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4.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

4.01.1 Structure. [*] The Association's administrative structure shall include an Executive Committee 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 and faculty athletics representatives (and in Division III, institutional presidents or chancellors) to make recommendations to the division's body of institutional presidents or chancellors and to handle responsibilities delegated to it. *(Adopted: 1/19/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/3/05)*

4.01.2 Guarantees. [*] The Association's overall governance structure guarantees its members the following: *(Adopted: 1/19/96 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: 1/19/96 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: 1/19/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.2 Championships. [*] Members are guaranteed access to national championships. *(Adopted: 1/19/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.3 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: 1/19/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.4 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). 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: 1/19/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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, affiliated associations and other educational institutions. *(Adopted: 1/19/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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 institution and its faculty in the institution's relationships with the NCAA and its Constitution 6.1.3). *(Revised: 10/3/05)*

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 at least 50 percent of the normal workload for a staff member at that institution or conference. An individual on staff who is on leave for an extended period of time, including but not limited to sabbatical or other temporary leave for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months may be

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES
General principles that are considered of particular importance in helping the user understand the rationale for the detailed regulations that follow are presented at the beginning of appropriate articles.

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 indentation" presentation, which helps the reader relate the subsections to the basic section.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS
Symbols for voting requirements appear after each regulation. See page ix for a complete explanation of all symbols.

BLEED TABS
A "bleed tab" on each page helps the user turn to the desired article quickly.

II. ORGANIZATION OF ARTICLES IN THREE DISTINCT CATEGORIES

All regulations governing the administration of intercollegiate athletics appear in the bylaws. The constitution contains only principles for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics and other basic information.

Constitution

Articles 1 through 6 are the 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.

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Administrative Bylaws

Articles 30 through 32 are administrative bylaws, which set forth policies and procedures for the implementation of (a) the general legislative actions of the Association, (b) the NCAA championships and the business of the Association, and (c) the Association's enforcement program. These administrative bylaws may be adopted or modified by the Division II Presidents Council or Management Council (administrative regulations; on recommendation of the Committee on Infractions, enforcement policies and procedures; and executive regulations) for the efficient administration of the activities that they govern. These same bylaws also may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at NCAA Conventions.

- Article 30** Administrative Regulations
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III. VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUAL

The Manual attempts to present 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 designate voting requirements currently in effect for sections in the Manual:

- **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 [*****] 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 [**#**] and requires a majority vote of each of the three divisions, voting separately, for adoption or amendment.
- **Division dominant provision** — 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 [**◆**].

Note: The authorization for adoption and amendment of each of the administrative bylaws (30, 31 and 32) is set forth in a note at the beginning of each of those bylaws, as provided in Constitution 5.2.3.1, 5.2.3.2 and 5.2.3.3.

Amendments to existing sections of the Manual have the same voting requirement as the section does now. The Executive Committee 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 5.3.8.1.

Symbols Designating Voting Requirements

Provision	Symbol
Dominant	*
Common	#
Division dominant	◆

IV. 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 and are not intended to substitute for the actual legislation. They are presented as “Figures” and are listed on page vi. With the exception of Bylaw 17, all diagrams and tables related to a given article of the Constitution or a particular bylaw have been placed at the back of the article or bylaw.

EXAMPLE

FIGURE 14-1
Minimum Core-Curriculum and Grade-Point Average
Requirements for Initial Eligibility

Courses*	Effective August 1, 2005 (for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2005)	Effective August 1, 2013 (for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2013)
English	3 years	3 years
Mathematics	2 years	2 years
Natural/physical science	2 years	2 years
Social science	2 years	2 years
Additional academic courses in English, math or natural/ physical science	2 years	3 years
Additional academic courses in any of the above areas or foreign language, computer science*, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion	3 years	4 years
Core-curriculum grade-point average	2.000	2.000

** Please note: Effective August 1, 2005, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2005, computer science may not be used to fulfill core-curriculum requirements unless the computer science course receives high school graduation credit in either mathematics or natural/physical science.*

V. LEGISLATION THAT IS SHADED/SCREENED

Legislation that was adopted by the 2009 Convention is set off by a gray background and contains the date of adoption or revision. Interpretations, noncontroversial amendments and modifications of wording approved by the Council are set off by a gray background and include an adoption or revision date.

11.1.2 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 the provisions of the NCAA enforcement procedures, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual’s previous employment at another member institution.

11.1.2.1 Responsibility of Head Coach. It shall be the responsibility of an institution’s head coach to promote an atmosphere for compliance within the program supervised by the coach and to monitor the activities regarding compliance of all assistant coaches and other administrators involved with the program who report directly or indirectly to the coach. *(Adopted: 1/17/09)*

VI. NOTATION OF LEGISLATION WITH DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE

Legislation with a delayed effective date (e.g., adopted by the 2009 Convention, effective August 1, 2010, or later) is enclosed in a box and set off by a gray background. The first item in each box is a notation of the action taken at a Convention and the date the amendment becomes effective. It will be shaded. The legislation currently applicable follows and does not have a gray background, unless otherwise amended. The legislation as amended, scheduled to take effect at a later date, is next and is set off by a gray background. Because this Manual is effective August 1, 2009, the only legislation that will be shown in this manner is that which is to be effective August 1, 2010, or later.

20.02.6 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women:
(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/13/03)

- (a) **Team Sports:** rugby; and (Revised: 1/13/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)
- (b) **Individual Sports:** equestrian and squash. (Revised: 1/12/99, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)

The following Bylaw 20.02.6 was revised for Division II, effective August 1, 2010.

20.02.6 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women:
(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/13/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/10)

- (a) **Team Sports:** rugby and sand volleyball; and (Revised: 1/13/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/10)
- (b) **Individual Sports:** equestrian and squash. (Revised: 1/12/99, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)

VII. ORGANIZATION OF THE NCAA MANUAL

Divisions I, II and III each have a “master” Manual containing Articles 1-33. 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. 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.

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CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 1

Name, Purposes and Fundamental Policy

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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 enforcement procedures of the Association shall be applied to an institution when it fails to fulfill this obligation.

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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: 10/3/05)*

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.

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: *(Revised: 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 *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

(b) Educate, on a continuing basis, all constituencies about the policies in Constitution 2.4-(a). *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

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: 1/11/00)*

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 assure 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 assure 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 assure 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 assure 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. *(Revised: 1/9/96)*

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 assure 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 assure 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

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3.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

3.01.1 Classes of Membership. The NCAA offers five classes of membership: active, conference, affiliated, corresponding and provisional. 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)*

3.01.2 Division Membership. Active and conference members of the NCAA may be divided into divisions for purposes of bylaw 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 enforcement procedures, as well as to possible reclassification.

3.01.4 Assignment to Geographical Areas. Active and conference members are assigned to geographical areas for the purpose of representation on the Presidents Council and various committees, as well as to facilitate the work of the Association. Geographical districts and regions are defined in Constitution 4.13.

3.01.5 Termination or Suspension of Membership. All rights and privileges of a member shall cease immediately on 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 or a two-year upper-level collegiate institution 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.

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 Management Council. 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 and Bylaw 30.4).

3.02.3.2 Provisional Member. A provisional member is a four-year college or university or a two-year upper-level collegiate institution accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and that has applied for active membership in the Association. Provisional membership is a prerequisite for active membership in the Association. The institution shall be elected to provisional membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.6.3). Provisional members shall receive all publications and mailings received by active members in addition to other privileges designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. For specific requirements, see Bylaw 20.3. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, Revised: 5/4/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07; for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter)*

3.02.3.3 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.

3.02.3.4 Provisional Conference. A provisional conference consists of a group of at least six four-year colleges or universities or two-year upper-level collegiate institutions, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency, and that has applied for provisional conference membership in the Association. Provisional conference membership is a prerequisite for active conference membership in the Association. The conference shall be elected to provisional conference membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.3.1.1) and shall follow the guiding principles of a model Division II conference, set forth in the "Division II Long-Range Financial Plan." Provisional conferences shall receive all publications and mailings received by voting member conferences in addition to other privileges designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. (*Adopted: 1/10/05*)

3.02.3.5 Affiliated Member. An affiliated member is a nonprofit group or association whose function and purpose are directly related to one or more sports in which the NCAA conducts championships, duly elected to affiliated membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.4.3). An affiliated member is entitled to be represented by one nonvoting delegate at any NCAA Convention and enjoys other privileges as designated in the bylaws of the Association (see Constitution 3.4.2). (*Revised: 1/11/97 effective 8/1/97*)

3.02.3.6 Corresponding Member. A corresponding member is an institution, a nonprofit organization or a conference that is not eligible for active, provisional, conference or affiliated membership and desires to receive membership publications and mailings. A corresponding member duly elected under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.5.3) receives all publications and mailings received by the general NCAA membership and is not otherwise entitled to any membership privileges (see Constitution 3.5.2).

3.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

3.1.1 General. Membership is available to colleges, universities, athletics conferences or associations and other groups that are related to intercollegiate athletics; that have acceptable academic standards (as defined in Constitution 3.2.3.3), and that are located in Canada and the United States, its territories or possessions. Such institutions or organizations must accept and observe the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. (*Revised: 1/14/08*)

3.1.1.1 Membership of Canadian Institutions—10-Year Pilot Program. Canadian institutions invited to enter a 10-year pilot program to explore Division II membership must accept or observe the pilot program's policies and procedures as developed and approved by the Executive Committee, in addition to the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. (*Adopted: 1/14/08, Revised: 2/5/08*)

3.1.2 Athletics Consortiums. The Management Council, 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. The Management Council shall develop and publish appropriate criteria to be applied to such consortiums (see Bylaw 30.4 for criteria).

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 and two-year upper-level collegiate institutions, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of Constitution 3.2.3.

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.

3.2.1.4 Compliance Requirement. The institution shall be in compliance with Constitution 3.2.1.2, 3.2.1.3 and 20.3 at the time it makes application for active membership. (*Revised: 5/4/06*)

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.

3.2.2.2 Use of Association's Registered Marks. Active members may use the registered marks of the Association (i.e., the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only in accordance with guidelines established by the Executive Committee.

3.2.3 Election Procedures.

3.2.3.1 Voting Requirement. Procedures for election to active membership under this subsection are common provisions (see Constitution 5.02.1.2) established by majority vote of each of the three divisions voting separately.

3.2.3.2 Application. An institution desiring to become an active member of this Association shall complete a provisional membership period (see Constitution 3.6 and Bylaw 20.3). After it has been determined that the institution has met the requirements of provisional membership, its request for active membership will be referred to the Management Council for election. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 5/4/06)*

3.2.3.3 Accreditation and Division Classification. After it has been determined that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic standards (i.e., the institution is accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies*), the application shall be considered with regard to requested membership division and sport classification in accordance with Bylaw 20. The application then shall be referred to the Management Council for consideration.

3.2.3.4 Election. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the Management Council members present and voting shall elect the applicant to membership effective the following September 1, the beginning of practice in any sport for that fall term or the first day of classes for that fall term, whichever occurs first. When the vote of the Management Council has been completed, the applicant shall be notified.

3.2.3.5 Resignation and Re-election to Membership. If an institution resigns its membership and subsequently applies to re-establish its membership, the institution first shall complete a provisional membership period (see Constitution 3.6 and Bylaw 20.3) before such institution becomes eligible for re-election as an active member. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 5/4/06)*

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

3.2.4.1 General. The active members of this Association agree to administer their athletics programs 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 enforcement procedures, as well as to possible reclassification.

3.2.4.3 Certification of Eligibility/Declaration of Ineligibility. The 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 14.11). See Bylaw 14.12 for procedures regarding restoration of eligibility. *(Revised: 1/14/02, 10/3/05)*

3.2.4.4 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:

- (a) The sport shall be one in which the Association conducts championships, except as provided in Bylaw 20.10.3.4.1 or an emerging sport for women per Bylaw 20.02.6 (see timetable in Constitution 3.2.4.4.2 for application of legislation to emerging sports for women); *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/11/94, 1/10/95)*
- (b) The sport officially shall have been accorded varsity status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics; *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (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 *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (e) Qualified participants in the sport shall receive the institution's official varsity awards.

* Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

3.2.4.4.1 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)*

3.2.4.4.2 Emerging Sports Timetable. The following timetable shall govern the application of legislation to emerging sports for women. The timetable applies beginning with the year the Association identifies a sport as an emerging sport (see Bylaw 20.02.6): *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 8/7/03)*

- (a) Year One—Recruiting legislation (see Bylaw 13), financial aid legislation (see Bylaw 15) and minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5) applicable to emerging sports programs.
- (b) Year Two—Amateurism legislation (see Bylaw 12), seasons of competition legislation (see Bylaw 14.2) and awards and benefits legislation (see Bylaw 16) applicable to emerging sports programs.
- (c) Year Three and Thereafter—Institutions must be in full compliance with all remaining NCAA legislation.

3.2.4.5 Student-Athlete Statement. The active member shall administer annually, on a form prescribed by the Management Council, a signed statement for each student-athlete that provides information prescribed in Bylaws 14.1.3 and 30.13.

3.2.4.5.1 Administrative Requirements. The statement shall be administered individually 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. The athletics director and head coach in the sport in which the student-athlete participates shall sign the squad-list form. The statement shall be kept on file in the office of the athletics director, and such file shall be available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of the NCAA. *(Revised: 4/11/06)*

3.2.4.6 Drug-Testing Consent Form. The active member shall administer annually, on a form prescribed by the Management Council, a signed drug-testing consent form for each student-athlete (per Bylaw 12.02.5) in accordance with Bylaws 14.1.4 and 30.5. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*

3.2.4.6.1 Administrative Requirements. In sports in which the Association conducts year-round drug testing, the consent form shall be administered individually to student-athletes each academic year at the time the intercollegiate squad first reports for practice or before the Monday of the institution's fourth week of classes, whichever date occurs first. In those sports in which the Association does not conduct year-round drug testing, the form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete before the institution's first scheduled intercollegiate competition. Failure to sign the consent form by the deadline shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for practice or competition until the student-athlete has signed the form. Failure to complete and sign the form before practice or competition may result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation in all intercollegiate athletics. The consent form shall be kept on file in the office of the director of athletics, and such file shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA (see Bylaw 14.1.4.1). *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

3.2.4.7 Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/Buckley Amendment Consent Form—Disclosure of Protected Health Information. The active member institution shall administer annually, on a form prescribed by the Management Council, a statement for each student-athlete to voluntarily sign that provides information prescribed in Bylaws 14.1.5 and 30.12. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

3.2.4.7.1 Administrative Requirements. The statement 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. The authorization/consent by the student-athlete is voluntary and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate. Any signed statement(s) shall be kept on file in the office of the athletics director. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

3.2.4.8 Discipline of Members. In accordance with directions of the Management Council or the annual Convention, active members shall refrain from athletics competition with designated institutions as required under the provisions of the Association's enforcement procedures (see Bylaw 19).

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 (see Constitution 3.2.4.9.3): *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/05)*

- (a) A student-athlete participating in the covered event in an intercollegiate sport as recognized by the participating institution; and *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/9/06)*
- (b) A prospective student-athlete participating in the covered event who has graduated from high school and signed an irrevocable commitment to participate in an intercollegiate sport at a participating institution. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/05)*

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: *(Adopted: 1/12/04 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 bylaw, athletically related injuries are injuries that are a direct result of participation in a covered event (see Constitution 3.2.4.9.3). *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/05)*

3.2.4.9.3 Covered Event. A covered event includes the following: *(Adopted: 1/12/04 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); *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/05)*
- (b) An NCAA-sanctioned competition in which the insured person (i.e., student-athlete or prospective student-athlete) is an official competitor; or *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/05)*
- (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. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/05)*

3.2.4.9.4 Effect of Violations. Violations of Constitution 3.2.4.9 and its subsections shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1 and shall not affect the student-athlete's or the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

3.2.4.10 Academic Success Rate. Active members shall annually submit data, by the applicable deadline, for the Academic Success Rate in a form prescribed by the Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

3.2.4.10.1 Failure to Submit Data. An active member institution that fails to submit data for the Academic Success Rate by the applicable deadline shall forfeit receipt of Division II enhancement funds in the following academic year. Further, an active member institution that fails to submit data for the Academic Success Rate in any two years during a five-year period shall forfeit Division II enhancement funds for the following three consecutive academic years. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

3.2.4.10.1.1 Exception for Submitting Data During the 2004-05 through 2009-10 Academic Years. An institution that fails to submit data for the Academic Success Rate during the 2004-05 through 2009-10 academic years shall not be subject to the penalties set forth in Constitution 3.2.4.10.1. However, an institution that submits data during the 2004-05 through 2009-10 academic years shall receive an incentive payment as authorized by the Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

3.2.4.10.1.2 Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may grant waivers of Constitution 3.2.4.10.1 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Academic Requirements Committee. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 10/23/07)*

3.2.4.11 Standards. Active members agree to establish and maintain high standards of personal honor, eligibility and fair play.

