee. *(Adopted: 10/6/17)*

21.7.6.7.1.1 Composition. The committee shall consist of seven members, including four members from the conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.7.1.2 Duties. The committee shall be responsible for making a determination of facts related to the certification of a prospective student-athlete's amateur status on appeal of an institution related to a final determination of facts by the staff of the NCAA Eligibility Center. The policies and procedures governing such an appeal shall be approved by the Student-Athlete Experience Committee. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.7.1.3 Authority. A decision made by the Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.8 Nominating Committee.

21.7.6.8.1 Composition. The committee shall consist of 12 members, including four representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision conferences, four from Football Championship Subdivision conferences, and four from Division I Subdivision conferences. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.7.6.8.2 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

(a) Recommend representatives for all Division I committees (e.g., sport committees) other than Division I Council standing committees and recommend representatives to fill Division I vacancies on Association-wide committees; and

(b) Conduct a semiannual review of demographic data of Division I governance entities and Division I representation on Association-wide committees, including a review of gender and diversity pursuant to the requirements of Constitution 4.02.6, and provide a report to the Council Coordination Committee and the Council.

21.7.6.9 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

21.7.6.9.1 Composition. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall consist of one student-athlete from each of the conferences identified in Constitution 4.2.1. The members shall be selected by the Council from a pool of two nominees from each of the represented conferences. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/29/15)*

21.7.6.9.2 Term of Office. A student-athlete member shall not serve more than two years on the committee but may request appointment for another two-year term, subject to the Council's approval. A member's term of office shall commence on the first day of June following the member's appointment. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/29/10, 8/7/14, 1/14/16)*

21.7.6.9.3 Duties. The committee shall receive information and explanations of divisional activities and legislation, review and react to topics referred to it by other governance entities and comment to the governance structure on any divisional subject of interest. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.7.7 Committees Reporting to Board of Directors.

21.7.7.1 Division I Presidential Forum.

21.7.7.1.1 Composition. Giving due weight to gender and ethnic diversity, the Division I Presidential Forum shall consist of one president or chancellor from each of the conferences identified in Constitution 4.2.1-(a), (b) and (c). As a minimal goal, the group membership shall include at least one person who is an ethnic minority and at least one person of each gender, and a single member shall not be considered to meet both minimums. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 3/8/06, 12/15/06, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

21.7.7.1.2 Term of Office. A member shall be appointed for a three-year term. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 12/15/06, 1/14/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

21.7.7.1.3 Duties. The Division I Presidential Forum shall advise and provide input on issues impacting the division to the Board of Directors. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 12/15/06, 1/14/09, 4/30/09, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

21.7.7.2 Committee on Academics. The Committee on Academics shall be appointed and its duties assigned as provided in Constitution 4.4. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

21.7.7.3 Committee on Infractions. The Committee on Infractions shall be appointed and its duties assigned as provided in Bylaw 19.3. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.7.7.4 Infractions Appeals Committee. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall be appointed and its duties assigned as provided in Bylaw 19.4. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.7.8 Concussion Safety Protocol Committee. [A]

21.7.8.1 Composition. [A] The Concussion Safety Protocol Committee shall consist of six members. One member shall be appointed by the NCAA president. One member shall be appointed by each commissioner of the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1. Each representative shall be a medically qualified individual who has appropriate knowledge and competence to fulfill the duties of the committee. *(Adopted: 1/17/15)*

21.7.8.2 Term of Office. [A] A committee member may be removed at any time at the discretion of the appropriate appointing authority (NCAA president or specific conference commissioner). *(Adopted: 1/17/15)*

21.7.8.3 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/17/15, Revised: 5/23/17, 2/13/20)*

(a) Review each institution's Concussion Safety Protocol for consistency with the requirements of Constitution 3.2.4.20.1 by June 30 of the calendar year in which it is submitted; and

(b) Provide guidance and updates concerning expectations and requirements for Concussion Safety Protocols and best practices for baseline testing, prevention, education, evaluation and management of concussions in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist.

Executive Regulations

31.01 General Principles.

31.01.1 Names of Championships. All NCAA championships (see Bylaw 18.3) have formal designations that identify their appropriate category and sport classification (see Bylaw 31.02.2). The name of each championship is the property of the Association (see Bylaw 31.6).

31.01.2 Postseason Championship Opportunities. NCAA championships are intended to provide national-championship competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams at the conclusion of the respective sport seasons, with consideration for regional structures that may be approved for certain championships.

31.01.3 Size of Championship Fields. The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee to provide for efficient management of the events, adequate NCAA championship opportunities relative to the nationwide quality of competition and sound economic administration of the financial resources of the Association and its championships. (See Bylaw 31.3.1 for the criteria to be considered in establishing the size of the championship field.) *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.01.4 Economy of Operation. Every sports committee (see Bylaws 21.02.1 through 21.02.3) and games committee (Bylaw 31.1.2) shall exercise all possible economy in the conduct of an NCAA championship.

31.02 Definitions and Applications.

31.02.1 Automatic Qualification. Automatic qualification is the automatic entry into a championship field by a team or individual student-athletes representing a member conference recommended by the appropriate sports committee and approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee (see Bylaw 31.3.4). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.02.2 Championships Classification and Terminology.

31.02.2.1 Team Championships. Generally, team championships are those conducted for the team sports (see Bylaw 17.02.18.1). The title of a team championship is always singular and is identified as a National Collegiate Championship or a division championship (e.g., National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship, Division I Men's Basketball Championship).

31.02.2.2 Individual-Team Championships. Generally, individual-team championships are those conducted for the individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.18.2). The title of an individual-team championship is always plural, reflecting the fact that both individual and team championships are determined (e.g., National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships, Division I Women's Tennis Championships).

31.02.3 Core Conference. A core conference is a multisport conference that has been elected to membership and, as a result of legislation, is identified in the applicable sections of Constitution 4 related to representation in the NCAA governance structure. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

31.02.4 Misconduct. Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 8/15/89, 8/13/92, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

31.1 Administration of NCAA Championships.

31.1.1 Authority for Conduct of Championships. As specified in Bylaw 18.1, all NCAA championships shall be conducted in accordance with the general policies established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee and shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the appropriate sports committees, subject to the standards and conditions set forth in these executive regulations. Additional policies of an administrative nature are set forth in the respective championships handbooks and are to be followed in the administration of NCAA championships. *(Revised: 8/9/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.1.1 Waivers. The NCAA president shall be authorized to grant waivers of executive regulations governing the conduct of an NCAA championship when warranted by special and unusual circumstances.

31.1.1.2 Appeal of Decisions of Sports Committees. An appeal of a decision of a governing sports committee, or a subcommittee designated by it, concerning questions of individual or institutional eligibility or the conduct of a championship will not be considered by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee

at any time during the championship or 48 hours immediately preceding the beginning of the championship. During such period, the governing sports committee, or a subcommittee designated by it, shall be the final authority in acting upon appeals concerning the conduct of the championship, subject to the provisions of Bylaw 31.2 regarding institutional and individual eligibility questions. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.2 Games Committee. The governing sports committee shall appoint a games committee to supervise actively the conduct of each championship session. The games committee conducting any NCAA championship shall limit participation to eligible student-athletes and may limit the number of entries or reject any application for entry in any event in order that the competition shall best promote the welfare and interest of the sport involved.