3.2.4.12 Publication of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. Active members are obligated to publish their progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes (see Bylaw 14.4.1).

3.2.4.13 Missed Class-Time Policies. Active members are 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 (see Bylaw 17.1.6.6).

3.2.4.14 Compliance-Related Forms. A member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship unless its president or chancellor makes an annual institutional eligibility certification [see Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(d)] attesting that the conditions specified have been satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 10/3/05)*

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 Presidents Council. Membership shall not be suspended or terminated unless: *(Revised: 1/13/03)*

- (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 Presidents Council and to the president or chancellor of the member institution; and *(Revised: 1/13/03, 10/3/05)*
- (b) The Presidents Council approves the notification of intention to move for suspension or termination.

3.2.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the member shall cease on 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 be reclassified immediately as a corresponding member. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 7/24/07)*

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 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.

3.2.5.5 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 Presidents Council 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 Bylaws 19 and 32 for enforcement regulations, policies and procedures.)

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 majority vote of the members of the Committee on Infractions present and voting. If fewer than eight members are present, any committee action requires a favorable vote of at least four committee members. Disciplined members also may be restored to good standing at the annual Convention by vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

3.3 MEMBER CONFERENCE

3.3.1 Eligibility.

3.3.1.1 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. Voting rights and other membership privileges (e.g., Management Council representation) are available only to those multi-sport conferences that satisfy the requirements set forth in Constitution 3.3.2.2. *(Revised: 1/14/02, effective 8/1/02)*

3.3.1.2 Composition of Conference. All of the members of the conference shall be active members of this Association. A conference with six or more active NCAA members may accept an institution in the candidacy period of the Division II membership process (see Bylaw 20.3.2) into active conference membership. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 4/11/06, 4/17/07, 7/24/07, 1/23/09)*

3.3.1.3 Conference of At Least Six Active Member Institutions. A conference of at least six active member institutions desiring to attain voting conference status and gain access to voting conference membership privileges must meet the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/14/08)*

- (a) Submit an application to the Membership Committee, to be received in the national office not later than December 1. A fee, as determined by the Membership Committee, shall accompany the application. The following information must be submitted at the time of application: *(Revised: 7/22/08)*
 - (1) A conference strategic plan;
 - (2) A conference constitution and bylaws;
 - (3) Documentation affirming the conference satisfies the sports sponsorship requirement;
 - (4) A business plan for conference office operations; and
 - (5) A student-athlete advisory committee development plan.

Once the application is approved by the Membership Committee, a conference of at least six active members institutions shall be eligible for privileges of active member conferences, except for automatic qualification (see Bylaws 31.3.4.3 and 31.3.4.5); and

- (b) The conference commissioner must attend the NCAA Convention in the year immediately following the submission of the application.

3.3.1.4 Conference with Fewer Than Six Active Member Institutions. A conference with fewer than six active member institutions desiring to attain voting conference status and gain access to voting conference membership privileges must meet the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/14/08)*

- (a) Submit an application to the Membership Committee, to be received in the national office not later than December 1. A fee, as determined by the Membership Committee, shall accompany the application. The following information must be submitted at the time of application: *(Revised: 7/22/08)*
- (1) A conference strategic plan;
 - (2) A conference constitution and bylaws;
 - (3) Documentation affirming the conference satisfies the sports sponsorship requirement;
 - (4) A business plan for conference office operations; and
 - (5) A student-athlete advisory committee development plan.

Once the application is approved by the Membership Committee and the conference has at least six active member institutions, a conference shall be eligible for privileges of active member conferences, except for automatic qualification (see Bylaws 31.3.4.3 and 31.3.4.5).

- (b) The conference must complete an educational assessment program within the first calendar year immediately following submission of the application, as outlined below:
- (1) Attendance by the conference commissioner at the NCAA Convention;
 - (2) Visit to an active member conference office or meeting;
 - (3) Attendance by the conference commissioner at an NCAA national office visit;
 - (4) Attendance by the conference commissioner at the NCAA Regional Rules Compliance Seminar;
 - (5) Visit by Membership Committee representatives to the conference office; and
 - (6) Submit a conference progress report.

In the event that more than one year is needed to increase the conference membership to at least six active member institutions or to complete the educational assessment program, the conference must repeat all of the conditions of the educational assessment program, except for the visit to an active member conference's office or meeting and a visit by Membership Committee representatives to the conference office.

3.3.1.5 Grace Period—Application Fee. An active member conference whose membership falls below six member institutions shall not be required to submit a fee per Constitution 3.3.1.3-(a) or 3.3.1.4-(a) for four years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below six institutions. *(Adopted: 7/22/08)*

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.

3.3.2.2 Voting Rights and Other Conference Membership Privileges. Only those multi-sport member conferences that meet the criteria listed below shall be permitted to vote on issues before the Association and access other membership privileges (e.g., Management Council representation, Enhancement Fund Distribution) afforded to such conferences. *(Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

3.3.2.2.1 Competitive and Legislative Body. The member conference shall be both a competitive and a legislative body on the conference level (see Constitution 3.02.1 and 3.02.2).

3.3.2.2.2 Minimum Size and Division Status.

3.3.2.2.2.1 Full Voting Privileges. The member conference shall be composed of at least six members in a single division in order to be eligible for full voting privileges, including voting on federated bylaws (those bylaws that may be amended by one or more divisions acting separately).

3.3.2.2.2.2 Partial Voting Privileges. Those member conferences with at least six members but without a minimum of six members in a single division shall be permitted to vote on all dominant or common provisions (those provisions that apply to all three divisions of the Association). On these common provisions, the conference shall vote in the division in which the majority of its membership is classified. In the event that its membership is divided evenly between two divisions, the Executive Committee shall determine its voting division. Such conferences shall not vote on federated provisions (those provisions that may be amended by one or more divisions acting separately).

3.3.2.2.3 Sports Sponsorship Requirement. A voting member conference shall conduct conference competition in at least five sports for men and five sports for women or four sports for men and six sports for women. For a sport to count toward the minimum sports sponsorship requirement, the following criteria must be satisfied: *(Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) The conference must conduct a conference championship (e.g., round robin or tournament play) and name a conference champion in the sport;

- (b) In team sports only, the conference must conduct regular-season competition among the conference members sponsoring the sport; and
- (c) At least six conference member institutions must sponsor and compete in the sport. (*Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

3.3.2.2.3.1 Three-Season Requirement. A voting member conference shall conduct competition in at least one sport for men in each season and at least one sport for women in each season. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

3.3.2.2.3.2 Waiver. The Membership Committee, by two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the requirements of Constitution 3.3.2.2.3 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. The Management Council shall hear and act on a conference's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to a conference's waiver of the sports sponsorship requirement. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 2/21/08*)

3.3.2.2.3.3 Minimum Contests/Minimum Participant Requirements. An institution must satisfy the minimum contest and minimum participant requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.10.3.5 in a given sport in order for that sport to be considered when determining whether the conference has six member institutions that sponsor and compete in that sport. (*Adopted: 1/13/03*)

3.3.2.2.3.4 Conference Member in Selected Sports. An institution that is a member of a voting conference in only selected sports (e.g., an affiliated conference member only in football) may not be considered when determining whether the conference has six member institutions that sponsor and compete in the sport. (*Adopted: 1/13/03*)

3.3.2.2.4 Football Issues. In addition to meeting the requirements of Constitution 3.3.2.2.3 for men's and/or women's sports, conference championship competition shall be conducted in football in order for the conference to vote on issues pertaining only to football.

3.3.2.3 Use of Association's Registered Marks. Member conferences may use the registered marks of the Association (i.e., the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only in accordance with guidelines established by the Executive Committee.

3.3.3 Election Procedures.

3.3.3.1 Voting Requirement. Procedures for election to conference membership under this subsection are common provisions (see Constitution 5.02.1.2) established by majority vote of each of the three divisions voting separately.

3.3.3.2 Application. An athletics conference desiring to become a member conference shall make application on a form available from the national office. A check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see Constitution 3.7.3) shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded.

3.3.3.3 Election. Athletics conferences may be elected as member conferences by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at an annual Convention or by a majority vote of the Management Council.

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 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.

3.3.4.3 Composition of Conference. All of the members of the conference shall be active members of this Association. A conference with six or more active NCAA members may accept an institution in the candidacy period of the Division II membership process (see Bylaw 20.3.2) into active conference membership. (*Revised: 6/11/08, 1/23/09*)

3.3.4.4 Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Each active member 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: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98*)

3.3.4.4.1 Annual Meeting. The member conference shall conduct at least one in-person meeting annually of its conference student-athlete advisory committee. (*Adopted: 1/13/03*)

3.3.4.4.1.1 Failure to Conduct a Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Annual Meeting. If an active member conference fails to meet the conditions set forth in Constitution 3.3.4.4.1 during a given year, the conference shall immediately be placed on probationary status during the following academic year and would not be eligible for the conference grant that is designated for the enhancement of the conference student-athlete advisory committee. If the conference fails to meet the conditions set forth in Constitution 3.3.4.4.1 during the probationary year, the conference may be reclassified immediately as a corresponding member. (*Adopted: 1/13/03*)

3.3.4.4.1.2 Waiver. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of Constitution 3.3.4.4.1 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. *(Adopted: 1/13/03)*

3.3.4.5 Sports Sponsorship Audit Requirement. A voting member conference shall provide documentation, on request, to show evidence of compliance with sports sponsorship requirements for a given year. *(Adopted: 1/13/03)*

3.3.5 Loss of Member-Conference Status.

3.3.5.1 Failure to Comply with Five-Sport/Three-Season Requirement. A voting member conference that fails to satisfy minimum sport-sponsorship criteria in a given year shall be placed on probation for one year in the next academic year after noncompliance occurs. During the “probationary year,” the conference shall not be eligible to receive the share of the Enhancement Fund that is based on conference sports sponsorship. A conference shall be afforded the one-year probationary period only once in every five-year period. The five-year period shall begin September 1 after the completion of the academic year in which the sports sponsorship criteria is not met. If a conference fails to meet the minimum sports sponsorship criteria at the end of the probationary year, or is ineligible for the once-in-five-year probationary period, it shall forfeit its voting conference membership and all associated privileges immediately. A conference forfeiting voting conference membership in accordance with this legislation shall be ineligible to reapply for voting conference membership for at least one calendar year. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

3.3.5.2 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 Presidents Council. Membership shall not be suspended or terminated unless: *(Revised: 1/13/03)*

- (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 chair of the Presidents Council and to the president or chancellor of the member conference; and *(Revised: 1/13/03, 10/3/05)*
- (b) The Presidents Council approves the notification of intention to move for suspension or termination.

3.3.5.2.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the member shall cease on any termination or suspension of conference membership.

3.3.5.3 Ineligible Conference Member Institution. If any member of an athletics conference is found to be ineligible for active membership in this Association, such conference shall be ineligible for conference membership and its membership terminated, unless the conference has 40 or more members and at least 90 percent of said conference members are active members of the Association.

3.3.5.4 Failure to Pay Dues. If a member conference fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated.

3.3.5.5 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any member conference whose membership has been terminated (see Constitution 3.3.5.2) may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

3.3.5.6 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 Presidents Council 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 Bylaws 19 and 32 for enforcement regulations, policies and procedures.)

3.3.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing in accordance with the terms of disciplinary action taken, or may be restored to good standing at any time by a vote of at least three members of the Committee on Infractions present and voting in accordance with Bylaw 19.5.2.8, or, at the annual Convention, by vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

3.3.7 Conference with Fewer Than Six Active Member Institutions—Membership Requirements. A conference desiring to become a voting conference member must satisfy the membership requirement set forth in Constitution 3.3.1.4 and the requirements set forth in the following provisions. *(Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 1/14/08)*

3.3.7.1 Types of Conferences. Conference membership is available to conferences that consist of four-year colleges or universities or two-year upper-level collegiate institutions that are currently active or provisional members (see Constitution 3.3.1.2) of Division II and accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency. *(Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 1/14/08)*

3.3.7.2 Membership Period. A newly formed conference desiring to attain voting conference status and gain access to voting conference membership privileges must complete the requirements in Constitution 3.3.1.4. *(Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 1/14/08)*

3.4 AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP

3.4.1 Eligibility. Affiliated membership is available to a duly elected nonprofit group or association whose function and purpose are directly related to one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships or identifies as an emerging sport. *(Revised: 1/11/97)*

3.4.2 Privileges.

3.4.2.1 Privileges and Voting Rights. An affiliated member shall be entitled to be represented by one non-voting delegate at any Convention of the Association and shall have such other privileges as may be accorded to affiliated members by the bylaws of the Association.

3.4.2.2 Use of Association's Registered Marks. An affiliated member may use the registered marks of the Association (i.e., the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only if such use is approved by the NCAA staff in accordance with guidelines established by the Executive Committee. *(Revised: 1/11/97)*

3.4.3 Election Procedures.

3.4.3.1 Voting Requirement. Procedures for election to affiliated membership under this subsection are common provisions (see Constitution 5.02.1.2) established by majority vote of each of the three divisions voting separately.

3.4.3.2 Application. A group or association desiring to become an affiliated member shall make application on a form available from the national office. A check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see Constitution 3.7.3) shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded.

3.4.3.3 Election. Groups or associations may be granted affiliated membership by the NCAA president. *(Revised: 1/8/01)*

3.4.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

3.4.4.1 General. An affiliated member is responsible for observing the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association.

3.4.4.2 Function and Purpose. The function and purpose of the affiliated member must be directly related to one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships.

3.4.5 Loss of Membership.

3.4.5.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any affiliated member failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership or failing to support and adhere to the purposes and policies of the Association (see Constitution 1) may be suspended or terminated or the affiliated member otherwise disciplined through the following procedure:

- (a) The Executive Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may take such action on its own initiative; or *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*
- (b) The Committee on Infractions, by majority vote, may recommend such action to the Executive Committee, which may adopt the recommendation by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting; and
- (c) The affiliated member shall be advised of the proposed action at least 30 days before any Committee on Infractions or Executive Committee meeting in which such action is considered and shall be provided the opportunity to appear at any such meeting.

3.4.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the affiliated member shall cease on any termination or suspension of affiliated membership.

3.4.5.2 Failure to Pay Dues. If an affiliated member fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated.

3.4.5.3 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any affiliated member whose membership has been terminated may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

3.4.5.4 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any affiliated 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 Executive Committee or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

3.4.6 Discipline of Affiliated 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 Bylaws 19 and 32 for enforcement regulations, policies and procedures.)

3.4.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing in accordance with the terms of disciplinary action taken, or may be restored to good standing at any time by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee present and voting in accordance with Bylaw 19.5.2.8, or, at the annual Convention, by vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

3.5 CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

3.5.1 Eligibility. Corresponding membership is available to duly elected institutions, conferences and non-profit organizations that are not eligible for active, provisional, conference or affiliated membership but wish to receive the Association's membership publications and mailings. (*Revised: 1/10/90*)

3.5.2 Privileges. Corresponding members shall receive all publications and mailings received by the general membership of the Association but shall not be entitled to any other membership privileges, including the right to use the Association's name, logo or other insignia.

3.5.3 Election Procedures.

3.5.3.1 Voting Requirement. Procedures for election to corresponding membership under this subsection are common provisions (see Constitution 5.02.1.2) established by majority vote of each of the three divisions voting separately.

3.5.3.2 Application. An entity desiring to become a corresponding member shall make application on a form available from the national office. A check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see Constitution 3.7.3) shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded.