31.1.3 Sites and Dates. The governing sports committees recommend to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee the sites and dates for all NCAA championships. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.1 Approval. Approval shall be obtained before final site commitments are made to the host institution or any other individual or organization associated with the management of an NCAA championship. However, in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball, the governing sports committees are authorized to select sites for preliminary rounds of competition without prior approval. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.2 Site Selection. The governing sports committees shall evaluate prospective sites for NCAA championships in terms of the specific criteria approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. The division championships committees may assign specific priorities to these criteria for their respective championships. These criteria shall be specified in the appropriate championships handbooks. A governing sports committee that desires to use additional criteria shall obtain approval before doing so. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.2.1 Criteria for Site Determination. The following criteria are to be used in the evaluation of sites for all competition in NCAA championships: *(Revised: 11/1/01, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;

(b) Revenue potential (e.g., a financial guarantee or guideline that ensures fiscal responsibility and is appropriate for the particular event, as recommended by the governing sports committee and approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee);

(c) Attendance history and potential;

(d) Geographical location; and

(e) Championships operating costs.

31.1.3.2.1.1 Site Bid Information. Sports committees shall submit information related to championships site bids in a format approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.2.2 Nonpredetermined Site. If a championship site is not predetermined, the governing sports committee may award the site to the higher-ranked team if the above criteria, and any priorities established by the respective division championships committee, are met.

31.1.3.2.3 On-Campus Versus Off-Campus Sites. Preference shall be given to conducting competition on the grounds or in the buildings of educational institutions unless there are compelling reasons, based on evaluation of the criteria in Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1 (which shall be applied to both on-campus and off-campus sites), to conduct the competition in an off-campus facility. In those instances in which it is advisable to conduct the competition at off-campus sites, the host institution(s) shall have complete control, supervision and management of the facility being used. *(Revised: 12/3/90)*

31.1.3.2.4 Reconsideration of Host Institution. The applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee may reconsider the designation of a host institution for an NCAA championship if that institution's team or individual student-athletes are not eligible to compete in the championship. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.2.5 Nonrevenue Championships Site Assignment. In championships that do not generate revenue and for which only 25 percent of the bracket is seeded, seeded teams shall have the opportunity to host preliminary rounds. Conference opponents shall be avoided in the first two rounds of the championships. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

31.1.3.3 Concluding Dates. NCAA championships competition shall be concluded not later than May 31 each year unless later dates are approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. (Note: Waivers have been granted for the Division I Baseball Championship, the Division I Men's Golf Championships, the Division I Softball Championship, and the Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.) *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.4 Day of Competition. NCAA championships competition may be scheduled or conducted on any day, provided the governing sports committee has received the prior approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee and the following regulations are applied. *(Revised: 4/22/98, 8/11/98, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.4.1 Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall submit its written policy to the governing sports committee on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. *(Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)*

31.1.4.2 Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

31.1.4.3 Rescheduling. If an emergency develops that causes postponement of an NCAA championship, or if the competitive situation dictates a more expeditious completion of the meet or tournament, Sunday competition may be permitted, provided the competing institutions are agreeable and advance approval is obtained from the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.4.4 Noon Start Time. NCAA competition conducted on Sunday may not begin prior to noon, local time.

31.1.4.4.1 Exception. Sports committees may reschedule competition to begin prior to noon on Sunday if extenuating circumstances arise (e.g., weather) that would affect the health and safety of the participants or otherwise cause postponement of the championship. *(Adopted: 4/25/02, Revised: 10/30/03)*

31.1.4.4.2 Exception -- Men's Golf and Women's Rowing Championships. In instances in which the final day of the men's golf or women's rowing championships occurs on a Sunday, competition may begin prior to noon. *(Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/14/12)*

31.1.4.4.3 Exception -- Women's Golf Championships. Competition conducted on Sunday in the women's golf championships may begin prior to noon. *(Adopted: 10/29/15)*

31.1.4.4.4 Exception -- Men's and Women's Fencing Championships. Competition conducted on Sunday in the men's and women's fencing championships may begin prior to noon. *(Adopted: 10/29/15)*

31.1.5 Squad Limits. In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sports committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform at the start of the competition shall not exceed the prescribed number. An institution that is advised that it is in violation of this regulation and that does not promptly conform to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

31.1.6 Playing Rules.

31.1.6.1 Non-NCAA Rules, Men's Sports. In those men's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6): *(Revised: 4/20/11, 1/23/19, 5/2/19)*

(a) Fencing -- U.S. Fencing Association Rules;

(b) Golf -- U.S. Golf Association Rules;

(c) Gymnastics -- International Gymnastics Federation Rules;

(d) Rifle -- USA Shooting Rules;

(e) Skiing -- International Ski Federation and U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association Competition Guides;

(f) Tennis -- U.S. Tennis Association Rules; and

(g) Volleyball -- U.S. Volleyball Association Rules.

31.1.6.2 Non-NCAA Rules, Women's Sports. In those women's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by

modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6): *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/20/11, 1/23/19, 5/2/19)*

(a) Fencing -- U.S. Fencing Association Rules;

(b) Field Hockey -- International Field Hockey Rules;

(c) Golf -- U.S. Golf Association Rules;

(d) Gymnastics -- International Gymnastics Federation Women's Code of Points with the U.S. Gymnastics Federation Class I, Competition I-B rules and the USGF modifications;

(e) Rifle -- USA Shooting Rules;

(f) Rowing -- U.S. Rowing Rules;

(g) Skiing -- International Ski Federation and U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association Competition Guides; and

(h) Tennis -- U.S. Tennis Association Rules.

31.1.6.3 Modifications to Non-NCAA Rules -- Consistency Among Divisions. Rules modifications for sports in which the Association does not publish rules must be consistent among all three divisions. *(Adopted: 1/23/19)*

31.1.7 Logo Restrictions -- Bench Personnel. The logo restrictions on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaw 12.5.4 shall apply during NCAA championships to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench for practices and games or who participate in NCAA news conferences. *(Adopted: 8/11/98 effective 8/1/99 those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored provided such contracts were in effect before 8/11/98)*

31.1.8 Logo Restrictions -- Noncompeting Participants. The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaw 12.5.4 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during NCAA championship events. *(Adopted: 8/11/98 effective 8/1/99)*

31.1.9 Medical Disqualification. The student-athlete's team physician shall examine each athlete injured during NCAA competition and make a recommendation to the athlete, the coach and the chair of the governing sports committee, or the chair's designated representative, as to the advisability of continued participation or disqualification of the athlete. In the absence of said team physician, the NCAA tournament physician, as recommended by the host institution and approved by the governing sports committee, shall examine the injured athlete and make a recommendation as noted above. The chair of the governing sports committee, or the chair's designated representative, shall be responsible for enforcement of the medical recommendation if it involves disqualification.

31.1.10 Misconduct. Each games committee shall hold a pretournament meeting with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.4).

31.1.10.1 Hearing Opportunity. An act of misconduct may be found upon an administrative hearing granted to the student-athlete or the institutional representative involved by the governing sports committee or the games committee authorized to act for it.