3.5.3.3 Election. Eligible institutions, organizations and conferences may be granted corresponding membership by the NCAA president. (*Revised: 1/8/01*)

3.5.3.4 Resignation and Re-election to Membership. If a corresponding member resigns its membership and subsequently applies to re-establish its membership, the application first shall be approved by the Association's Executive Committee before becoming eligible for re-election as a corresponding member.

3.5.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership. A corresponding member is responsible for observing the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. The member shall not use the Association's name, logo or other insignia.

3.5.5 Loss of Membership.

3.5.5.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any corresponding member failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership or failing to support and adhere to the purposes and policies of the Association (see Constitution 1) may be suspended or terminated or the corresponding member otherwise disciplined through the following procedure:

- (a) The Executive Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may take such action on its own initiative; or (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)
- (b) The Committee on Infractions, by majority vote, may recommend such action to the Executive Committee, which may adopt the recommendation by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting; and
- (c) The corresponding member shall be advised of the proposed action at least 30 days before any Committee on Infractions or Executive Committee meeting in which such action is considered and shall be provided the opportunity to appear at any such meeting.

3.5.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the corresponding member shall cease on any termination or suspension of corresponding membership.

3.5.5.2 Failure to Pay Dues. If a corresponding member fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated.

3.5.5.3 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any corresponding member whose membership has been terminated may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

3.5.5.4 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any corresponding 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 Executive Committee or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

3.5.6 Discipline of Corresponding 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 Bylaws 19 and 32 for enforcement regulations, policies and procedures.)

3.5.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing in accordance with the terms of disciplinary action taken, or may be restored to good standing at any time by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee present and voting in accordance with Bylaw 19.5.2.8, or, at the annual Convention, by vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

3.6 PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

3.6.1 Eligibility.

3.6.1.1 Types of Institutions. Provisional membership is available to four-year colleges and universities and two-year upper-level collegiate institutions, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and duly elected to provisional membership under the provisions of Constitution 3.6.3 and Bylaw 20.3. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, Revised: 5/4/06*)

3.6.2 Privileges and Voting Rights.

3.6.2.1 Publications and Convention Representation. Provisional members shall receive all publications and mailings received by active members of the Association, shall be entitled to be represented by one nonvoting delegate at any Convention of the Association and shall have such other privileges as may be accorded by the bylaws of the Association. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, Revised: 5/4/06)*

3.6.2.2 Use of Association's Registered Marks. A provisional member in the provisional period of the membership process set forth in Bylaw 20.3 may use the registered marks of the Association (i.e., the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only in accordance with guidelines established by the Executive Committee. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, Revised: 2/4/08)*

3.6.3 Election Procedures.

3.6.3.1 Voting Requirement. [#] Procedures for election to provisional membership under this subsection are federated provisions (see Constitution 5.02.1.3). *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, Revised: 1/9/06)*

3.6.3.2 Application and Sponsorship. An institution desiring to become a provisional member of Division II shall complete an application, signed by the president or chancellor, and be received in the national office not later than June 1. An applicant institution must be sponsored by an active member institution or conference. A nonrefundable application fee shall accompany the application form. The amount of the fee will be determined annually by the Membership Committee based on a continual analysis of expenses associated with the membership process. In addition, a check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see the current annual dues for active members per Constitution 3.7.3) also shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail to qualify academically or fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded. The Management Council, on recommendation from the Membership Committee, may establish an annual limit on the number of eligible institutions that will be selected to begin the membership process. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, Revised: 1/12/99, 1/14/02, 1/10/05, 2/4/08)*

3.6.3.3 Accreditation and Division Classification. After it has been determined that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic standards (i.e., the institution is accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies), the application shall be considered with regard to requested membership division in accordance with Bylaw 20. The application then shall be referred to the Management Council for consideration. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94)*

3.6.3.4 Election. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the Membership Committee members present and voting shall elect the applicant to provisional membership effective the following September 1. When the vote of the Membership Committee has been completed, the applicant shall be notified. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, Revised: 2/4/08)*

3.6.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership. The conditions and obligations applicable to provisional members are set forth in Bylaw 20.3. *(Revised: 5/4/06)*

3.7 DUES OF MEMBERS

3.7.1 Voting Requirement. The dues of all classes of membership shall be determined by majority voting of each of the three divisions of the Association. *(Revised: 12/5/06)*

3.7.2 Determination of Dues. The annual dues of the various classes of membership shall be recommended to the membership by the Executive Committee. Dues shall be established on a two-to-one ratio for Division I in relation to Divisions II and III, for both active members and member conferences. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 12/5/06)*

3.7.3 Current Annual Dues. The annual dues for various classes of membership shall be: *(Revised: 12/5/06)*

Active Members:*

Division I	\$ 1,800
Division II	\$ 900
Division III	\$ 900

Member Conferences:

Division I	\$ 900
Division II	\$ 450
Division III	\$ 450

Affiliated Members \$ 225

Corresponding Members \$ 225

*See Constitution 3.6.3.2 for provisional membership.

3.7.4 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, 3.3.5.4, 3.4.5.2 and 3.5.5.2). *(Revised: 12/5/06)*

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4.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

4.01.1 Structure. [*] The Association’s administrative structure shall include an Executive Committee 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 and faculty athletics representatives (and in Division III, institutional presidents or chancellors) 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: 10/3/05)*

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 Championships. [*] Members are guaranteed access to national championships. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.01.2.3 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)*

4.01.2.4 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). 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)*

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, affiliated associations and other educational institutions. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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: 10/3/05)*

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. 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.”

4.02.4 Senior Woman Administrator.

4.02.4.1 Institutional Senior Woman Administrator. [#] An institutional senior woman administrator is the highest-ranking female involved with 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 institution’s program as a fifth representative to the NCAA governance system. *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

4.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.1.1 Composition. [*] The Executive Committee shall consist of 20 members. The NCAA president and the chairs of the Division I Leadership 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 Executive Committee present and voting. The other 16 voting members of the Executive Committee shall include: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/3/05)*

- (a) Eight presidents or chancellors from the Division I Board of Directors from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions; *(Revised: 5/3/07)*
- (b) Two presidents or chancellors from the Division I Board of Directors from Football Championship Subdivision institutions; *(Revised: 5/3/07)*
- (c) Two presidents or chancellors from the Division I Board of Directors from institutions that do not sponsor football; *(Revised: 5/3/07)*
- (d) Two Division II presidents or chancellors from the Division II Presidents Council; and
- (e) Two Division III presidents or chancellors from the Division III Presidents Council.

4.1.2 Duties and Responsibilities. [*] The Executive Committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) Provide final approval and oversight of the Association’s budget;
- (b) Employ the NCAA president, who shall be administratively responsible to the Executive Committee and who shall be authorized to employ such other persons as may be necessary to conduct efficiently the business of the Association; *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (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; *(Revised: 1/12/08)*
- (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 Legislative Council and the Division II and Division III Management Councils;
- (i) Forward proposed amendments to Constitutions 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 (disability injury/illness) programs; and
- (m) Compile the names of those individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics who died during the year immediately preceding the annual Convention. *(Revised: 1/13/03)*

4.1.3 Election/Term of Office. [*]

4.1.3.1 Election. [*] Division I members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Division I Board of Directors. Divisions II and III members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils, respectively. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.1.3.2 Terms. [*] The terms of service of members of the Executive Committee shall coincide with their service on the applicable divisional presidential governing body, unless otherwise specified by that governing body. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.1.3.3 Committee Chair. [*] The Executive Committee shall elect one of its members to serve for a two-year period as chair. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.3 DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

4.3.1 Composition. The composition of the Presidents Council shall be based on a weighted regional representation by institutions that shall include one president or chancellor per region for every 22 institutions in that region (see Constitution 4.13.1). In addition, two “at-large” positions shall exist to enhance efforts to achieve diversity of representation and to accommodate independent institutions. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/3/05*)

4.3.1.1 Same Conference. To the extent possible, presidents or chancellors from the same conference shall not serve concurrently on the Presidents Council. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/3/05*)

4.3.1.2 Same Institution. To the extent possible, members of the Presidents Council and the Management Council (see Constitution 4.7) shall not be employed at the same institution. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

4.3.1.3 Eligibility for Membership. The Presidents Council shall be composed of presidents or chancellors representing Division II active member institutions. (*Revised: 10/3/05*)

4.3.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Presidents Council shall: (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

- (a) Implement policies adopted by the Association’s Executive Committee;
- (b) Establish and direct the general policy of Division II;
- (c) Establish a strategic plan for Division II;
- (d) Elect a chair and vice-chair; (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (e) Adopt noncontroversial and intent-based amendments, administrative bylaws and regulations to govern Division II;
- (f) Sponsor Division II legislation;
- (g) Identify, before the printing of the notice of any Convention, Division II proposals for which a roll-call vote of the eligible voters may be required and designate during the Convention the roll-call votes that must occur;
- (h) Establish the final sequence of legislative proposals in the agenda for the Division II business session at the annual Convention, within the provisions of Constitution 5.1.4.3.1; (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (i) Call for a special Convention of Division II; (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (j) Delegate to the Management Council responsibilities for specific matters it deems appropriate;
- (k) Approve recommendations of the Management Council (see Constitution 4.7);
- (l) Ratify, amend or rescind the actions of the Management Council (see Constitution 4.7);
- (m) Assure that there is gender and ethnic diversity among its membership, the membership of the Management Council (see Constitution 4.7) and the membership of each of the other bodies in the Division II governance structure;
- (n) Develop and approve the budget and the use of funds allotted to Division II (e.g., enhancement funds, funds for the operation of championships);
- (o) Approve regulations providing for expenditures and income to Division II;
- (p) Approve regulations providing for the administration of Division II championships;
- (q) Advise the Executive Committee concerning the employment of the NCAA president and concerning the oversight of his or her employment; (*Revised: 10/3/05*)
- (r) Convene same-site meetings, as necessary, with the Management Council; and
- (s) Appoint such committees or subcommittees as may be necessary for executing the provisions of this constitution or the Division II bylaws. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

4.3.2.1 Duties of the Chair. The chair of the Presidents Council shall: (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

- (a) Serve as a spokesperson for Division II;
- (b) Preside at Presidents Council meetings;
- (c) Preside at the Division II business session at the annual Convention;
- (d) Serve as a member of the Association’s Executive Committee;
- (e) Serve as chair of the Division II Administrative Committee; and
- (f) Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

4.3.2.2 Duties of the Vice-Chair. The vice-chair of the Presidents Council shall: (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

- (a) Take the chair’s place and perform the chair’s duties, if the chair is absent or incapacitated;
- (b) Report to the Division II membership at each annual Convention on the financial affairs of the division;
- (c) Serve as a member of the Association’s Executive Committee;
- (d) Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee; and
- (e) Serve as chair of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

4.3.3 Election/Term of Office.

4.3.3.1 Selection Process. When a vacancy on the Presidents Council occurs, a formal call for nominations shall be published in The NCAA News. In addition, an informational letter to solicit nominations will be mailed to institutions and conference offices in the region where the vacancy exists. The members of the Council shall select an individual to fill a vacancy after reviewing nominations submitted by institutions and/or conference offices. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.3.3.2 Term of Office. Members of the Presidents Council shall serve four-year terms. Presidents Council members are not eligible for immediate re-election. A Presidents Council member may be elected to an additional term on the Presidents Council after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on the Presidents Council may not serve further on the Presidents Council. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.3.3.2.1 Chair and Vice Chair. The chair and the vice chair of the Council shall each serve terms not to exceed two years. The chair and vice chair shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position. In addition, a member must serve a minimum of one year on the Presidents Council before serving as chair or vice-chair. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.3.3.3 Staggered Terms.

4.3.3.3.1 Chair and Vice Chair. The terms of service of the chair and vice chair of the Presidents Council shall expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.3.3.3.2 Members. The terms of service of Presidents Council members shall expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. Members may be appointed for less than full terms in order to accomplish this purpose. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.3.3.4 Determination of Full Term. Presidents Council members who serve more than one-half of a four-year term shall be considered to have served a full term and, thus, are not eligible for immediate re-election. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.3.4 Operating Rules.

4.3.4.1 Quorum. For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Presidents Council. For the Presidents Council to take action, a simple majority of Presidents Council members present and voting shall be required unless otherwise specified. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.3.4.2 Project Teams. The Presidents Council may establish project teams for a specified period of time to study and recommend courses of action on specific issues, and shall provide for a project team's appointment or election, tenure and duties, including the selection of the project team's chair. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7 DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

4.7.1 Composition. The Management Council shall be comprised of one administrator or representative from each of the Division II multisport voting conferences; one administrator or representative of Division II independent institutions provided there are at least six Division II independent institutions; and two "at-large" positions to enhance efforts to achieve diversity of representation. The members shall be representatives of Division II active member institutions. The members of the Council shall include: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/9/01, 1/14/02)*

- (a) At least four directors of athletics;
- (b) At least four senior woman administrators;
- (c) At least four faculty athletics representatives; and
- (d) At least one conference administrator.

4.7.1.1 Same Institution. To the extent possible, members of the Presidents Council (see Constitution 4.3) and the Management Council shall not be employed at the same institution. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7.1.2 Independent Institutions. The position reserved for a representative of independent institutions may not be filled by an individual from the same independent institution in successive terms. If the total number of independent institutions falls below six, the position allocated for independent institutions shall become an at-large position as soon as the position becomes vacant. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/9/01, 1/14/02)*

4.7.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Management Council shall: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) Implement policies adopted by the Association's Executive Committee and the Presidents Council;
- (b) Make recommendations to the Presidents Council on matters it deems appropriate;
- (c) Recommend the adoption of noncontroversial and intent-based amendments, administrative bylaws and regulations to govern Division II, subject to ratification by the Presidents Council;
- (d) Take final action on matters delegated to it by the Presidents Council;

- (e) Make interpretations of the bylaws of Division II;
- (f) Review and act on the recommendations of the Division II committee structure and the recommendations of Division II representatives to committees with Association-wide functions; *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*
- (g) Appoint the members of the Division II committee structure and appoint the Division II representatives to committees with Association-wide functions; *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*
- (h) Elect a chair and vice-chair; *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*
- (i) Organize and participate in an annual “summit” with the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*
- (j) Hear and act on appeals by member institutions of decisions made by a Division II committee or the NCAA staff regarding the application of NCAA legislation (excluding actions of any committee that has final authority over issues subject to appeal); and *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99, 1/13/03)*
- (k) Recommend the appointment of such committees or subcommittees as may be necessary for executing the provisions of this constitution or the Division II bylaws, subject to ratification by the Presidents Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7.2.1 Duties of the Chair. The chair of the Management Council shall: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 2/4/04)*

- (a) Preside at Management Council meetings;
- (b) Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Executive Committee;
- (c) Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee;
- (d) Report to the Division II membership at the annual Convention the activities of the Management Council and Division II committees;
- (e) Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of any Division II committee that reports to the Division II Management Council; and
- (f) Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

4.7.2.2 Duties of the Vice Chair. The vice chair of the Management Council shall: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 2/4/04)*

- (a) Take the chair’s place and perform the chair’s duties, if the chair is absent or incapacitated;
- (b) Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee;
- (c) Serve as a member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee; and
- (d) Serve as chair of the Division II Championships Committee.