31.1.10.2 Misconduct Incident During Competition. If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing following this action. Other acts of misconduct may be dealt with at the governing sports committee's convenience. *(Revised: 8/13/92)*

31.1.10.3 Penalty for Misconduct. A governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct: *(Revised: 8/13/92, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

(a) Public or private reprimand of the individual;

(b) Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;

(c) Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more following championships of the sport involved;

(d) Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individuals involved;

(e) Withholding of all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution;

(f) Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more following championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;

(g) Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;

(h) Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and

(i) Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (h) above, but only if they have prior approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee.

31.1.10.4 Ban from Subsequent Championship. When a student-athlete or institutional representative is banned from participation in a subsequent championship, such penalty shall be applied to the next tournament(s) in which the individual's team is involved and the individual otherwise is eligible to participate. In the case of an individual event, the penalty shall be applied to the next meet(s) or tournament(s) for which the individual qualifies and otherwise is eligible to participate.

31.1.10.5 Review of Action. Any action related to misconduct may be reviewed by the governing sports committee upon request of any institution participating in the championship.

31.1.11 Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures.

31.1.11.1 Financial Penalties. Pursuant to established policies and procedures, a governing sports committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing championships administration, subject to review by and appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 5/7/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/29/09, 8/7/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

31.1.11.2 Late-Entry Fines. Institutions shall not be charged entry fees for teams or student-athletes competing in NCAA championships, but governing sports committees may establish late-entry fines, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

31.1.12 Awards. The Association has created standard participant and commemorative awards for individuals and teams that participate in NCAA championships. The number of such awards for each championship shall be determined by the governing sports committee, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee (men's basketball, women's basketball or football) or the Competition Oversight Committee (for all other sports). These official NCAA awards shall be the only awards presented by the Association to teams and individuals for participation in NCAA championships competition and shall be the only awards presented at the site of an NCAA championship. "At the site" is intended to include the period from the time access to the site is available to spectators until all patrons have left the facility or area used for competition. (See Figure 16-1, Figure 16-2 and Figure 16-3 for additional limitations on awards.) *(Revised: 8/8/02, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

31.1.12.1 Additional Awards. Subject to the director of athletics' discretion, an institution may purchase standard participant or commemorative awards at the level in which the institution competed. The NCAA awards form shall be used to purchase additional awards. *(Adopted: 8/8/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 5/18/05)*

31.1.12.2 Other Permissible Awards. The above provision places no restriction on the presentation of awards at banquets or meetings held in conjunction with the championship or at sites other than that of the championships competition itself.

31.1.13 Admission and Tickets. Admission shall be charged at all NCAA championships unless a governing sports committee determines that charging admission is not feasible because of facility configuration or the expense relative to the event's attendance history. Ticket prices shall be determined by the respective games committees with the approval of the governing sports committee.

31.2 Eligibility for Championships.

31.2.1 Institutional Eligibility. To be eligible to enter teams or individual student-athletes in NCAA championships, an institution shall recognize the sport involved as a varsity intercollegiate sport (see Bylaw 17.02.18) and shall meet the institutional requirements set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2 applicable to the division in which the institution is a member or for which it is petitioning for eligibility in a sport. An institution that holds membership in a member conference may not enter teams or individuals in an NCAA championship unless they are eligible for such competition under the rules of that conference [see Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(a)].

31.2.1.1 Commitment to Participate. Eligible members in a sport who are not also members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics will participate (if selected) in the NCAA championship or in no postseason competition in that sport. *(Revised: 8/12/91)*

31.2.1.2 Deadline. The institutional eligibility requirements for entry into NCAA championships (see Bylaw 18.4.2) must be met by the following dates [in addition to the deadline for the academic reporting form required for Division I set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2.2-(c)]:

(a) September 15 for fall championships;

(b) December 1 for winter championships; and

(c) March 1 for spring championships.

31.2.1.2.1 Compliance with Deadline. Any dues check or approved form required shall be received in the national office by the applicable date or must have been postmarked not later than seven days prior to the applicable date.

31.2.1.3 Deadline Waivers. Institutions that fail to meet a deadline for institutional eligibility in NCAA championships may appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee for a waiver. If the appeal is granted, the institution may be restored to eligibility for NCAA championships. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.2.1.3.1 Penalty for Additional Waiver. An institution that fails to meet a deadline again may be granted a waiver only on payment of a penalty of $150 for the second offense and $300 for each offense thereafter during the five-year period preceding the last offense. On approval of such waiver and receipt of the institution's check in the national office, the institution may compete in NCAA championships, provided it is otherwise eligible. *(Revised: 1/11/07 effective 8/1/08)*

31.2.1.4 Joint-Declaration Program. The NCAA and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics together administer a joint-declaration program in those men's and women's sports in which there is a date conflict between the national championships of the two organizations. In such championships, each institution that holds membership in both organizations must declare by mid-September each year whether it will participate (if selected) in the NAIA championship, in the NCAA championship or in no postseason competition in that sport. An institution that fails to submit the joint-declaration form by the established deadline shall be ineligible to compete in both associations' championships in the particular sport(s) that year. An appeal process exists for such institutions and such an appeal may be submitted to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.2.1.5 National Collegiate Championships. In team sports in which the NCAA offers only one national championship, all member institutions in good standing are eligible to compete in accordance with the requirements of division membership (see Bylaw 20.9) and institutional eligibility (per Bylaw 31.2.1).

31.2.1.6 Division Championships. In those sports in which national-championship competition is offered in more than one division, only those member institutions that meet the membership requirements of the respective divisions or requirements applicable to institutions competing outside their membership divisions are eligible to compete in such division championships (see Bylaw 20).

31.2.1.7 Eligibility Requirements. Institutional eligibility for all championships shall be limited to member institutions that meet institutional eligibility requirements (see Bylaw 31.2.1) and any additional requirements specified in the applicable championships handbooks.

31.2.1.7.1 Eligibility of Participants. An institution shall advise the NCAA championships staff if a student-athlete who has participated in regular-season competition becomes ineligible before the date on which the governing sports committee selects championship participants, as indicated in the appropriate championships handbook.

31.2.1.7.1.1 Failure to Report Ineligible Student-Athlete Prior to Selection. If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete prior to being selected to participate in the championship, the governing sports committee may declare the institution ineligible to participate in the tournament for one or two years.

31.2.1.7.1.2 Discovery of Ineligibility of Student-Athlete After Selection. If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sports committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

31.2.1.7.1.3 Review of Violation of Terms of Availability Questionnaire. When an institution is alleged to have violated the terms of an availability questionnaire (e.g., failing to report an ineligible student-athlete), it may be represented at the meeting of the governing sports committee when the committee determines whether a violation occurred and, if so, whether the institution shall be ineligible to participate in the tournament for one or more years. The institution may submit a written statement or make an in-person presentation, or both. After the governing sports committee has ruled on the matter, its decision shall be final unless the institution appeals the decision to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. The applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee shall hear the appeal at one of its regularly scheduled meetings unless there are compelling reasons to conduct a special meeting for such purpose. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.2.1.7.2 Protest Regarding Eligibility of Team. Any team that has been duly certified as eligible for an NCAA championship shall not be withheld from participation because of any protest made or filed during the progress of the competition or during a period 24 hours immediately before the championship. If there is a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted, a team may be withheld from further competition in the championship, provided such protest is made or filed at least 24 hours before the next segment of the championship.

31.2.2 Individual Eligibility. All student-athletes, regardless of division, must meet the eligibility standards established for NCAA championships competition. The general and academic eligibility requirements are set forth in detail in Bylaws 12 and 14, in which there also is reference to other legislation regarding eligibility of the individual student-athlete. Other specific requirements for eligibility for NCAA championships (e.g., authority of the Committee on Academics, Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, amateur status certification and ineligibility for use of banned drugs) are set forth in Bylaws 10.3, 10.4 and 18.4.1. *(Revised: 3/5/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 6/29/16)*

31.2.2.1 Eligibility Requirements. A member institution shall not enter a student-athlete, as an individual or as a member of a team, in an NCAA championship unless the student-athlete satisfies the relevant eligibility requirements of Bylaw 14. *(Revised: 8/15/89)*

31.2.2.2 Protest of Eligibility Status. Any student-athlete duly certified by the institution for an NCAA championship shall not be withheld from participation because of any protest made or filed during the championship or during the 24 hours immediately before the championship. If there is a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted, the student may be withheld from further competition in the championship, provided the protest is made or filed at least 24 hours before the next segment of the championship.

31.2.2.3 Participation While Ineligible. When a student-athlete competing as an individual or representing the institution in a team championship is declared ineligible following the competition, or a penalty has been prescribed or action taken as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.7-(g) or 19.13, the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel may require the following: *(Revised: 8/15/89, 4/26/01, 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

(a) **Individual Competition.** The individual's performance may be stricken from the championships records, the points the student has contributed to the team's total may be deleted, the team standings may be adjusted accordingly, and any awards involved may be returned to the Association. For those championships in which individual results are recorded by time, points or stroke totals (cross country, golf, gymnastics, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, rifle, swimming and skiing), the placement of other competitors may be altered and awards presented accordingly. For those championships in which individual results are recorded by advancement through a bracket or head-to-head competition, the placement of other competitors shall not be altered.

(b) **Team Competition.** The record of the team's performance may be deleted, the team's place in the final standings may be vacated, and the team's trophy and the ineligible student's award may be returned to the Association.

31.2.2.4 Institutional Penalty for Ineligible Participation. When an ineligible student-athlete participates in an NCAA championship and the student-athlete or the institution knew or had reason to know of the ineligibility, the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel may assess a financial penalty. *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

31.3 Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships Participation.

A list of the institutions in good standing shall be supplied by the NCAA president to the chair of each governing sports committee and to the athletics director of the host institution. This list should be observed carefully to ensure that no entries are accepted from or invitations extended to ineligible institutions.

31.3.1 Size of Championships Fields. The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee to provide for efficient management of the events, adequate NCAA championship opportunities relative to the nationwide quality of competition and sound economic administration of the financial resources of the Association and its championships. *(Revised: 8/13/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.3.2 Selection Decisions of Sports Committees. The determination of sites, selection of teams or individuals, or their site assignment in championships competition made by a governing sports committee (or a designated subcommittee) may not be appealed.

31.3.3 Criteria for Selection of Participants. The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition, and a governing sports committee that wishes to use additional criteria must obtain approval from the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee before doing so: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

(a) Won-lost record;

(b) Strength of schedule; and

(c) Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

31.3.3.1 Countable Competition. For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.6) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

31.3.3.2 Qualifying Standards. Individuals and teams required to meet performance standards to qualify for NCAA championships competition shall achieve such standards in meets held during the same academic year as the particular championship.

31.3.3.3 Ineligible Student-Athletes on Team. The presence on a varsity squad of one or more student-athletes who are ineligible, or unavailable due to injury, for NCAA championships competition does not necessarily disqualify that team from consideration. If such a student-athlete contributed materially to the team's success during the season, the committee may choose not to select that team, based on the conclusion that without the use of the ineligible or unavailable student-athlete, the team would not have been able to compile the record that brought it before the committee for consideration. It shall be the responsibility of the governing sports committee to apply the criterion "contributed materially" to each case as it arises.

31.3.3.4 Removal of Committee Member from Selection Process. If a team or individual athlete(s) of the institution of a member of the governing sports committee is under consideration for selection, that person shall withdraw from the committee deliberations while that team or individual(s) is being considered and shall not participate in any discussion or vote affecting that particular selection. The chair of the committee may appoint a replacement if it is deemed necessary. In the event the chair must withdraw, an individual shall be appointed by him or her to assume the responsibilities of the chair. The new chair may appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy if it is deemed necessary. In the event a replacement is appointed, geographical representation on the committee shall be maintained insofar as possible.

31.3.3.5 Exclusion of Institution Reclassifying from Division II to Division I. In all sports, any Division II institution that has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its membership classification to Division I per Bylaw 20.5.1 or that has petitioned to reclassify to Division I per Bylaw 20.5.2.1 no longer shall be eligible to participate in any subsequent NCAA Division II championship. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

31.3.4 Automatic Qualification. Each governing sport committee shall forward annually to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee those conferences that should receive automatic qualification for their teams or individual student-athletes into NCAA championships. Prior to forwarding the list of conferences to receive automatic qualification, a governing sport committee shall ensure that the member conference meets the requirements specified in Bylaws 31.3.4.1 through 31.3.4.7. A member conference may appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee the automatic-qualification review of the sport committee and the committee's decision to find, or not find, a conference qualified for automatic-qualification status. The decision on such appeals will be final. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/27/00, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.3.4.1 Requirements -- Division Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in a Division Championship, a member conference must meet the following requirements: *(Revised: 12/9/91, 8/13/93, 12/5/94, 10/18/95, 10/27/98, 4/20/99, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06)*

(a) Conference competition must be conducted in the applicable sport and the conference champion in that sport must be determined not later than the date on which participants are selected for the NCAA championship, either by regular in-season conference competition or a conference meet or tournament, as indicated at the time of application. If a conference's competition to determine its automatic qualifier is unexpectedly terminated (e.g., due to inclement weather), the conference may designate its qualifier, provided it has established objective criteria for making that designation and has communicated that information to the appropriate sports committee by a specified deadline.

(b) In the event of a tie for the conference championship, the conference shall have the responsibility of determining which team or individual shall represent the conference in NCAA competition. If a play-off is held, such competition shall be considered conference competition, not NCAA competition.

(c) In sports other than championship subdivision football, a conference may establish subdivisions and conduct competition within each subdivision to determine a conference champion, as long as each subdivision consists of at least four members. Conferences with subdivisions of four members must conduct double round-robin competition within each subdivision, plus a postseason tournament, to determine their champion. Conferences with subdivisions of five or more members may conduct either single or double round-robin competition within each subdivision, plus a postseason tournament to determine their champion. (Note: This regulation does not apply to Division I men's or women's basketball. In those sports, a conference may conduct either double round-robin, in-season competition, or a minimum of 14 conference games in order to determine its champion.)