4.7.2.3 Duties of the Management Council Subcommittee. The Management Council Subcommittee shall: *(Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 2/4/04, 4/15/08)*

- (a) Hear and act on appeals of the findings of major violations by the Committee on Infractions involving Division II institutions;
- (b) Hear and act on appeals regarding decisions of the Membership Committee involving the provisional membership status of Division II provisional member institutions or conferences;
- (c) Hear and act on appeals regarding decisions of the Academic Requirements Committee on initial-eligibility waivers involving Division II prospective student-athletes; *(Revised: 1/14/09)*
- (d) Hear and act on appeals regarding decisions of the Academic Requirements Committee on progress-toward-degree waivers involving Division II student-athletes; *(Revised: 10/17/06)*
- (e) Hear and act on appeals regarding decisions of the Academic Requirements Committee on waivers involving the Academic Performance Census and the Academic Success Rate; *(Adopted: 1/15/09, Revised: 4/23/09)*
- (f) Hear and act on appeals regarding decisions of the Amateurism Fact-Finding Group involving the amateur status of prospective student-athletes; and *(Adopted: 10/17/06)*
- (g) Hear and act on appeals regarding decisions of the Championships Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/09)*

4.7.2.3.1 Amateurism Fact-Finding Group.

4.7.2.3.1.1 Composition. The Amateurism Fact-Finding Group shall consist of five members appointed for one, four-year term by the Management Council (see Bylaw 21.8.2 regarding the term of office). *(Adopted: 10/17/06, Revised: 10/23/07)*

4.7.2.3.1.2 Duties. The group shall be responsible for making a determination of facts related to the certification of a prospective student-athlete’s amateur status on request of an institution. An institution may make such a request if it disagrees with the determination of facts rendered by the NCAA Eligibility Center. *(Adopted: 10/17/06, Revised: 4/23/07)*

4.7.2.3.1.3 Appeals. After the Amateurism Fact-Finding Group has acted on the amateurism certification of a prospective student-athlete, the involved institution may appeal the determination of facts to the Division II Management Council Subcommittee. The Management Council Subcommittee's determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by the Management Council or any other authority. *(Adopted: 10/17/06)*

4.7.3 Election/Term of Office.

4.7.3.1 Selection Process. When a vacancy on the Management Council occurs, each conference shall propose a slate of nominees that includes a director of athletics, a senior woman administrator and a faculty athletics representative and may include a conference administrator. The members of the Management Council shall select individuals to fill vacancies from the slates of nominees. Individuals selected by the Management Council must be ratified by the Presidents Council. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7.3.1.1 President or Chancellor Signature. Each conference must designate a president or chancellor from a member institution within the conference who shall sign the conference's nomination form before the form is submitted. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/3/05)*

4.7.3.2 Term of Office. Members of the Management Council shall serve four-year terms. Management Council members are not eligible for immediate re-election. A Management Council member may be elected to an additional term on the Management Council after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on the Management Council may not serve further on the Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7.3.2.1 Chair and Vice Chair. The chair and the vice chair of the Council shall each serve terms not to exceed two years. The chair and vice-chair shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position. In addition, a member must serve a minimum of one year on the Council before serving as chair or vice chair. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7.3.3 Staggered Terms.

4.7.3.3.1 Chair and Vice Chair. The terms of service of the chair and vice chair of the Management Council shall expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7.3.3.2 Members. The terms of service of Management Council members shall expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. Members may be appointed for less than full terms in order to accomplish this purpose. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7.3.4 Determination of Full Term. Management Council members who serve more than one-half of a four-year term shall be considered to have served a full term and, thus, are not eligible for immediate re-election. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7.4 Operating Rules.

4.7.4.1 Quorum. For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Management Council. For the Management Council to take action, a simple majority of Management Council members present and voting shall be required unless otherwise specified. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.7.4.2 Project Teams. The Management Council may establish project teams for a specified period of time to study and recommend courses of action on specific issues, and shall provide for a project team's appointment or election, tenure and duties, including the selection of the project team's chair. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

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, Revised: 12/5/06)*

4.10 DIVISION II ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

4.10.1 Composition. The Administrative Committee shall consist of five members, including the chairs and vice chairs of the Presidents Council and Management Council. The fifth member shall be another member of the Presidents Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.10.1.1 Chair. The chair of the Presidents Council shall serve as chair of the Administrative Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.10.2 Duties. The Administrative Committee shall transact items of business clearly necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of Division II in the interim between meetings of the Presidents Council and Management Council. The Presidents Council representatives on the Administrative Committee shall have the authority to act alone to transact items of business that clearly fall within the sole jurisdiction of the Presidents Council. The Administrative Committee may authorize the vice president for Division II to act for it in approving

routine waiver requests and sports committee recommendations, unless there is a question of interpretation or application, and these actions shall be subject to the approval of the Management Council and Presidents Council at their next regularly scheduled meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 5/17/04)*

4.10.3 Approval. All actions of the Administrative Committee shall be effective immediately and shall be reported to and subject to approval by the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council at their next regularly scheduled meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

4.12 DIVISION II PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

4.12.1 Composition. The Division II Planning and Finance Committee shall consist of seven members, including the vice chair of the Presidents Council, the vice chair of the Management Council, three additional members of the Presidents Council and two additional members of the Management Council. The chairs of the Presidents Council and the Management Council shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/21/08)*

4.12.1.1 Chair. The vice chair of the Division II Presidents Council shall serve as chair of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/21/08)*

4.12.2 Duties. The Division II Planning and Finance Committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/21/08)*

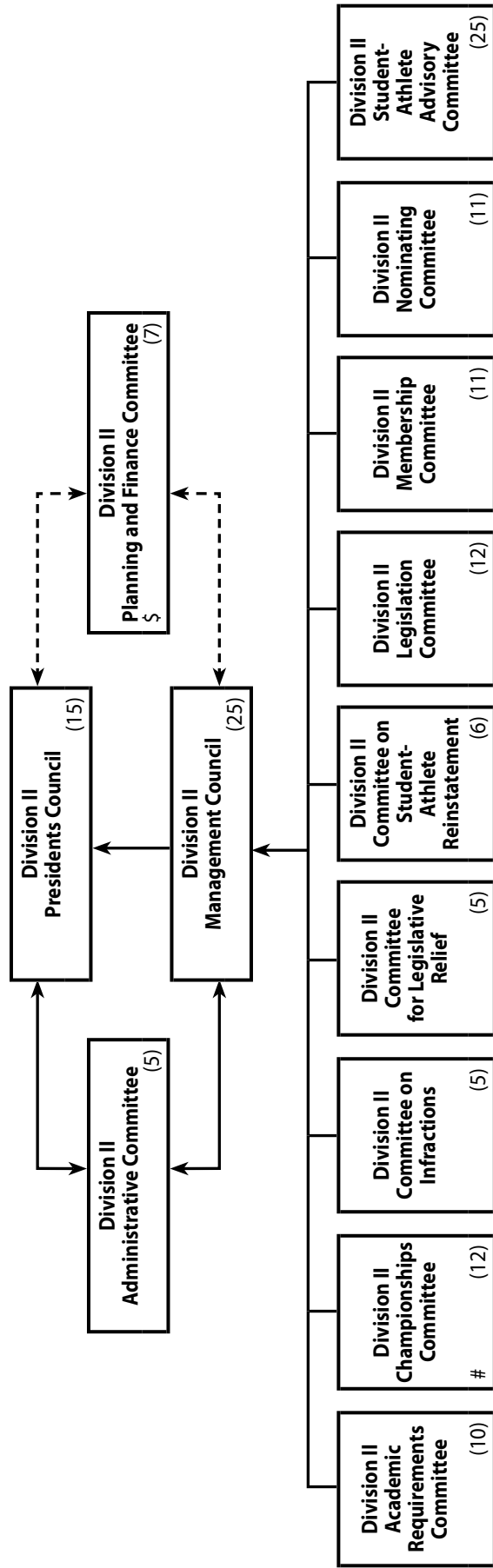
- (a) Review budgetary recommendations related to the annual Division II budget;
- (b) Advise both the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council regarding the division's financial affairs;
- (c) Monitor the Division II strategic plan, assess and report on its implementation and recommend updates of the plan, when necessary, consistent with the Division II philosophy, strategic position and direction from the Division II Presidents Council; and *(Adopted: 10/21/08)*
- (d) Provide regular reports on the implementation of the strategic plan to the Division II Management Council and Presidents Council. *(Adopted: 10/21/08)*

4.13 GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

4.13.1 Geographical Regions. For the purpose of representation on the Presidents Council, the Association shall be divided into geographical regions. The Division II geographical regions are as follows: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

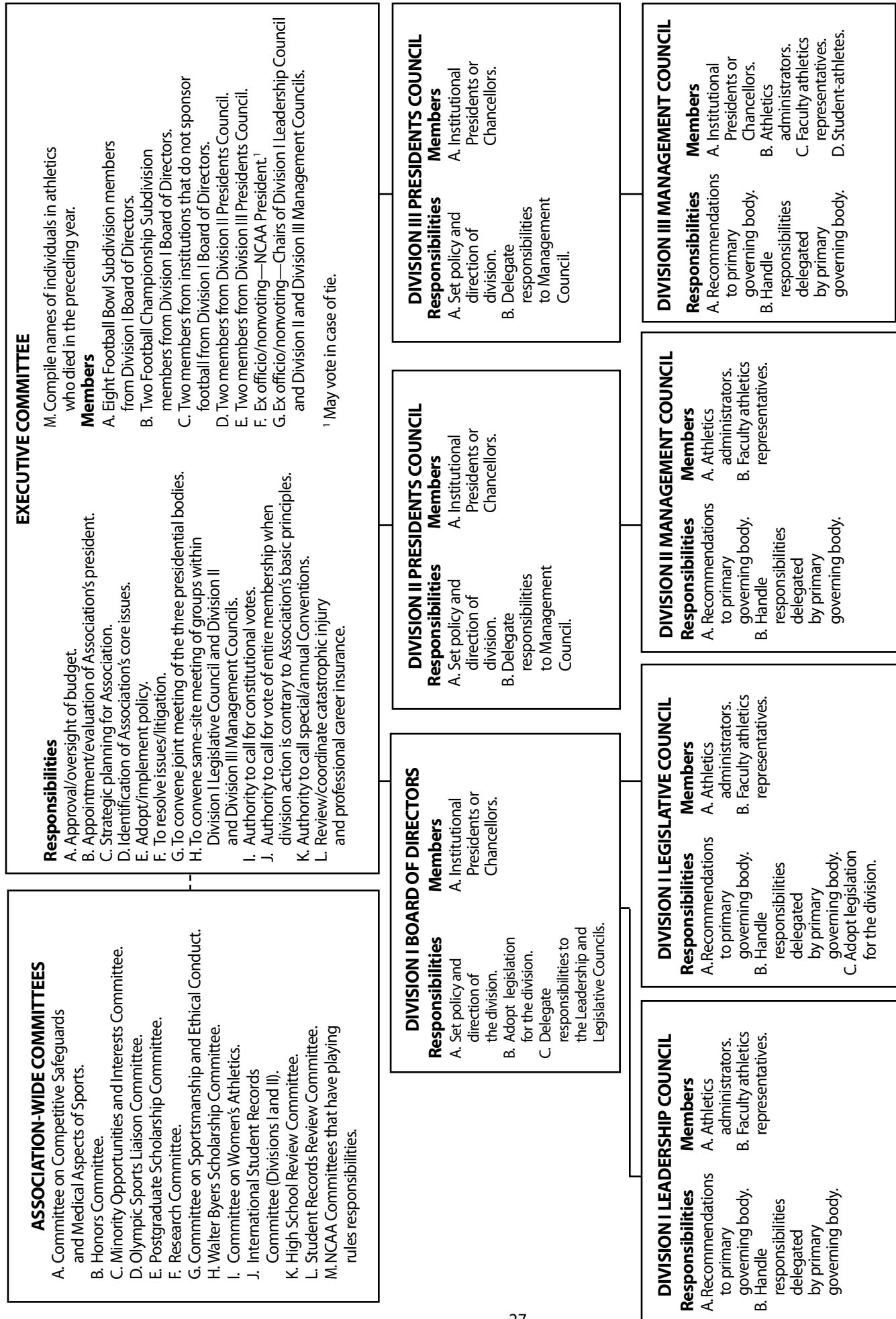
- (a) Region 1—Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia; *(Revised: 1/13/03)*
- (b) Region 2—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee; *(Revised: 1/13/03, 1/5/07)*
- (c) Region 3—Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin; and *(Revised: 1/13/03, 1/5/07)*
- (d) Region 4—Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming. *(Revised: 1/13/03)*

FIGURE 4-1
Division II Organizational Structure



() The number in the parenthetical represents the number of individuals serving on this group or committee.
 # Division II sports committees report and make recommendations directly to the Division II Championships Committee. Such Division II sports committees include the following: Baseball; Men's Basketball; Women's Basketball; Field Hockey; Football; Men's Golf; Women's Golf; Men's Lacrosse; Women's Lacrosse; Women's Rowing; Men's Soccer; Women's Soccer; Women's Softball; Swimming and Diving; Tennis; Track and Field; Women's Volleyball; and Wrestling.
 § The Division II Planning and Finance Committee is a group that advises both the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council regarding the division's financial affairs.

FIGURE 4-2
Association Governance Structure



CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5

Legislative Authority and Process

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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 entities 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 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 (*).

5.02.1.1.1 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)*

5.02.1.2 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)*

5.02.1.3 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, 3/17/06)*

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)*

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 Executive Committee, acting as the Convention program committee. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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 Executive Committee, which shall serve as the Convention arrangements committee.

5.1.2.3 Business and Discussion Sessions.

5.1.2.3.1 General Business Session. [*] When determined necessary by the Executive Committee, 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)*

5.1.2.3.2 Division Business Sessions. [*] An annual or special Convention shall include separate division business sessions to: *(Revised: 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; *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*
- (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 Corresponding, Affiliated and Provisional Delegates. [*] Each corresponding, affiliated and provisional member shall be entitled to one accredited delegate without voting privilege.

5.1.3.3 Visiting Delegates. [*] Member and nonmember institutions and organizations are authorized to send visiting delegates, who shall not have voting privileges.

5.1.3.4 Certification and Voting of Delegates. [*] The certification and voting of delegates shall be conducted as follows:

- (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; *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (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.

5.1.3.5 Delegate Participation in Conventions and Meetings.

5.1.3.5.1 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: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

- (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; *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

- (b) The single accredited delegate authorized in Constitution 5.1.3.1.2 to represent a member conference without voting privileges or in Constitution 5.1.3.2 to represent an affiliated, corresponding or provisional member;
- (c) Any member of the Executive Committee, the 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 *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*
- (d) Any member of a division's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*

5.1.3.5.2 Visiting Delegate. [*] Visiting delegates authorized in Constitution 5.1.3.3 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 on 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 amendment that contemplates the greatest modification of the present circumstance, followed by the other amendments in the order of decreasing modification. Once an amendment in such a grouping is adopted, those that follow ordinarily will become moot. *(Revised: 1/6/07)*

5.1.4.3.2 Legislation at General Session. [*] Dominant legislation per Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere, and federated legislation determined by the Executive Committee 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)*

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 Single-Gender Athletics Program. An active member or member conference with no men's athletics program shall not be permitted to vote on issues affecting only men's athletics, and an active member or member conference with no women's athletics program shall not be permitted to vote on issues affecting only women's athletics.

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:

- (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. *(Revised: 1/3/07)*
- (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 in accordance with Constitution 4.3.2-(g) and 4.4.2-(f) or Division I override votes in accordance with Constitution 5.3.2.3, 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 following 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. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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, executive regulations, enforcement policies and procedures) 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 division presidential administrative group, the Division I Legislative Council and the Division III Management Council. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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 per Constitution 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, the Division II Management Council per Constitution 4.7 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 relevant sections of Constitution 5.3.4. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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 per Constitution 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, the Division II Management Council per Constitution 4.7 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 relevant sections of Constitution 5.3.8. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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 enforcement program, subject to approval by the Management Council. 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.

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 5.4.2).

5.2.5 Interpretations of Constitution and Bylaws. [*] The governance entities per Constitution 4 and the divisional interpretative committee, in the interim between meetings of the 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)*

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. [*] 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, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

5.3.1.1.1 Noncontroversial Amendment. The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council, in the interim between annual Conventions, by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting, may adopt noncontroversial legislative amendments clearly necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the division's legislation. The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council, shall sponsor legislation at the next annual Convention to confirm the adoption of such amendments. (*Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/10/05, 1/9/06, 4/11/06*)

5.3.1.1.2 Emergency Legislation. The Presidents Council may adopt "emergency" legislation that shall be effective immediately in situations when the NCAA must respond to, or comply with, a court, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) or government order or when the Presidents Council deems it appropriate to limit or avoid NCAA liability as a result of litigation, ADR or governmental proceedings. Such "emergency" legislation shall be adopted by at least a three-fourths majority of the members of the Presidents Council present and voting. Further, "emergency legislation" adopted by the Presidents Council must be ratified by the Division II membership at the next regularly scheduled NCAA Convention. (*Adopted: 1/11/00*)

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 amendments may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original. After September 15, amendments may be amended only if the amendment to the amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/6/07*)

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 amendments may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original. 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, Revised: 1/6/07*)

5.3.1.4 Amendment-to-Amendment—Federated Provisions. A proposed amendment to a federated provision of the bylaws may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15 through September 15, sponsors of proposed amendments may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original. 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. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/6/07*)

5.3.2 Sponsorship—Amendments to Dominant Provisions.

5.3.2.1 Amendment. [*] An amendment to a dominant provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may be sponsored by the Executive Committee. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

5.3.2.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. [*] An amendment-to-amendment to a dominant provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may be sponsored by the Executive Committee. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

5.3.2.3 Editorial Changes. [*] The presiding officer may permit changes in the wording of proposed amendments of a purely editorial nature or to correct typographical errors.