(d) In championship subdivision football, football-playing conferences that subdivide into five or more teams are required to conduct a single round-robin competition within each division and develop a formula for determination of the conference champion, which must be approved by the Football Championship Committee prior to the start of the season. A postseason championship game is not required.

(e) The conference must maintain and actively enforce compliance with eligibility rules at least as stringent as those in Bylaw 14 applicable to its members. The use of an ineligible student-athlete by a team in a conference that has been granted automatic qualification may result in the involved team being denied the right to be the automatic entry in the NCAA championship. The governing sports committee may recommend loss of the automatic-qualification privilege for the conference during the season in which the violation occurred or for a future championship.

(f) All eligible member institutions must agree to participate in the applicable NCAA championship. If a conference champion is ineligible to compete, declines to compete or cannot compete for any reason, automatic qualification shall be withdrawn for that year and the remaining conference members shall be considered at large. Automatic qualification for a conference shall not be withdrawn if a conference champion declines to compete in an NCAA championship for reasons related to written religious policies against competition on certain days. Under such circumstances, the conference's second-place team (as determined by the conference) shall receive the automatic bid to the NCAA championship.

(g) All institutions may hold membership in only that conference in the sport in which automatic qualification is sought and may participate in only that conference's process to determine the automatic qualifier.

31.3.4.2 Requirements -- National Collegiate Championship. [#] To be eligible for automatic qualification in a National Collegiate Championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements: *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

(a) Have at least six active members that sponsor the applicable sport in any division (Note: A provisional member in the process of becoming an NCAA member may not be used to meet the requisite number.);

(b) The six active members must have conducted conference competition together for the preceding two years in the applicable sport;

(c) There shall be no waivers of the two-year waiting period; and

(d) Any new member added to a conference that is eligible for an automatic bid shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier.

31.3.4.3 Notification -- Automatic Qualification in Jeopardy. A governing sports committee must issue a written warning one year in advance to a conference that is in jeopardy of losing its automatic qualification. (Note: This regulation does not apply to championships in which a play-in system has been established.)

31.3.4.4 Additional Requirements -- Sports Other Than Basketball.

31.3.4.4.1 Multisport Conference. To be considered eligible for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a multisport conference (see Bylaw 20.02.5) must be a core conference (see Bylaw 31.02.3) and must include six

institutions that sponsor the sport and conduct conference competition together. *(Revised: 4/27/00 10/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/5/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

31.3.4.4.2 Single-Sport Conference. To be considered for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a single-sport member conference for a sport sponsored by less than 50 percent of the Division I membership must include six institutions that have conducted conference competition together the preceding two years in the sport in question at the Division I level. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

31.3.4.4.3 Grace Period. A conference shall remain eligible for automatic qualification for two years following the date of the withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below six institutions that sponsor the sport and conduct conference competition together provided the conference maintains at least five Division I members. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

31.3.4.5 Additional Requirements -- Basketball. To be considered eligible for automatic qualification in basketball, a member conference must be a core conference (see Bylaw 31.02.3) and must meet the requirements of Bylaw 20.02.5. *(Revised: 8/14/90, 12/3/90, 4/27/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

31.3.4.5.1 Grace Period. A conference shall remain eligible for automatic qualification for two years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below seven institutions that sponsor the sport and conduct conference competition together, provided the conference maintains at least six Division I members (see Bylaw 20.02.5). *(Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

31.3.4.6 Sports Groupings for Automatic Qualification. For purposes of evaluating criteria for automatic qualification, the various sports shall be grouped as follows: *(Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) **Team Sports** -- baseball, basketball, bowling, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo. In this category, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee, a sport committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement for sports that are sponsored by less than 30 percent of the membership, provided the conference previously included six teams that sponsored the sport;

(b) **Timed Individual Sports** -- indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and swimming; and

(c) **Other Individual Sports** -- cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, tennis and men's wrestling. In this category, a sports committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee.

31.3.4.7 Limitations on Automatic-Qualifying Positions.

31.3.4.7.1 Team Sports Other Than Men's Basketball. In team sports, per Bylaw 31.3.4.6-(a), excluding football and any team sport in which automatic qualification is not offered, the sport committee must award, if a sufficient number of applications for automatic qualification exist, at least 50 percent of the championship field to conferences that meet automatic-qualification criteria and provide play-in criteria. In sports other than men's volleyball, men's water polo and women's water polo, the remaining 50 percent of the championship field shall be reserved for at-large teams. It will be the responsibility of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee to determine if a conference play-in to a championship field is to be administered by the NCAA championships staff or by the member conferences. *(Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.3.4.7.2 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, subject to the championships-access guarantee afforded to the subdivisions as set forth in Constitution 4.01.2.3.1 (e.g., all contests that are part of the championship shall be administered and funded by the NCAA and broadcast on television and any team that participates in the championship shall be awarded at least one financial unit), there shall be a minimum of 34 at-large selections and the remainder of the championship field automatic-qualifying positions. All competition in the championship is to be administered by the NCAA championships staff. *(Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 12/15/06)*

31.3.5 Selection of Balance of Championship Field. Once the official representative(s) of each qualifying conference is determined, the governing sports committee responsible for selection of the balance of the championship field shall consider objectively and without prejudice the competitive records of all other eligible student-athletes and teams (including representatives of the other members of the conferences receiving automatic qualification). To the best of its ability, the committee shall select the most highly qualified individuals and teams to complete the championship field in accordance with the regional structure, if any, approved for the particular championship.

31.3.6 Institution Trademarks. Participation in a national collegiate championship constitutes acquiescence by the member institution that the Association may use the institution's name, mascot and other identifying marks in championship-related activities, including television, promotion, licensing and merchandising programs incident to the championship. Revenues derived from such activities, less expenses, will be remitted to the member institution. *(Revised: 11/3/93)*

31.4 Financial Administration of Championships.

31.4.1 Host Institution's Responsibility. The host institution shall administer the finances of an NCAA championship in accordance with this bylaw and consistent with the institution's championship budget, as submitted to and approved by the governing sports committee and the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.1.1 Institution's Financial Report. A financial report from each championship site shall be submitted to the NCAA president not later than 60 days following the conclusion of the competition and shall bear certification of the athletics director of the host institution. The report shall be submitted on a form approved and provided by the NCAA president.

31.4.1.1.1 Exclusions. A host institution or sponsoring agency shall not include in its financial report or in its percentage of net receipts television rights fees or income from the sale of championships merchandise. Also, income from program advertising or sales shall not be included in the host institution's or sponsoring agency's financial report or percentage of net receipts if the program is produced and sold under contract between the NCAA and an outside agency.

31.4.2 Gross Receipts. Gross receipts shall be all revenues derived from the championship, including:

(a) Sale of tickets. All tickets shall be accounted for at face value and shall become a part of gross receipts. Working passes may be provided to bona fide working personnel, including media representatives; and participation passes may be provided to student-athletes competing in the championship and to their coaches, athletic trainers, managers and other members of the participating institution's official party as defined by the Association;

(b) Net revenue from marketing items sold at the site through or by an outside agency under contract with the NCAA;

(c) Program sales and advertising;

(d) Radio, television and movie rights; and

(e) Any other income derived from the operation of the championship.

31.4.2.1 Exclusions. Income from concessions and parking shall accrue to the host institution or sponsoring agency and is not included in gross receipts. Sales commissions received by a host institution for selling marketing items on behalf of an outside agency under contract with the NCAA shall accrue to the host institution.

31.4.2.2 Waiver. Any waiver of the policies for the gross receipts of championships shall be approved in advance by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.3 Game Expenses. Game expenses are the actual costs directly related to the administration and conduct of the championship, including specifically the costs for tickets (printing, selling and collecting), sales taxes, ushers, game officials, police, buildings and grounds expenses, printing of related materials, motion pictures of the competition (if authorized by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee), reasonable entertainment, expenses of selection committees authorized by the governing sports committee and any other out-of-pocket expense directly related to the administration and conduct of the championship. *(Revised: 12/2/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.3.1 Exclusions. The following items shall not be included as game expenses:

(a) The cost of permanent equipment, local transportation of competing teams and on-campus facility rentalcharges; and

(b) A fee or honorarium for athletics department staff members of the host institution (e.g., athletics director, assistant athletics director, business manager, ticket manager, coach, sports information director or athletic trainer). (Note: Such a payment could be made from the host institution's share of net receipts.)

31.4.3.2 Waiver. Any waiver of the policies for game expenses shall be approved in advance by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.4 Institutional Allowance. The host institution may share in the balance remaining after game expenses are deducted from the gross receipts. Television rights fees and income from championships programs and merchandise produced and sold under contract between the NCAA and an outside agency shall not be included in determining the host institution's allowance.

31.4.4.1 Permissible Allowances. The amount of institutional allowance varies with the sport, the level of championships competition, whether there is a common site for men's and women's championships and whether an institution's facilities are used. The permissible institutional allowances (from balance of gross receipts after deduction of game expenses) are as follows: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

	TEAM		INDIVIDUAL	
	Preliminary	Final	Preliminary	Final
One day	$575	$1,150	$700	$1,725
Two days	$750	$1,450	$870	$2,000
Three or more days	$920	$1,725	$1,150	$2,300

-- For championships conducted at institutional facilities, hosts may deduct the permissible allowance above or a maximum of 15 percent of gross receipts after deduction of game expenses (20 percent for the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship), whichever is greater.
-- For championships conducted at off-campus facilities, hosts may deduct the permissible allowance or a maximum of 10 percent of gross receipts after deduction of game expenses, upon the recommendation of the sports committee and approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee.
-- Amount is doubled for common-site men's and women's championships.

31.4.4.2 Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to allowances to host institutions:

(a) If an institution's department of intercollegiate athletics must pay a rental fee for the use of an on-campus facility, such fee shall be deducted from the institution's share of the net receipts or allowance; and

(b) No other sum from the receipts of an NCAA championship, or from any other source, shall be paid to the college or university sponsoring or acting as host of the NCAA championship except to cover actual and necessary expenses directly incurred in the conduct of the championship as noted in Bylaw 31.4.3.

31.4.5 Administrative Expenses. After the institution's allowance has been deducted, the athletics director of the host institution shall forward the remaining receipts to the NCAA president, who then deducts administrative expenses and costs incurred by governing sports committees and their representatives in matters of championships administration.

31.4.6 Transportation and Per Diem Expenses. Subject to the availability of funds, the Association may pay transportation and per diem expenses incurred by teams and individual competitors in NCAA championships competition. Transportation expenses and per diem allowances for the official traveling parties of competing institutions in Division I and National Collegiate team championships and individual-team championships shall be determined and provided in accordance with policies and procedures established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. On an annual basis, the percentage of transportation expense and the per diem allowance to be paid in each championship for the next academic year shall be announced to the membership. *(Revised: 4/26/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.7 Expenses for Family Travel to Final Four -- Basketball. The Association may provide travel expenses for family members of each student-athlete who travels with his or her team that participates in the men's or women's basketball Final Four. The expenses shall be provided in accordance with policies and procedures established and maintained by the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee for the Men's Final Four and by the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee for the Women's Final Four. *(Adopted: 1/24/19)*

31.4.8 Net Receipts. After payment of game and administrative expenses for each championship, the NCAA president shall place the remaining money in the general operating fund of the Association to be used to cover other expenses of the Association and to be apportioned among member institutions, as directed by the Board of Directors Finance Committee. *(Revised: 8/14/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.9 Distribution of Forfeited Receipts. An institution may be obligated to return its share of the revenue distribution for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to participate in the championship (see Bylaw 31.2.2.4). If so, such funds shall be distributed among other member institutions according to a formula prescribed by the Board of Directors Finance Committee. *(Revised: 8/14/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.10 Publication of Championships Financial Summaries. A financial summary of each championship shall be published on the Association's website.

31.5 Financial Administration of Postseason Football. [FBS/FCS]

Requirements that must be met in order for an institution to participate in a postseason bowl game are set forth in Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook. *(Adopted: 11/1/00, Revised: 1/14/12 effective 4/1/12)*

31.6 Rights to NCAA Properties and Marketing Restrictions.

31.6.1 Names and Marks. The NCAA owns or controls all rights and interests in its name, logo, seal, trademarks and service marks, whether registered or unregistered, including "National Collegiate Athletic Association," "NCAA," "National Collegiate Championships," "NCAAction," "College Sports USA," "The Final Four," "Women's Final Four," "College World Series," "Women's College World Series" and "Stagg Bowl." The NCAA will prosecute infringement of identical or confusingly similar marks. The NCAA shall maintain control over the nature and quality of the goods and services rendered under the marks; therefore, no use of the marks by others will be permitted in advertising, in association with commercial services or related to the sale of merchandise without the specific approval of the NCAA. *(Revised: 1/29/90)*

31.6.2 Concessions. The following conditions or restrictions apply to all concession items sold at any event sponsored or administered by the Association: *(Revised: 12/4/89, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) Any merchandise or material bearing any name, logo, trademarks or service marks of the Association that is to be sold or distributed at an event sponsored or administered by the Association must have the prior approval of the NCAA president before being sold or distributed. No such merchandise or material shall be sold or distributed by anyone except as designated by the NCAA. The host institution may sell merchandise that features an institutional mark or logo at NCAA competition only if it has guaranteed a sellout of the NCAA merchandise at the site of the competition and has agreed to provide the NCAA championship 25 percent of gross sales (after sales taxes) of all non-NCAA championship merchandise. The quantity of NCAA merchandise sent to the site shall have the prior approval of the president and shall not be less than a comparable shipment to a comparable site of the previous year's championship.

(b) The NCAA owns the rights to all concession items other than food or drink sold at such events. Any merchandise or material to be sold at such events must have prior approval of the NCAA president, and any unapproved material shall be barred from the premises. If the championship facility has prior contractual commitments with outside vendors, the NCAA will endeavor to work with such vendors to advance the policies of the Association in the sale of concession items as herein stated.

(c) The NCAA may authorize others, including the host institution or the coaches organization for the sport involved in the particular event, to sell and distribute concession items.

(d) Income payable to the NCAA from the sale of concession items other than food and drink at such events shall be included in the gross receipts of the championship.