5.3.3 Sponsorship—Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

5.3.3.1 Amendment. An amendment to a division dominant provision may be sponsored by the appropriate divisional presidential administrative group. (*Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

5.3.3.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment-to-amendment to a division dominant provision may be sponsored by the appropriate divisional presidential administrative group. (*Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

5.3.3.3 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*)

5.3.4 Sponsorship—Amendments to Legislation.

5.3.4.1 Amendment. An amendment to a provision of the bylaws may be sponsored by: (*Adopted: 1/9/96 Revised: 1/14/97*)

- (a) The Presidents Council;
- (b) Fifteen or more active member institutions with voting privileges on written verification of sponsorship signed by each sponsoring member's president or chancellor or the president or chancellor's designated representative; or (*Revised: 10/3/05*)

- (c) At least two member conferences with voting privileges when submitted by the chief elected officer or president or chancellor of the conferences on behalf of 15 or more of their active member institutions and signed by the chairs of the conferences' official presidential administrative groups or at least two presidents or chancellors of a conference's member institutions if a conference has no presidential administrative group. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*

5.3.4.1.1 Amendment, Federated Provision. When legislation is applicable only to a particular division, only members of that division may submit amendments to that legislation. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96, 1/14/97)*

5.3.4.1.2 Primary Contact Person. All amendments to the constitution and bylaws proposed by member institutions shall designate a primary contact person. *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 1/14/97, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01)*

5.3.4.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment of a provision of the bylaws may be sponsored by: *(Adopted: 1/9/96, 1/14/97, Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01)*

- (a) The Presidents Council;
- (b) Eight or more active member institutions with voting privileges when submitted in writing by each institution's president or chancellor or the president or chancellor's designated representative; or *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (c) At least one member conference with voting privileges when submitted by the chief elected officer or president or chancellor of the conferences on behalf of eight or more of their active member institutions, and signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative group or at least two presidents or chancellors of a conference's member institutions, if a conference has no presidential administrative group. *(Revised: 1/14/02, 10/3/05)*

5.3.4.2.1 Primary Contact Person. All amendments-to-amendments to the constitution and bylaws proposed by member institutions shall designate a primary contact person. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 1/14/97, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01)*

5.3.4.3 Editorial Changes. The presiding officer may permit changes in the wording of proposed amendments of a purely editorial nature or to correct typographical errors. *(Revised: 1/9/96, 1/14/97)*

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 Executive Committee in accordance with the following deadlines: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) Annual Convention—September 1.
- (b) Special Convention—Ninety days preceding a special Convention.

5.3.5.1.1.1 Exception. [*] The Executive Committee, 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)*

5.3.5.1.2 Amendments-to-Amendments. [*] The Executive Committee must submit amendments to its original amendments 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. Any amendment-to-amendment submitted after September 15 shall not increase the modification of the original 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 Executive Committee may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention without meeting these procedural requirements, provided the amendment-to-amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the Executive Committee and copies are distributed before or during the business session. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 3/1/06, 1/6/07)*

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 amendments 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. Any amendment-to-amendment submitted after September 15 shall not increase the modification of the original 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 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, 1/6/07*)

5.3.5.3 Legislation.

5.3.5.3.1 Amendment. Deadline dates for receipt at the national office of proposed amendments are as follows: (*Revised: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

5.3.5.3.1.1 Amendment Proposed by Membership.

- (a) Annual Convention—5 p.m. Eastern time July 15 (conference-sponsored amendments must meet the July 15 deadline, and the required president or chancellor signatures for these amendments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time August 1). (*Revised: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90, 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 10/3/05, 3/1/06, 1/6/07*)
- (b) Special Convention—Ninety days before a special Convention. (*Revised: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90*)

5.3.5.3.1.1.1 Exception. The Presidents Council, 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 July 15. (*Revised: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

5.3.5.3.1.2 Amendments Sponsored by Presidents Council.

- (a) Annual Convention—September 1. (*Adopted: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90, Revised: 1/11/94*)
- (b) Special Convention—Ninety days before a special Convention. (*Adopted: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90*)

5.3.5.3.1.2.1 Exception—Annual Convention. The Presidents Council, by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting, may submit amendments after September 1 when necessitated by action taken by Division I or Division III. In such instances, the Presidents Council shall submit amendments not later than November 1. (*Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01*)

5.3.5.3.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. Sponsors of proposed amendments must submit amendments to their original amendments in writing and such amendments-to-amendments must be received at the Association's national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15, unless the amendment-to-amendment does not increase the modification specified in the original. Any amendment-to-amendment submitted after September 15 shall not increase the modification of the original and must be submitted in writing and received at the Association's national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention. (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 3/1/06, 1/6/07*)

5.3.5.3.2.1 Exception—Presidents Council. The Presidents Council may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention without meeting these procedural requirements, provided that in each instance the proposed amendment to an amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the Council and copies are distributed before or during the business sessions. (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

5.3.5.3.3 Cost Considerations. The Presidents Council may require the sponsors of each proposed amendment or amendment-to-amendment that, if adopted, would result in significant expenditures from the division's budget and/or by member institutions to provide written documentation of the estimated costs to the division and/or the members. (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

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 Executive Committee shall be published for the information of the membership as follows: (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

- (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 Executive Committee 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)*

5.3.6.1.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. [*] Copies of all amendments-to-amendments to dominant provisions submitted by the Executive Committee 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)*

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 23 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 mailed to members of the appropriate division not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days before a special Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.6.2.3 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 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)*

5.3.6.3 Amendments to Legislation.

5.3.6.3.1 Initial Publication. Proposed amendments shall be published for the information of the appropriate division as follows: *(Adopted: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90, Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) Not later than August 15—Those proposed by the membership, including the primary contact person's name, title and member institution or member conference, as well as the sponsors' statements of intent and rationale and any amendments designated for inclusion by the Presidents Council; and *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/6/07)*
- (b) Not later than September 23—Those submitted by the Presidents Council and those modified by the sponsors; or *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94)*
- (c) Not later than 75 days before a special Convention—All proposed amendments.

5.3.6.3.2 Official Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be mailed to members of the appropriate division not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days before a special Convention. *(Revised: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.6.3.3 Delayed Date. If the Presidents Council establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments 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. *(Revised: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.6.3.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. Copies of all amendments-to-amendments submitted by the amendment's original sponsors 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. *(Revised: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90, 1/10/90, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/6/07)*

5.3.7 Committee Review—Legislation. All amendments submitted by the membership per Constitution 5.3.4 shall be evaluated by an appropriate NCAA committee before they can be included on the agenda for an NCAA Convention. Such evaluation may involve a position of support or opposition and/or a suggestion of an alternative amendment by the committee. The committee shall complete its evaluation not later than October 7. The committee position, if any, shall not prevent the membership from voting on the amendment at the next Convention, provided all appropriate submission deadlines have been met. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/6/07)*

5.3.7.1 Committee Designation. The Presidents Council shall assign each amendment to the appropriate committee(s) for evaluation and shall designate a subcommittee of itself or the Management Council or a special committee when no appropriate committee exists. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/6/07)*

5.3.7.2 Publication of Committee Position. The position of the appropriate committee shall be printed with the relevant amendment in the Official Notice of the NCAA Convention. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/6/07)*

5.3.8 Adoption of Amendment, Voting Requirements.

5.3.8.1 Voting Requirement Determination. [*] The Executive Committee 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)*

5.3.8.2 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)*

5.3.8.3 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: 1/3/07)*

5.3.8.3.1 Amendment to Voting Line of Division Dominant Provision. Adoption of an amendment to the voting line of a division dominant provision shall require a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the division's annual or special Convention. *(Adopted: 4/17/07)*

5.3.8.4 Federated Provision. Adoption of an amendment to a federated provision shall require a majority vote of the delegates present and voting of one or more division(s) of the Association, acting separately, at an annual or special Convention or at a division legislative meeting of the Association. Such legislation shall apply only to the division(s) adopting it. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.8.4.1 Amendment to Voting Line of Federated Provision. Adoption of an amendment to the voting line of a federated provision shall require a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the division's annual or special Convention. *(Adopted: 4/17/07)*

5.3.9 Adoption of Amendment-to-Amendment, Voting Requirements.

5.3.9.1 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)*

5.3.9.2 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)*

5.3.9.3 Federated Provision. A proposed amendment to an amendment of a federated 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)*

5.3.10 Special Voting Requirements. [*] The following topics are subject to special voting requirements.

5.3.10.1 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)*

5.3.10.2 Division Championship. A division championship per Bylaw 18.02.1.2 may be established by a majority vote of all members present and voting at an annual Convention, subject to all requirements, standards and conditions prescribed in Bylaw 18.2. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.10.3 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)*

5.3.10.4 Challenged Action. [*] The action of any specific division challenged by the Executive Committee 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)*

5.3.11 Intent and Rationale.

5.3.11.1 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)*

5.3.11.2 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)*

5.3.11.3 Amendments to Federated Provisions. All amendments to federated 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)*

5.3.12 Effective Date.

5.3.12.1 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 after adoption by the Convention. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.12.1.1 Alternative to August 1 Effective Date. [*] If a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date before 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 on adjournment of the Convention. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.12.2 Division Dominant Provisions. All amendments to division dominant provisions shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August after adoption by the Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.12.2.1 Alternative to August 1 Effective Date. If a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date before 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 on adjournment of the Convention. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.12.3 Federated Provisions. All amendments to federated provisions shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August after adoption by the Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.12.3.1 Alternative to August 1 Effective Date. If a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date before 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 on adjournment of the Convention. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.13 Reconsideration.

5.3.13.1 Vote on Dominant Provisions. [*] Before 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 that voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.3.13.2 Vote on Division Dominant Provisions. Before 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 that 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)*

5.3.13.3 Vote on Federated Provisions. Before adjournment of any Convention, an affirmative or negative vote on an amendment to a federated provision may be subjected to one motion for reconsideration of that action by any member that 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 Legislation Committee, in the interim between meetings of the Management Council, is empowered to make interpretations of the constitution and bylaws (see Constitution 5.2.5). *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.1.1.1 Modification of Wording. In addition to its general authority to make binding interpretations of NCAA legislation, the Management 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 Management Council shall sponsor legislation at the next annual Convention to confirm any such interpretations. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.1.2 Interpretation Process.

5.4.1.2.1 Division II Process.

5.4.1.2.1.1 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, 10/21/08)*

5.4.1.2.1.1.1 Appeal of Staff Interpretation. A member institution may appeal a staff interpretation to the Legislation 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 such interpretations on behalf of the institution [i.e., president or chancellor, faculty athletics representative, athletics director, senior woman administrator, compliance coordinator, or designated substitute(s) 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, 10/3/05, 10/21/08)*

5.4.1.2.1.1.2 Review of Staff Interpretations. The Legislation Committee, or an entity designated by the Legislation Committee, shall review all staff interpretations. *(Adopted: 10/21/08)*

5.4.1.2.1.1.3 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 Legislation Committee, or an entity designated by the Legislation Committee. A staff interpretation that has been reviewed and approved by the Legislation Committee, or an entity designated by the Legislation Committee, shall be binding on all other institutions on publication to the membership (e.g., announced on the NCAA Web site or Legislative Services Database for the Internet). *(Adopted: 10/21/08)*

5.4.1.2.1.2 Review of Legislation Committee Decision. The Management Council shall review all interpretations issued by the Legislation Committee and may approve, reverse or modify such interpretations. A member institution may appeal a decision of the Legislation Committee to the Management Council meeting immediately after the decision of the committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution's president or chancellor, faculty athletics representative or director of athletics. The Management Council shall establish the procedures for such an appeal. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/3/05)*

5.4.1.2.1.3 Publication or Notification. Interpretations issued by the Legislation Committee shall be binding on notification to affected institutions and on all member institutions after publication and circulation to the membership. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.1.2.1.4 Revision. Interpretations approved by the Management Council may not be revised by the Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee may only recommend to the Management Council revisions of such interpretations. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.1.3 Application. An interpretation of the constitution or bylaws shall be applicable to the membership division(s) to which the provision applies.

5.4.1.4 Request for Convention Review. Any member of the Association to which an interpretation applies may request a review of the interpretation at the next annual Convention by making such a request in writing to the Association's Convention office before 1 p.m. on the day before the division business sessions of the Convention.

5.4.1.4.1 Affirmation of Interpretation. An interpretation of the constitution or bylaws submitted for review requires the same vote for affirmation that would be required for an amendment of the provisions to which the interpretation applies (e.g., majority vote of the delegates present and voting in the appropriate division for an interpretation of a federated provision). An interpretation that fails to receive the required vote for affirmation shall not be binding on the membership.

5.4.1.5 Amendment by Membership. A proposed amendment to an existing interpretation must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Constitution 5.3.4.

5.4.1.6 Convention-Approved Interpretations. All interpretations approved by the Convention shall be incorporated into the constitution or bylaws.

5.4.1.7 Committee for Legislative Relief (formerly known as Administrative Review Subcommittee). An institution may appeal a decision of the NCAA staff regarding the application of NCAA legislation to a particular situation to the committee when no other committee, subcommittee or conference 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 Management Council shall establish the process for such a review, shall monitor the actions taken under this authorization, and shall report annually to the membership the actions taken, in summary, aggregate form. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/8/00, 4/15/08)*

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 Executive Committee. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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 before November 1. The Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee and copies are distributed during the business sessions. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

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 Executive Committee. 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)*

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 before 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)*

5.4.2.5 Federated Provisions.

5.4.2.5.1 Sponsorship. A resolution related to a federated provision may be sponsored by: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) The Presidents Council;
- (b) Fifteen or more active member institutions with voting privileges on written verification of sponsorship signed by each sponsoring member's president or chancellor or the president or chancellor's designated representative; or *(Revised: 1/11/89 effective 2/1/90, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 10/3/05)*
- (c) At least two member conferences with voting privileges when submitted by the chief elected officer or president or chancellor of the conferences on behalf of 15 or more of their active member institutions and signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two presidents or chancellors of a conference's member institutions if a conference has no presidential administrative group.

5.4.2.5.2 Submission Deadline. A proposed resolution related to a federated provision must be submitted in writing to the national office before November 1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.2.5.2.1 Exception. The applicable Presidents Council 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 Presidents Council and copies are distributed before or during the business sessions. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.2.5.3 Cost Considerations. The sponsors of each proposed resolution that, if adopted, would require significant expenditures from the division's budget and/or by member institutions shall provide, before the deadline set forth in this section, written documentation of the estimated costs to the Association and/or the members. The information shall be included with the copy of the proposed resolution distributed to the membership. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

5.4.2.5.4 Voting Requirements.

5.4.2.5.4.1 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)*

5.4.2.5.4.2 Mail Ballot. If a majority of the delegates of the applicable division present and voting so direct, a resolution shall be referred to the members of the applicable division for a mail vote conducted by the officers under conditions approved by the Presidents Council. 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.

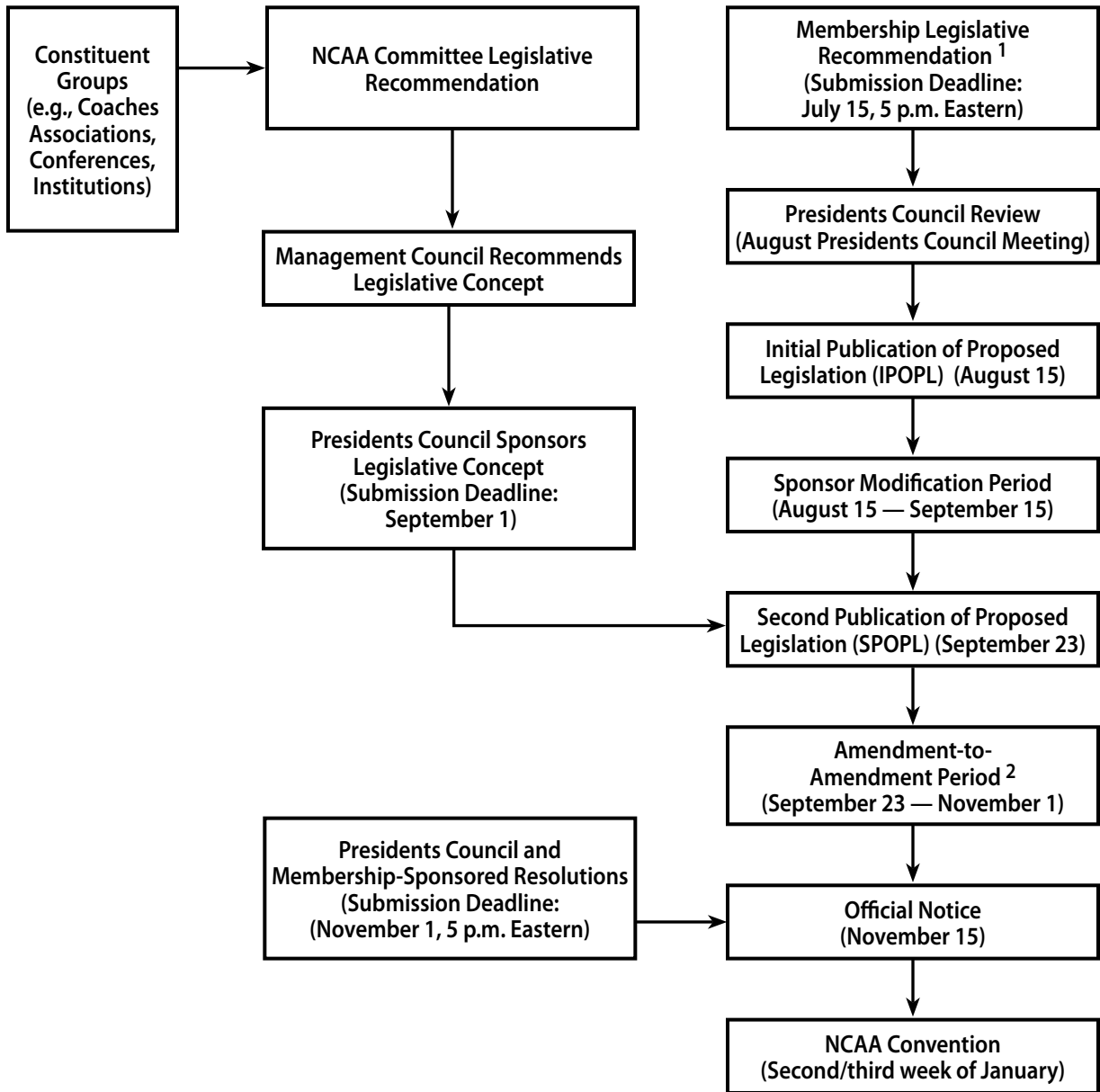
5.4.4.1 Authorization. Each division or subdivision, through appropriate deliberative processes, may prepare a statement of division philosophy relating to the development and operation of an intercollegiate athletics program in the division or subdivision.

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 at any annual or special Convention by a majority vote of the delegates of the appropriate division present and voting. If a statement of division philosophy is adopted, it shall be published in the NCAA Manual. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

FIGURE 5-1

NCAA Division II Legislative Process



1 Per NCAA Constitution 5.3.4.1, legislative recommendations from the membership may be sponsored by 15 or more active member institutions with voting privileges or at least two voting member conferences.

2 Per Constitution 5.3.4.2, an amendment-to-amendment may be sponsored by the Presidents Council, eight or more active member institutions with voting privileges or at least one voting member conference.

Institutional Control

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6.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*

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: 10/3/05)*

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: 10/3/05)*

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: 10/3/05)*

6.2.3 Financial Report.

6.2.3.1 Requirement. At least once every three years, all expenses and revenues for or on behalf of a Division II member institution's intercollegiate athletics programs, including those by any affiliated or outside organization, agency or group of individuals (two or more), shall be subject to agreed-on procedures approved by the Division II membership (in addition to any regular financial reporting policies and procedures of the institution) conducted for the institution by a qualified independent accountant who is not a staff member of the institution and who is selected either by the institution's president or chancellor or by an institutional administrator from outside the athletics department designated by the president or chancellor. If, within the last three years, the institution has conducted an overall institutional audit that includes a financial audit of all athletics department funds, then the institution is not required to perform a separate financial audit of all athletics department expenditures. *(Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/10/05, 10/3/05)*

6.2.3.1.1 Schedule. The report created pursuant to the approved procedures shall be completed and presented to the president or chancellor on or before January 15 after the end of the institution's fiscal year. *(Revised: 1/10/05, 10/3/05, 9/8/08)*

6.3 SELF-STUDY AND EVALUATION

6.3.1 Self-Study Report. Institutions shall conduct a comprehensive self-study and evaluation of their intercollegiate athletics programs at least once every five years, using the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG). The report of the self-study and supporting documentation shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the Association. Subjects covered by the self-study shall include: *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) Institutional purpose and athletics philosophy;
- (b) The authority of the president or chancellor in personnel and financial affairs; *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (c) Athletics organization and administration;
- (d) Finances;
- (e) Personnel;
- (f) Sports programs;
- (g) Recruiting policies;
- (h) Services for student-athletes; and
- (i) Student-athlete profiles.

6.3.1.1 Deadline. The Institutional Self-Study Guide must be postmarked by June 1 of the year it is due to the national office, based on the published schedule for Division II member institutions. *(Adopted: 10/17/06)*

6.3.1.1.1 Extension. The Membership Committee may approve additional time for an institution to complete the required self-study and evaluation of its intercollegiate athletics program if extraordinary circumstances warrant such action (e.g., change in administration). Such requests must be received in the NCAA national office by March 1 of the year the self-study is due to the national office. *(Adopted: 7/22/08)*

6.3.1.2 Failure to Complete Self-Study Report. Institutions failing to complete the self-study report within the five-year time period shall be placed on probation for one year pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.3 and shall not be eligible to receive Division II Enhancement Funds proceeds. An institution that fails to complete the self-study report during the probationary year shall be fined \$1,000, placed on restricted membership status pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.5, shall not be eligible to receive Division II Enhancement Funds proceeds and shall not be eligible for NCAA championships competition in all sports. In order for an institution to be removed from probation or restricted membership status, the institution must supply the Membership Committee with a complete self-study report including the institution's action plan. The Membership Committee may remove an institution from probation or restricted membership status by a two-thirds vote of the Membership Committee members present and voting. A notice of any action taken by the Membership Committee shall be given in writing to the president or chancellor of an institution. *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

6.4 RESPONSIBILITY 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 or organization, including corporate entities (e.g., apparel and equipment companies), when a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration, or an athletics department staff member, has knowledge that such agency or organization is promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program. *(Revised: 1/14/02)*

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 when a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration has knowledge or should have knowledge that such an individual:

- (a) Has participated in or is a member of an agency or organization, including corporate entities (e.g., apparel and equipment companies), as described in Constitution 6.4.1; *(Revised: 1/14/02)*
- (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.

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10.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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 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: 1/8/07 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: 1/8/07 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 may include, but is not limited to, the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96)*

- (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 arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete;
- (c) Knowing involvement in offering or providing a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefit or improper financial aid; *(Revised: 1/9/96)*
- (d) Knowingly furnishing the NCAA or the individual's institution false or misleading information concerning the individual's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of an NCAA regulation;
- (e) 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"); *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 4/26/06)*
- (f) Knowingly providing a student-athlete with a banned substance, impermissible supplement, or medications contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state or federal law. This provision shall not apply to banned substances for which the student-athlete has received a medical exception per Bylaw 31.2.3.5; however, the substance must be provided in accordance with medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care and state or federal law; *(Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 4/26/06, 5/29/08)*
- (g) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA or institution's admissions office regarding an individual's academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades, test scores); *(Revised: 4/26/06)*
- (h) Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with entrance or placement examinations; *(Revised: 4/26/06, 1/5/07)*

- (i) Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent otherwise to deceive; or (*Revised: 4/26/06, 1/5/07*)
- (j) 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. (*Adopted: 1/5/07*)

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 on the list of banned drugs, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.4, shall follow institutional procedures dealing with drug abuse or shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.5.2.2.

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: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

- (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 sport or institutional practice or 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: 1/8/07 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: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

10.3.2 Sanctions. [#] The following sanctions for violations of Bylaw 10.3 shall apply:

- (a) A student-athlete who engages in activities designed to influence the outcome of an intercollegiate contest or in an effort to affect win-loss margins (i.e., "point shaving") or who solicits or accepts a bet or participates in any sports wagering activity involving the student-athlete's institution shall permanently lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. (*Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)
- (b) A student-athlete who participates in any sports wagering activity through the Internet, a bookmaker or a parlay card shall be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for a minimum period of one year from the date of the institution's determination that a violation has occurred and shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of eligibility. If the student-athlete is determined to have been involved in a violation of any portion of 10.3, the student-athlete shall permanently lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. (*Adopted: 1/8/01, Revised: 4/11/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

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 (see Bylaw 10.3.2 for sanctions of student-athletes involved in violations of Bylaw 10.3). 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 19.5.2.2 of the NCAA enforcement procedures, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual's previous employment at another member institution. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/8/01, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

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11.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

11.02.1 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.

11.02.2 Supplemental Pay. Supplemental pay is the payment of cash over and above an athletics department staff member's institutional salary by an outside source for the purpose of increasing that staff member's annual earnings.

11.1 CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL

11.1.1 Standards of Honesty and Sportsmanship. Individuals employed by or associated with a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports. (See Bylaw 10 for more specific ethical-conduct standards.)

11.1.2 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 the provisions of the NCAA enforcement procedures, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual's previous employment at another member institution.

11.1.2.1 Responsibility of Head Coach. It shall be the responsibility of an institution's head coach to promote an atmosphere for compliance within the program supervised by the coach and to monitor the activities regarding compliance of all assistant coaches and other administrators involved with the program who report directly or indirectly to the coach. *(Adopted: 1/17/09)*

11.1.3 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.

11.1.4 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 11.1.4.1, and shall not receive compensation or gratuities of any kind, directly or indirectly, for such services. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94)*

11.1.4.1 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]. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05)*

11.1.5 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, 4/16/97 effective 8/1/97)*

11.2 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

11.2.1 Stipulation That NCAA Enforcement Provisions Apply. Contractual agreements or appointments between a coach and an institution shall include the stipulation that a coach 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 enforcement procedures, including suspension without pay or termination of employment for significant or repetitive violations. *(Revised: 4/29/04)*

11.3 COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION

See Bylaw 11.02 for additional regulations regarding coaches' 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 Promotional Activities. A staff member of a member institution's athletics department may not be compensated by an individual or commercial business outside of the institution for employment or assistance in the production, distribution or sale of items (e.g., calendars, pictures, posters, advertisements, cards) bearing the names or pictures of student-athletes. The use of the names or pictures of student-athletes on promotional items is limited to institutionally controlled activities involving the sale of official institutional publications and team or individual pictures by the institution. This restriction shall apply even if the promotional item is provided without charge to the public by an outside individual or commercial business that produces or purchases the item through the assistance of the institution's staff member.

11.3.2.2 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)*

11.3.3 Employment with Professional Sports Organizations. Institutional staff members may be employed by a professional sports organization in accordance with institutional policies. *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

11.4 EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL, PREPARATORY SCHOOL OR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES

11.4.1 Graduate Teaching Assistant. A member institution may provide legitimate compensation to a high school coach who is also a graduate teaching assistant enrolled in a bona fide postgraduate program conducted by the institution.

11.4.2 Institutional Camp or Clinic. 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.

11.4.3 High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coach. An institution may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach, provided the individual: *(Revised: 3/25/05)*

- (a) Performs actual, on-the-field coaching duties;
- (b) Is involved in recruiting only to the same extent as other institutional on-the-field coaches; and
- (c) Is under contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year; however, the member institution is permitted to confine its compensation to such a coach to a shorter period of time, such as a sport season.

11.5 CERTIFICATION TO RECRUIT OFF CAMPUS

11.5.1 Regulations. The provisions of this section apply to all sports. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/93)*

11.5.1.1 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: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/93)*

11.5.1.1.1 Certification Administration. Such certification procedures shall be established by the NCAA national office in a standardized format 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 covering NCAA recruiting legislation, including Bylaw 13 and other bylaws [e.g., Bylaws 15.3 (terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid) 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. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/93, Revised: 1/16/93)*

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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" versus "Student-Athlete." NCAA amateur status may be lost as a result of activities before enrollment in college. If NCAA rules specify that an "individual" may or may not participate in certain activities, this term refers to a person before 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.

12.01.5 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports. Beginning with the second year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.6), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable amateurism legislation set forth in Bylaw 12. (*Adopted: 5/13/08*)

12.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

12.02.1 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.

12.02.2 Pay. Pay is the receipt of funds, awards or benefits not permitted by the governing legislation of the Association for participation in athletics.

12.02.3 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.

12.02.4 Professional Athletics Team. A professional team is any organized team that: (*Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

- (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 following, 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:
- (1) Meals directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition;
 - (2) Lodging directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition;
 - (3) Apparel, equipment and supplies;
 - (4) Coaching and instruction;
 - (5) Health/medical insurance;
 - (6) Transportation (i.e., expenses to and from practice and competition, cost of from transportation home to training/practice site at the beginning of the season and from training/practice site to home at the end of season);
 - (7) Medical treatment and physical therapy;
 - (8) Facility usage;
 - (9) Entry fees; and
 - (10) Other reasonable expenses; or (*Revised: 1/12/04, 4/28/05*)
- (b) Declares itself to be professional.

12.02.5 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 3.2.4.4. A student is not deemed a student-athlete solely on the basis of prior high school athletics participation.

12.1 GENERAL REGULATIONS

An individual must comply with the following to retain amateur status. (See Bylaw 14 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 (e.g., including a two-year and four-year college transfer initially enrolling at an NCAA Division II 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: 1/5/07, 5/4/07)*

12.1.1.1 Amateurism Certification Process. An institution shall use an eligibility center approved by the Executive Committee 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 all final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 5/4/07)*

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 requesting a final amateurism certification or his or her initial full-time collegiate enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 5/4/07)*

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 II institution) from the time he or she requests a final certification be issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center or he or she initially enrolls as a full-time student at an NCAA Division I or II institution (whichever occurs earlier). *(Adopted: 5/4/07)*

12.1.1.1.2.2 Sharing Information and Reporting Discrepancies. An institution is responsible for notifying the NCAA Eligibility Center when it receives additional information, or otherwise has cause to believe, that a previously certified prospective student-athlete's amateur status has been jeopardized. Further, an institution is responsible for promptly reporting all discrepancies in information related to a student-athlete's amateurism certification to the NCAA Eligibility Center. *(Adopted: 5/4/07)*

12.1.1.1.3 Eligibility for Practice and Competition. Prior to engaging in practice or competition, a student-athlete shall receive a certification of amateur status for activities that occur prior to the certification or initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution (whichever occurs earlier). *(Adopted: 5/4/07)*

12.1.1.1.3.1 Participation Before Certification—Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the student-athlete's amateur status has been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as an amateur (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing 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: 4/23/07)*

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: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

- (a) Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, uses his or her athletics skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport;
- (b) Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, accepts a promise of pay even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation;
- (c) Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, signs a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received;
- (d) Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, 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) Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, competes on any professional athletics team (per Bylaw 12.02.4), even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received; or (*Revised: 1/13/03, 4/9/07*)
- (f) Enters into an agreement with an agent either prior to or following initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

12.1.2.1 Prohibited Forms of Pay. The prohibition against “pay” as used in Bylaw 12.1.2 above is applicable only to individuals following initial full-time collegiate enrollment and includes, but is not limited to, the following: (*Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01*)

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 from Outside Sports Team or Organization—Following Collegiate Enrollment. Educational expenses provided to an individual following collegiate enrollment by an outside sports team or organization that are based in any degree on the recipient’s athletics ability [except as specified in Bylaw 15.2.5.4], even if the funds are given to the institution to administer to the recipient. (*Revised: 1/10/95, 1/8/01*)

12.1.2.1.3.1.1 Educational Expenses—U.S. Olympic Committee and U.S. National Governing Body. An individual may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee or the U.S. national governing body (NGB) (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country), in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.5.5. (*Adopted: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 1/8/01, 1/14/02*)

12.1.2.1.3.1.2 Educational Expenses—Professional Team or League. An individual may receive educational expenses awarded by a professional team or league, in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.5.6. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

12.1.2.1.4 Expenses, Awards and Benefits. Excessive or improper expenses, awards and benefits (see Bylaw 16 regarding permissible awards, benefits and expenses to enrolled student-athletes).