31.6.3 Programs. The Association reserves the right to publish and sell any program sold or distributed for an NCAA championship. It may award such rights for any championship to another party or agency, provided it retains the right to review and approve the content of all programs to be sold or distributed, and provided it shall receive a guaranteed amount or predetermined percentage of program receipts. All financial arrangements for official programs produced by the host institution or sponsoring agency shall be reflected in the proposed budget, and receipts and expenses shall be entered in the financial report of the championship. If the program is produced and sold under contract between the NCAA and an outside agency, income from program advertising or sales shall not be included in the host institution's or sponsoring agency's financial report or percentage of net receipts.

31.6.4 Championships Properties. The Association owns all rights to each and all of its championships as listed in Bylaw 18.3. These rights include, in addition to the rights with respect to participation and admission, rights to television (live and delayed), radio broadcasting, filming and commercial photography. In addition, the NCAA reserves the right to sell items developed through the NCAA marketing program at the site of a championship.

31.6.4.1 Awarding Media Rights. Television, radio and film rights shall be awarded in such a manner as to advance most fully the following interests:

(a) Gate attendance;

(b) Promotion of interest in the sport;

(c) Promotion of intercollegiate athletics as a part of collegiate education; and

(d) Promotion of the Association and its purposes and fundamental policy.

31.6.4.1.1 Procedures. Specific policy decisions under the foregoing are determined by the governing sports committee for the particular championship, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. Negotiations with respect to the awarding of any such rights shall be conducted by

the president, who shall have authority to determine the specific terms and conditions and to execute contracts for the awarding of such rights on behalf of the Association. Inquiries concerning all such rights should be directed to the NCAA president at the national office. In accordance with the policies stated herein, the NCAA president shall negotiate with any party interested in such rights when they are available. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.6.4.2 Marketing, Licensing, Promotional and Public Affairs Initiatives. The NCAA president shall be responsible for the oversight and administration of all marketing, licensing, promotions and public affairs initiatives. The NCAA president shall have the authority to appoint ad hoc advisory groups to provide assistance in developing policies to review any initiative and to provide assistance in addressing emerging issues. In addition, negotiations with respect to awarding merchandising, marketing and licensing rights (including corporate partner rights) shall be conducted by the NCAA president, who shall have the authority to determine the specific terms and conditions and to execute and enforce contracts for the awarding of such rights on behalf of the Association. The Board of Governors, at its discretion, may request a detailed accounting of any marketing, licensing, promotional and public affairs initiative that resulted in the awarding of a contract on behalf of the Association. The Board of Directors and the Council may request a report related to any matter handled by the NCAA president under the authority of this legislation. *(Adopted: 1/11/00, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.6.4.3 Photographs, Films and Videotapes. The Association reserves all rights to the use of still photographs, films and videotapes of its championships. All rights to photograph, film and videotape NCAA championships may be assigned to media representatives for news purposes but otherwise are to be controlled exclusively by NCAA Productions, a unit of the NCAA. NCAA Productions shall film or videotape certain NCAA championships, as recommended by the governing sports committees and approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. Its cost in filming or videotaping an NCAA championship and producing prints or video dubs for the NCAA library of films shall be entered as an item of game expenses for that championship. The filming or videotaping of NCAA championships by parties other than NCAA Productions (e.g., participating institutions or commercial film production companies) for any purpose other than news purposes may be permitted only with the advance written consent of the NCAA president. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.6.4.3.1 Exception. An institution is permitted to designate two team content personnel to be present at NCAA championship events for the purpose of capturing video and photographs of the institution's participation in the event for the sole use of the institution (not to be released for commercial purposes). *(Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 10/14/19)*

31.6.4.4 Use of Action Footage on Television News Programs. The games committee of a particular NCAA championship for which exclusive rights have not been awarded may permit single television stations or television and/or cable networks to broadcast action footage of the championship (on a live or delayed basis) on their regular television news programs (see Bylaw 31.6.4.4.1). Unless otherwise approved by the NCAA, these broadcasts shall not exceed three minutes of action footage of the championship unless broadcast rights have been secured from the Association by payment of a rights fee. The NCAA president shall be authorized to interpret and apply these provisions as necessary.

31.6.4.4.1 News Program. A "news program" shall be a regularly scheduled program devoted exclusively to general news and/or sports news. Sports-entertainment programs do not qualify under this provision.

31.6.4.5 Live Microphone on Coach. The placement of microphones on a team coach or in team huddles and bench areas for television, radio or motion-picture purposes is prohibited in all NCAA championships.

31.6.4.6 Promotional Announcements for Professional Sports Contests. During the telecast of any NCAA championship, there shall be not more than two promotional announcements for telecasts of professional sports contests. Each such announcement shall not exceed 15 seconds in length. It may be of a billboard nature only and shall not include any action footage of any professional sports contest. If less than the complete championship segment is televised, only one such professional announcement shall be permitted. These restrictions shall not apply to postseason bowl games. *(Revised: 8/15/89)*

31.7 General Financial Management.

31.7.1 General Operating Budget. The Board of Governors shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year prior to the end of any current fiscal year. The budget, as approved, shall list all anticipated revenues and expenses for the coming fiscal year, including transfers to or withdrawals from reserve funds. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

31.7.2 Committee and Delegate Finances.

31.7.2.1 Allowable Expenses, Committee Members. Any member of an NCAA committee who is entitled under the following regulations to reimbursement of expenses for attendance at a committee meeting shall not receive such

payment if the member fails to remain in actual attendance at the meeting for its entire duration as announced in advance. However, in any special case in which a committee member for valid reasons is granted permission by the chair for late arrival or early departure, the member shall receive reimbursement in full.

31.7.2.1.1 Transportation Allowances. A committee member may be reimbursed for the following transportation expenses: *(Revised: 8/12/91, 1/13/98 effective 2/1/98, 1/12/99, 6/20/08)*

(a) **Commercial Airline.** The member must travel by coach (or "super saver"); and

(b) **Automobile.** The member may claim mileage for the round trip at the NCAA approved rate, based on the most direct route between the two points.

31.7.2.1.1.1 Travel to Competition Site. A committee member or designated representative who travels to the site of preliminary competition in an NCAA championship via either ground or coach-class air may claim mileage at the NCAA approved rate based on the most direct route between the two points. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 6/20/08)*

31.7.2.1.2 Per Diem Allowance. A per diem allowance of $75 may be claimed for each day or part thereof away from home, except that not more than one day's travel each way may be claimed. The Association shall pay single-room and tax charges for committee members attending scheduled committee meetings or on Association business. Incidental charges shall be the responsibility of the committee member. *(Revised: 8/3/95, 1/13/98)*

31.7.2.1.3 Actual Expenses. The Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues may authorize reimbursement of actual expenses if circumstances warrant. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.4 Meeting Frequency. Payment of expenses for attendance at meetings of an NCAA standing committee shall be limited to two meetings per year unless otherwise authorized by the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues. *(Revised: 8/5/99, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.5 Meeting Site. Recommendations for sites of meetings of standing and special committees shall be submitted by the committee chair to the NCAA president and are subject to the following conditions: *(Revised: 10/28/97, 1/12/99)*

(a) Committees that meet only once per year are required to meet in the Indianapolis metropolitan area in alternate years;

(b) Committees that meet more than once per year are required to conduct at least one-half of the meetings in the Indianapolis metropolitan area (e.g., one of two or two of four); and

(c) All meetings of NCAA committees shall be held within the 48 contiguous states.