12.1.2.1.4.1 Cash or Equivalent Award. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, 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: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01*)

12.1.2.1.4.1.1 Exception—Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Program.

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 Outside Team or Organization. Expenses received from an outside amateur sports team or organization in excess of actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses, and apparel and equipment (for individual and team use only from teams or organizations not affiliated with member institutions, including local sports clubs as set forth in Bylaw 13.11.2.4) for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition. Practice must be conducted in a continuous time period preceding the competition except for practice sessions conducted by a national team, which occasionally may be interrupted for specific periods of time before the competition. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92*)

12.1.2.1.4.3.1 Expenses for Participation in Olympic Exhibitions. Expenses received from the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) or national governing body (NGB) to participate in Olympic tours or exhibitions involving Olympic 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: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00*)

12.1.2.1.4.3.2 Exception—Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Program.

12.1.2.1.4.4 Unspecified or Unitemized Expenses. Payment to individual team members or individual competitors for unspecified or unitemized expenses beyond actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses for practice and competition.

12.1.2.1.4.5 Expenses from Sponsor Other Than Parents/Legal Guardians or Nonprofessional Sponsor of Event. Actual and necessary expenses or any other form of compensation to participate in athletics competition (while not representing an educational institution) from a sponsor other than an individual on whom the athlete is naturally or legally dependent or the nonprofessional organization that is sponsoring the competition.

12.1.2.1.4.5.1 Expenses for Participation in Olympic Exhibitions. Actual and necessary expenses to participate in Olympic tours or exhibitions from a sponsor other than the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), national governing body (NGB) or nonprofessional organizations sponsoring the event, 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: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

12.1.2.1.4.6 Expenses for Relatives/Legal Guardians of Participants in Athletics Competition. Expenses received by the relatives or legal guardians 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, provided such expenses are made available to the relatives or legal guardians of all participants in the competition. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/9/06)*

12.1.2.1.5 Payment Based on Performance. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, any payment, including actual and necessary expenses, conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis, 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: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a college institution on or after 8/1/01)*

12.1.2.1.5.1 Exception—Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Program.

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. For violations of this bylaw in which the value of the benefit is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected, conditioned on 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 benefit until the individual repays the benefit. If the violation involves institutional responsibility, it remains an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 10/23/07)*

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.

12.1.2.2 Use of Overall Athletics Skill—Effect on Eligibility. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, 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.)

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 Bylaw 12. Therefore, following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who accepts pay in any form for participation in such a race is ineligible for intercollegiate cross country or track and field competition.

12.1.2.4 Exceptions to Amateurism Rule.

12.1.2.4.1 Exception for Insurance against Disabling Injury or Illness. 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, provided a third party (including a member institution's athletics department staff members, its professional sports counseling panel or representatives of its athletics interests) is not involved in arrangements for securing the loan. The student-athlete shall report all such transactions and shall file copies of any loan documents associated with disability insurance with the member institution, regardless of the source of the collateral for the loan. The student-athlete also shall file copies of the insurance policy with the member institution, regardless of whether a loan is secured to purchase the insurance policy. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

12.1.2.4.2 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:

- (a) The money is contributed directly to the institution, conference, or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency; *(Revised: 7/24/07)*
- (b) The student-athletes receive no compensation or prizes for their participation; and
- (c) The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.1 are satisfied.

12.1.2.4.3 Exception for USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. An individual may receive the comprehensive benefits of the USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. *(Adopted: 1/10/90)*

12.1.2.4.4 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 Committee (USOC) or the appropriate national governing body (NGB) in the sport (or, for foreign student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation). *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

12.1.2.4.5 Exception for Relatives Travel to Olympic Games. 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 relatives or legal guardians to attend the Olympic Games in which the individual will participate. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/9/06)*

12.1.2.4.6 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(s) is singled out because of his or her athletics ability or reputation. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/23/07)*

12.1.2.4.7 Exception for Camp Sponsored by a Charitable Foundation Funded by a Professional Sports Organization. An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses from a charitable foundation that is funded by a professional sports organization to attend a camp or clinic, provided: *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

- (a) The charitable foundation is one that is defined as an exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service;
- (b) No professional sports organization, NCAA institution or conference owns or operates the sponsoring charitable foundation;
- (c) No camp participant is a prospective student-athlete per Bylaw 13.02.9;
- (d) The charitable foundation provides to the participants nothing more than actual and necessary expenses to attend the camp or clinic and equipment/apparel necessary for participation; and
- (e) All camp participants fall within the sponsoring charitable foundation's guidelines for determining low-income, at-risk children.

12.1.2.4.8 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 effective 8/1/97)*

- (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.

12.1.2.4.9 Commemorative Items for Student-Athletes Participating in Olympic Games, World University Games, Pan American Games, World Championships and World Cup Events. It is permissible for student-athletes with eligibility remaining to receive commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, World University Games, Pan American Games, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body (NGB). 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: 1/8/01)*

12.1.2.4.10 Exception—NCAA First-Team Mentoring 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 Mentoring Program's annual educational conference and training seminar. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

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. The institution may award institutional financial aid to a student-athlete, provided the student-athlete is not professional in the sport in which the student-athlete will participate at the certifying institution. However, a student-athlete who currently is receiving institutional financial aid and signs a contract in the same sport or receives compensation from an agent or a professional-sport organization may continue to receive such aid for the remainder of the term of the award, provided the student-athlete has completed his or her four seasons of competition. (See Bylaw 15.3.1.4.) (*Revised: 4/29/04*)

12.1.3.1 Professional at Later Date. If the individual later becomes involved in professional athletics while still a student-athlete with remaining eligibility, the individual would be considered to have violated the principles of ethical conduct per Bylaw 10, thus rendering the individual ineligible for intercollegiate competition.

12.2 INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS

12.2.1 Tryouts.

12.2.1.1 Tryout after Enrollment. A student-athlete may try out with a professional athletics team in a sport or permit a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations at anytime outside the student-athlete's playing and practice season. A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to the tryout from a professional sports organization, provided the tryout does not exceed 48 hours. 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. (*Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/28/09*)

12.2.1.2 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.

12.2.1.3 Professional Team Representative at College Practice. A tryout with a professional team is not considered to have occurred when a representative of a professional team visits a member institution during the academic year and evaluates a student-athlete while the institution is conducting a regular practice session, physical education class or off-season conditioning program session that includes physical activities (e.g., speed trials, agility tests, strength tests), provided these activities are normally a part of and take place during regular practice, class or conditioning sessions.

12.2.2 Practice Without Competition. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, 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:

- (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.

12.2.2.1 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: 2/4/08*)

12.2.3.2 Competition with Professionals. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport, if the individual competed on a professional athletics team (per Bylaw 12.02.4) in that sport. However, an individual may compete on a tennis, golf, two-person sand volleyball or two-person synchronized diving team(s) with persons who are competing for cash or a comparable prize, provided the individual does not receive payment of any kind for such participation. (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 1/8/01 for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01, 1/13/03*)

12.2.3.2.1 Professional Player as Team Member. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, 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). (*Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01*)

12.2.3.2.2 Exception—Olympic/National Teams. It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) to participate on Olympic 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 individual does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual or necessary expenses). (*Adopted: 1/13/03*)

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.

12.2.3.3 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 after the last regular-season intercollegiate contest would not be eligible to compete in a bowl game, an NCAA championship or any other certified 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. Following 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: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

- (a) The individual asks that his or her name be withdrawn from the draft list before 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 Draft Exception—All Sports. An enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft an unlimited number of times during his or her collegiate career and be drafted by any team in the league without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete does not ever agree (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purposes of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport, sign a professional sport contract or otherwise jeopardize his or her amateur status. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 4/16/97, 1/12/04, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 2/22/07)*

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 relatives or legal guardians 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: 1/9/06)*

12.2.5 Contracts and Compensation.

12.2.5.1 General Rule. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, 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, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

12.2.5.1.1 Nonbinding Agreements. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, 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. *(Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

12.3 USE OF AGENTS

12.3.1 General Rule. 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 Representation for Future Negotiations. An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1, if he or she enters into a verbal 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.

12.3.1.2 Benefits from Prospective Agents. An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1, if he or she (or his or her relatives or friends) accepts transportation or other benefits from: *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

- (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. *(Adopted: 1/14/97)*

12.3.1.2.1 Educational Expenses or Services. Receipt of educational expenses or services (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, tutoring, standardized test preparatory classes) from an agent is specifically prohibited. *(Adopted: 4/21/09)*

12.3.2 Legal Counsel. 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 student-athlete in negotiations for such a contract.

12.3.2.1 Presence of a Lawyer at Negotiations. A lawyer may not be present during discussions of a contract offer with a professional organization or have any direct contact (i.e., in person, by telephone or by mail) with a professional sports organization on behalf of the student-athlete. A lawyer's presence during such discussions is considered representation by an agent.

12.3.3 Athletics Scholarship Agent. 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 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. It is permissible for an institution to have an authorized institutional professional sports counseling panel appointed and overseen by the institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department). *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05)*

12.4 EMPLOYMENT

12.4.1 Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes. All compensation received by a student-athlete must be consistent with the limitations on financial aid set forth in Bylaw 15. Compensation may be paid to a student-athlete:

- (a) Only for work actually performed;
- (b) At a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services; and
- (c) An employer shall not use the athletics reputation of a student-athlete employee to promote the sale of the employer's product or services. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

12.4.2 Specific Athletically Related Employment Activities.

12.4.2.1 Broken-Time Payments. An individual may not receive "broken-time" payments except as authorized and administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee during the period immediately before and including actual Olympic competition. A permitted broken-time payment may cover financial loss as a result of absence from employment to prepare for or participate in the Olympic Games. Such compensation during any other period and payments administered independently of the USOC by other sports governing bodies (e.g., the U.S. Ski Association) are prohibited.

12.4.2.1.1 Exception—When Individual Not Enrolled in Regular Term. An individual may receive broken-time payments administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee or the national governing body in the sport during a period when the individual is not enrolled (full or part time) in a regular term to cover financial loss as a result of absence from employment as a direct result of practicing and competing on a national team (defined in Bylaw 14.02.8), provided the amounts are consistent with the principles set forth in Bylaw 12.4.1 and do not exceed \$300 per week, and the payment period covers no more than the period from the date the individual begins practice with the national team after selection to that team to one week after the conclusion of the competition. *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

12.4.2.2 Restitution. For violations of Bylaw 12.4.2 in which the value of the benefit is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected conditioned on the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. However, the individual shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Adopted: 1/10/05, Revised: 1/9/06)*

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). Out-of-season playing and practice limitations may restrict the number of players from the same institution who may be employed in that institution's camp (see the specific sport in Bylaw 17 for these employment restrictions).

12.5 PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

12.5.1 Permissible.

12.5.1.1 Institutional, Charitable, Educational 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)*

- (a) The student-athlete receives written approval to participate from the institution's chancellor or president (or his or her designee), subject to the limitations on participants in such activities as set forth in Bylaw 17; *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/9/06)*
- (b) The specific activity or project in which the student-athlete participates does not involve cosponsorship, advertisement or promotion by a commercial agency except as follows: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/9/06)*
 - (1) Identification (e.g., graphics, voice over, on-screen text) of the commercial entity must explain the commercial entity's affiliation with the permissible entity (e.g., entity is the official sponsor of the institution/event); *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*
 - (2) The appearance or description of the commercial product(s)/service(s) and/or the commercial entity's logo(s) may be included but may not exceed 25 percent of the total promotional activity. Further, language or action included in the promotion may not directly encourage the use or purchase of the commercial product or service (e.g., "drink this product") with which the commercial entity is associated; *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*
- (c) The student-athlete does not miss class; *(Revised: 1/11/89)*
- (d) All money derived from the activity or project go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency; *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92)*
- (e) 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; *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- (f) The student-athlete's name, picture or appearance is not used to promote the commercial ventures of any nonprofit agency; *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*
- (g) Any commercial items with names or pictures of student-athletes (other than items specified per Bylaws 12.5.1.7 and 12.5.1.8) may be sold only by the member institution, member conference or NCAA, through outlets controlled by the member institution, member conference or the NCAA or outlets controlled by the charitable or educational organization (e.g., location of the charitable or educational organization, site of charitable event during the event); and *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/9/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- (h) The student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency sign a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete's name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92)*

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: 1/12/04)*

12.5.1.1.2 Promotions Involving Commercial Locations/Sponsors. A member institution 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 cosponsor 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 cosponsor, 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 Noncommercial Items through Commercial Outlets. A member institution may distribute noncommercial items (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: 4/28/09)*

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/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/national team in that sport, provided all of the funds generated through the sale of such cards are deposited directly with the applicable Olympic/national team. *(Adopted: 1/6/96)*

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. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 4/28/09)*

12.5.1.1.6 Effect of Violations. 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 12.5.1.1, or if a student-athlete unknowingly participates in an impermissible institutional promotional activity and receives no more than actual and necessary expenses, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. In addition, a violation of Bylaw 12.5.1.1 related to any permissible promotional activity in which the only condition of the legislation not satisfied is the failure to obtain written approval from the institution's chancellor or president (or his or her designee) shall be considered an institutional violation; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected, provided the approval would have been granted if requested. *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 12/5/06, 7/24/07, 10/23/07)*

12.5.1.2 Participation in Commercials—Prior to Collegiate Enrollment. Prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may promote or endorse commercial products or services without jeopardizing intercollegiate eligibility, provided the individual does not receive payment or any other form of compensation (other than actual and necessary expenses), if he or she is displaying athletics skill or is selected to participate in the promotion as a result of his or her athletics reputation or ability. *(Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

12.5.1.2.1 U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body Advertisement Prior to Collegiate Enrollment. Before 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)*

- (a) The individual receives prior approval to appear in the advertisement from the U.S. Olympic Committee or the applicable national governing body;
- (b) The U.S. Olympic 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 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 Modeling and Other Nonathletically Related Promotional Activities. An individual may accept remuneration for or permit the use of his or her name or picture to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service without jeopardizing his or her eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics only if all of the following conditions apply: *(Revised: 1/14/97, 4/29/04, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

- (a) The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;
- (b) No reference is made in these activities to the individual's name or involvement in intercollegiate athletics;
- (c) The individual does not endorse the commercial product; and *(Revised: 4/29/04)*
- (d) 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 on 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: 4/28/09)*

- (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 member institution's promotional activities 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.

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:

- (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 remuneration for such participation; however, the student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to his or her participation; (*Revised: 1/8/07*)
- (d) The student-athlete does not miss class time to participate in the activity; and (*Adopted: 1/8/07*)
- (e) 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 and has filed a copy of the statement with the student-athlete's member institution.