31.7.2.1.6 Special Committees. The expense allowance for any special committees or for individuals engaged in official Association business shall be determined by the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.7 Sports Committees. Meetings of sports committees shall be held at places and times other than those authorized for the championships of their respective sports and shall be limited to two days (plus travel time) for purposes of the NCAA per diem expense allowance, unless other arrangements have been approved by the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.8 Expense Allowance for Conventions. An expense allowance shall not be granted for committee meetings held in connection with a Convention of the Association, except that standing committees that regularly meet before or after an Association Convention shall be entitled to one day's per diem for each day or part thereof on Association business, subject to the approval of the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.9 Approval of Payments. All expense payments shall be approved in writing by the committee chair or, in the case of the Council, Board of Directors and Board of Governors, by the secretary-treasurer or the NCAA president. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.10 Waivers. The NCAA president, subject to the approval of the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues, may grant such waivers of the committee-expense regulations in particular cases as are deemed advisable to prevent hardship upon a committee or an individual committee member. *(Revised: 8/7/47, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.2 Allowable Delegate Expenses.

31.7.2.2.1 Meetings of Other Organizations. Delegates of the Association attending meetings of other organizations (e.g., various sports federations) shall be entitled to the same expense allowances as those outlined in Bylaw 31.7.2.

31.7.2.2.2 Games Committees for International Competition. NCAA delegates to games committees appointed to supervise international competition may not receive expenses to more than one meeting during each academic year.

31.7.2.2.3 Governing Boards of Other Organizations. NCAA delegates to the governing boards of other organizations may claim an expense allowance for each regular or special meeting of the particular board.

31.7.2.3 Prohibition Against Funding Olympics. Income from the Association's championships shall not be allocated to the Olympic fund.

31.7.3 Defense and Indemnification.

31.7.3.1 Conditions for Defense and Indemnification. The Association shall defend and indemnify any present or former employee, committee member, or agent of the Association who is or was a party to or is threatened to be made a party to, or who is to be subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence in any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action or proceeding, including those brought by the Association, provided all of the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 11/1/01)*

(a) The individual requesting defense and indemnification is being named as a party or subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence by reason of the fact that the individual is or was an employee, committee member, or agent of the Association or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise;

(b) The individual is determined to have been acting within the scope of the individual's duties to the Association;

(c) The individual is determined to have been acting in good faith and in a manner the individual reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association in the performance of the individual's duties to the Association. In respect to any alleged criminal action or proceeding, the individual also must be determined to have had no reasonable cause to believe the alleged conduct was unlawful;

(d) The individual promptly and timely notifies the Association's general counsel of the actual or threatened service of process, subpoena, notice of deposition, or other legal process before incurring attorney fees or other expenses;

(e) The individual accepts counsel provided or approved by the Association and agrees to accede to the legal strategies approved by the Association's general counsel, including any settlement determinations. In the event that the individual wishes to hire other counsel or not accede to the Association's legal strategies, the Association shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the individual, except when it is determined that a conflict of interest exists with the Association such that retaining separate counsel is warranted; and

(f) The individual agrees to repay any expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in bringing or defending a civil or criminal action or proceeding paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action or proceeding, if it is ultimately determined that the individual is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this bylaw.

31.7.3.1.1 Determination Regarding Conditions for Defense and Indemnification. The determination as to whether indemnification is appropriate because the conditions of Bylaw 31.7.3.1 have been satisfied shall be made: *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 1/12/09, 10/30/14)*

(a) By the NCAA Board of Governors Governors Executive Committee by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of members who are not parties to such action or proceeding. The vote may be taken by electronic mail, telephone, facsimile or in person;

(b) If such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Board of Governors members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or

(c) By the NCAA president if so delegated by the Board of Governors.

31.7.3.1.2 Definition of Committee. For purposes of Bylaw 31.7.3, committee shall include all Association committees, boards, cabinets, councils, subcommittees and panels. *(Adopted: 11/1/01)*

31.7.3.1.3 Termination of Action or Proceeding. The termination of any action or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself create a presumption in regard to these determinations. However, if an individual is adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of the individual's duty to the Association, there shall be no indemnification unless and

only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such individual is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court shall deem proper. *(Adopted: 11/1/01)*

31.7.3.2 Insurance. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any individual who is or was an employee, committee member, or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against any liability asserted against the individual and incurred by the individual in any such capacity or arising out of the individual's status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify the individual against such liability under the provisions of Bylaw 31.7.3. *(Adopted: 11/1/01)*

31.7.3.3 Definition of Indemnification. For purposes of this bylaw, indemnification shall consist of payment against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the individual in connection with such action or proceeding. *(Adopted: 11/1/01)*

31.7.4 Insurance.

31.7.4.1 Primary Liability. Host institutions and sponsoring agencies of NCAA championships shall have in place primary comprehensive general public liability insurance coverage with combined single limits of at least $1 million per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and shall provide the national office with the appropriate insurance certificates unless statutes of the state in which the host institution or sponsoring agency is located provide a lesser maximum recovery limit and documentation of that statute is on file at the NCAA national office. *(Revised: 12/2/90)*

31.7.4.2 Excess Liability. The Association maintains excess liability insurance coverage for the conduct of NCAA championships. The coverage includes bodily injury and property damage resulting from accidents.

31.7.4.3 Injury, Death and Dismemberment. Basic athletics-injury, catastrophic-injury, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for participants in NCAA championships shall be provided by the Association.

31.8 Personnel.

31.8.1 Employment. In accordance with Constitution 4.1.2-(b), the NCAA president is authorized to employ such persons as may be necessary to conduct efficiently the business of the Association. The number of administrative personnel that may be employed shall be determined at the beginning of each fiscal year and may not be increased without the approval of the Board of Governors. The NCAA president may employ as many nonadministrative personnel as may be necessary. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

31.8.1.1 Affirmative Action. In the selection of personnel for appointment, the policies and procedures of the Association's affirmative-action program, as approved by the Board of Governors, shall be followed. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

31.8.2 Staff Operations. The national office staff operations shall be reviewed by the Board of Governors. Among the items to be reviewed are: *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

(a) Employee compensation;

(b) Employee benefits; and

(c) Allegations of improper conduct by any member of the national office staff as reported to the NCAA president.

31.8.2.1 Employee Compensation and Benefits. The Board of Governors shall review staff compensation and benefits at least once each year. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

31.8.2.2 Pension Trust Plan. The policies for the retirement benefits of the staff are set forth in the NCAA Pension Trust Plan, which was adopted and may be revised by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

31.9 National Statistics Program. A national statistics program shall be maintained for active member institutions in baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, football, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, and men's and women's volleyball. The sport oversight committees and the Competition Oversight Committee shall oversee the statistics program and approve its policies and procedures. The national statistics program policies and procedures shall be published on the NCAA website. *(Revised: 4/14/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/30/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*