12.5.1.6 Camps.

12.5.1.6.1 Institutionally Sponsored Camps. A member institution's camp may use the name or picture of any student-athlete employed as a counselor or any student-athlete from the member institution to publicize or promote the camp, including the use of the student-athlete's name or picture in camp brochures or other advertising. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. (*Revised: 1/12/04, 4/11/06*)

12.5.1.6.2 Privately Owned Camps. A privately owned camp may use the name or picture of any student-athlete employed as a counselor to publicize or promote the camp, including the use of the student-athlete's name or picture in camp brochures or other advertising. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. (*Revised: 1/12/04, 4/11/06*)

12.5.1.7 Promotion by Third Party of Highlight Film, Videotape 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 film or videotape 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 film, videotape or media guide; (*Revised: 1/16/93*)
- (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 film or media guide; and (*Revised: 1/16/93*)
- (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 by a Third Party of Photographs. Any party hired by the member institution, the member conference or NCAA may sell and distribute a picture of a student-athlete only if: (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

- (a) The member institution, the member conference or the NCAA specifically designates the agency that is authorized to receive orders for the film/photograph; (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (b) Sales and distribution activities have the written approval of the member institution's athletics director, the member conference's commissioner or the NCAA; and (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (c) If the third party advertises the availability of the photograph, the third party 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 film/photograph; and there shall be no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution, the conference or the NCAA endorses the product or services of the third party. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 4/29/04*)

12.5.1.9 Promotion of NCAA and Conference Championships. The NCAA [or 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 institution that hosts a portion of the championship or by the conference. (*Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/12/04*)

12.5.1.10 Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games. A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games as specified in this section. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

12.5.1.10.1 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. 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*)

12.5.1.10.1.1 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 Subsequent to Enrollment. 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 before 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: 1/14/97, Revised: 12/5/06*)

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, photographs) 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 effective 8/1/97, 4/17/07*)

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 a member of his or her family) 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, 4/25/05, 4/11/08*)

12.5.3 Media Activities. A student-athlete may participate in media activities when such an appearance or participation is related in any way to athletics ability or prestige provided: (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

- (a) The student-athlete is eligible academically to represent the institution at the time of appearance or participation;
- (b) The student-athlete does not receive any remuneration for the appearance or participation in the activity; and
- (c) The student-athlete does not make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any commercial product or service. The institution or the entity sponsoring the activity may pay the actual and necessary expenses directly related to the appearance or participation by the student-athlete in the activity.

12.5.3.1 Writing Activities for a Commercial Entity. It is not permissible for a student-athlete to write a column in a newsletter produced by a commercial company. (*Adopted: 4/15/98*)

12.5.4 Use of 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. (Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility): (*Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

- (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 (*Revised: 1/10/95*)
- (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 2¼ square inches in area (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. (*Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95*)

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 (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram) that does not exceed 2¼ square inches. (*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. (*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.

12.6 FINANCIAL DONATIONS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

12.6.1 Professional Sports Organizations.

12.6.1.1 To Noncollegiate Amateur Team. A noncollegiate amateur team or playing league shall not be considered a professional team or league, even if it receives financial support from a national amateur sports administrative organization or its equivalent that in turn receives developmental funds from a professional team or professional sports organization.

12.6.1.2 To Intercollegiate Event. A professional sports organization may not serve as a financial sponsor of intercollegiate competition. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 8/5/04*)

12.6.1.2.1 Exception—Reciprocal Contractual Marketing Relationship. An institution's marketing department may enter into a reciprocal contractual marketing relationship with a professional sports organization for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting an institutionally sponsored sport. (*Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

12.6.1.3 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.

12.6.1.4 To Institution. A member institution may receive contributions (e.g., tickets, funds, memorabilia) from a professional sports organization. (*Revised: 1/12/04, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09*)

12.6.1.5 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.

12.6.1.6 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*)

12.6.2 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: 4/11/06)*

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).

Recruiting

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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 enforcement procedures, shall result in the student-athlete’s 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 major violation (see Bylaw 19.02.2.2) may cause the student to become permanently ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition at that institution.

13.01.2 Entertainment. A member institution may provide entertainment (per Bylaws 13.6.6 and 13.7.2), at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and not excessive in nature, to a prospective student-athlete and his or her immediate family members. Entertainment of other relatives or friends of a prospective student-athlete is prohibited. *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

13.01.3 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.

13.01.4 Off-Campus Recruiting. In-person, off-campus recruiting is limited to authorized athletics department staff members, and limitations may be placed on the number of staff members who are permitted to recruit off campus. (See Bylaws 11.5 and 13.1.2.1.1.)

13.01.5 Recruiting by Representatives of Athletics Interests. Representatives of an institution’s athletics interests (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.11) are prohibited from making in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or telephone calls with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians. On-campus contact is permitted, as are written communications. Recruiting contacts by representatives during a prospective student-athlete’s official visit are confined to campus (see Bylaw 13.6.6.1). *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

13.01.6 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports. Beginning with the first year of the Association’s identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.6), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable recruiting legislation set forth in Bylaw 13. *(Adopted: 5/13/08)*

13.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

13.02.1 Community Engagement Activity. A community engagement activity is an activity in which a member institution participates for the primary purpose of enhancing the community, rather than benefiting the institution. The institution must be able to demonstrate how the engagement of the institution’s resources (e.g., its student-athletes, its facilities) is meeting a specific identified community need or show how the use of its aforementioned resources links the institution to an overall school-wide community support strategy. The defining element of a community engagement activity is the clear intent of the member institution to provide value to the community. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.02.1.1 Application. A community engagement activity shall not be considered recruiting for purposes of securing a prospective student-athlete's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program, provided the institution obtains written approval from its chancellor or president (or his or her designee) confirming the activity meets the definition of a community engagement activity set forth in Bylaw 13.02.1. Therefore, the recruiting regulations set forth in Bylaw 13 do not apply when institutional staff members (including spouses and other family members), representatives of the institution's athletics interests and student-athletes are engaged in community engagement activities with prospective student-athletes, except for the following: (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 4/11/07*)

- (a) A community engagement activity may not take place during a dead period; and
- (b) A representative of the institution's athletics interest is limited to participating in community engagement activities with prospective student-athletes when all prospective student-athletes reside within a 100-mile radius of the location of the community engagement activity.

13.02.1.2 Effect of Violation. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's or student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

13.02.2 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.

13.02.3 Contact. A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) 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., positions himself/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 relatives or legal guardian(s) 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, 10/20/03, 4/29/04, 1/9/06*)

13.02.4 Contact and Evaluation Periods.

13.02.4.1 Contact Period. A contact period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

13.02.4.2 Evaluation Period. An evaluation period is that 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.

13.02.4.3 Quiet Period. A quiet period is that period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

13.02.4.4 Dead Period. A dead period is that period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institution's campus. The provision of complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete during a dead period is prohibited, except as provided in Bylaw 13.7.2.5 for a prospective student-athlete who visits an institution as part of a group. During such a dead period, a coaching staff member may not serve as a speaker at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospective student-athletes are in attendance, except as provided in Bylaws 13.1.9 and 13.1.9.1, and may not visit the prospective student-athletes' educational institutions. It remains permissible, however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone prospective student-athletes during such a dead period. (*Revised: 1/11/94*)

13.02.5 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.

13.02.6 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 any practice or competition at any site at which the prospective student-athlete participates. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

13.02.7 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.

13.02.8 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.

13.02.9 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 relatives 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 occurs earlier): *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90)*

- (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); or
- (b) The individual participates in a regular-squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution.

13.02.10 Recruiting. Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's relatives [or legal guardian(s)] 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.

13.02.10.1 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 for those students entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94)*

- (a) Providing the prospective student-athlete with an official visit; *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94 for those students entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94)*
- (b) Having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s); *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94 for those students entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94, Revised: 1/9/06)*
- (c) Initiating or arranging a telephone contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) on more than one occasion for the purpose of recruitment; or *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94 for those students entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94)*
- (d) Issuing a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

13.02.11 Representative of Athletics Interests. A "representative of the institution's athletics interests" is an individual who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to:

- (a) Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization, including corporate entities (e.g., apparel and equipment companies), promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program; *(Revised: 1/14/02)*
- (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 families; or
- (e) Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics program.

13.02.11.1 Representative of Athletics Interest. Once an individual is identified as such a representative, the person retains that identity indefinitely.

13.02.12 Telephone Calls. All electronically transmitted human voice exchange (including videoconferencing and videophones) shall be considered telephone calls. Any other form of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, facsimiles) shall not be considered telephone calls (see Bylaw 13.4). *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

13.02.13 Visits by Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.02.13.1 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. (See Bylaw 13.6.)

13.02.13.2 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 by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall require the visit to become an official visit, except for expenses or entertainment permitted per Bylaw 13.7.2. Payment of any other transportation expenses, other than those permitted in Bylaw 13.5.3, shall be an institutional violation but shall not cause the visit to become an official visit provided the prospective student-athlete makes restitution (see Bylaws 13.5.3 and 13.7). *(Revised: 4/29/04, 7/24/07)*

13.1 CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS

Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.3) and telephone calls with a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) by institutional staff members and/or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91)*

13.1.1 Contactable Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.1.1.1 High School Prospective Student-Athletes. Telephone calls or in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 3/15/94, 1/10/95, 1/14/97, 1/12/99, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

13.1.1.2 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 an NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution's athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and shall not provide athletically related financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06)*

13.1.1.2.1 Hearing Opportunity. If the institution decides to deny a student-athlete's request to permit any other institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the athletics director (or his or her designee) shall inform the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete's written request, that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of 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 notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution's policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete's request for the hearing. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

13.1.1.2.2 Student-Athlete Withdrawn from Four-Year College. A member institution may contact a student-athlete who has withdrawn officially from a four-year collegiate institution without obtaining permission from the first institution only if at least one academic year has elapsed since the withdrawal.

13.1.1.2.3 Transfer from Institution on Probation. It is not necessary for an institution to obtain permission in writing 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 14.8.1.2-(c)]. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.1.2.4 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 18.4.1.5.1). *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters.

13.1.2.1 Authorized Staff Members. All in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) shall be made only by authorized athletics department staff members. Such off-campus contact by representatives of an institution's athletics interests is prohibited. Violations of this bylaw involving individuals other than representatives of an institution's athletics interests shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

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. However, institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members) may contact prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes on campus or within the locale of the institution's main campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/93, Revised: 1/10/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 3/22/06)*

13.1.2.2 General Exceptions. This regulation is not applicable to:

- (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 Parent or Legal Guardian.** Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member who is the parent (or legal guardian) 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. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*
- (c) **Spouse 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 spouse, 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. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*
- (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) **Spouse, Other Family Members and Significant Other of Staff Member.**
 - (1) **On or Off Campus.** A spouse, other family members (e.g., children) and a significant other of an institutional staff member on or off campus. *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*
 - (2) **Off Campus during Official Visit.** A spouse, other family members (e.g., children) and a significant other of an athletics department staff member during a prospective student-athlete's official visit and within the locale of the institution's main campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit. *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*
- (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 relatives or legal guardian(s), 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. *(Adopted: 1/11/97, Revised: 1/9/06)*
- (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 (i.e., 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) **Permissible Pre-enrollment Activities.** Contacts between a prospective student-athlete and an athletics representative regarding permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., a discussion of summer-employment arrangements that occurs after the prospective student-athlete's signing of the National Letter of Intent).

13.1.2.3 Other Restrictions, Athletics Representatives. The following are additional restrictions that apply to athletics representatives:

- (a) **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;
- (b) **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
- (c) **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.

13.1.2.4 Student-Athlete. The following conditions apply to recruiting activities involving enrolled student-athletes: *(Revised: 1/10/05, 4/21/09)*

- (a) **Off-Campus Contacts.** Off-campus, in-person recruiting contacts between enrolled student-athletes (or other enrolled students) and a prospective student-athlete are permissible if such contacts do not occur at the direction of a coaching staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests. If unavoidable incidental contact occurs between a student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete (even at the prospective student-athlete's high school), such contact is permissible, provided the institution had no prior knowledge of the occurrence of the contact. *(Adopted: 4/21/09)*
- (b) **Transportation and Expenses.** An institution may not provide an enrolled student-athlete with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospective student-athlete, except those expenses specified in Bylaw 13.6.6.5 when the student-athlete serves as a student host. *(Revised: 1/10/05, 4/21/09)*

(c) **Written or Electronically Transmitted Correspondence.** It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to engage in written or electronically transmitted correspondence with a prospective student-athlete, provided it is not done at the direction and/or expense of a coaching staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests. *(Adopted: 4/21/09)*

(d) **Interaction During a Community Engagement Activity.** It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to engage or interact (e.g., contact, telephone calls) with a prospective student-athlete at the direction of a coaching staff member, provided the engagement or interaction is a part of a community engagement activity and the student-athlete does not miss class, except for class time missed in conjunction with away-from-home competition. *(Adopted: 4/21/09)*

13.1.2.4.1 Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw 13.1.2.4 shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the prospective student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. (See Bylaw 16.01.1.1 for violations involving student-athletes.) *(Revised: 1/10/05, 4/21/09)*

13.1.2.5 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. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

13.1.2.5.1 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.

13.1.2.5.2 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.

13.1.3 Telephone Calls to Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls—General Rule. Telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete [or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be made before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school; thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week. If more than one call per week occurs due to a scheduled official paid visit that subsequently is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, it shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. Violations of this bylaw involving the first occasion when a staff member makes a second telephone call during a week shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/12/99, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 1/10/05)*

13.1.3.1.1 Exception—Football. In football during a contact period, telephone contact may be made at the institution's discretion. *(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 8/1/97, 1/12/99, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

13.1.3.2 Additional Regulations.

13.1.3.2.1 During Conduct of Athletics Contest. Telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete [or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s)] 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. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 4/28/09)*

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at Prospective Student-Athlete's Expense. Institutional staff members may receive telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's own expense at any time. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

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 during the five days immediately before the prospective student-athlete's official visit (per Bylaw 13.6) to that institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.3.3.2 Letter-of-Intent Signing-Date Exception. Institutional staff members 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 after the initial signing date. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.3.3.3 Telephone Calls Subsequent to National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. After the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by the institution with which the prospective

student-athlete has signed. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) by that institution after the calendar day in which the prospective student-athlete signs acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. *(Adopted: 2/9/95, Revised: 1/13/98, 1/10/05)*

13.1.3.3.4 Off-Campus Contact Exception. Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the day a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact occurs. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93)*

13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.

13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Staff Members. In all sports, institutional staff members may make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete [or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s)] in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/9/06)*

13.1.3.5 Nonpermissible Callers.

13.1.3.5.1 Enrolled Students and 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 after July 1 after the completion of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91)*

13.1.3.5.1.1 Admissions Program Exception. Telephone calls made by enrolled students in accordance with an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91)*

13.1.3.5.2 Representatives of Athletics Interests. It is not permissible for a representative of athletics (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.10) to make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete. *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 10/20/03)*

13.1.3.6 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls. Institutional staff members may accept collect telephone calls and may use a toll-free (800/888) number to receive telephone calls placed by prospective student-athletes, prospective student-athletes' relatives or legal guardian(s) at any time. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/06)*

13.1.4 Recruiting Calendars. Recruiting calendars limiting contact and evaluation periods apply in basketball and football and also include recruiting dead periods in all sports in those divisions. The Management Council shall have the authority to establish in the Administrative Regulations (per Constitution 5.2.3.1) such calendars for sports. (See Bylaw 30.11 for a complete listing of the calendars in effect at the time of the publication of this Manual.)

13.1.4.1 Waiver of Contact Period. The Management Council shall have the authority, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, to waive provisions of the football and basketball contact periods for institutions with established admissions acceptance dates that occur after the normal contact deadline.

13.1.5 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. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/14/97)*

13.1.6 Permissible Number of Contacts. Each institution shall be limited to not more than three in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts during the academic year per prospective student-athlete at any site [which shall include contacts made with the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6]. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/29/04)*

13.1.6.1 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)*

13.1.6.2 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. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

13.1.6.2.1 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. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 3/22/06)*

13.1.6.3 Contacts Subsequent to National Letter-of-Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. After the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has signed. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, there shall be no limit on

the number of contacts with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) by that institution after the calendar day of the prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. However, the following conditions continue to apply: *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94)*

- (a) No in-person, off-campus contact may be made by a representative of the institution's athletics interests, except those involving permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., a discussion of summer employment arrangements); and
- (b) Contact at the site of a prospective student-athlete's competition shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Bylaw 13.1.7.2, except that contact with the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians at the site of the prospective student-athlete's competition shall be permitted. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

13.1.6.3.1 Effect of Violation. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

13.1.6.4 Post-High School Contacts. The contact limitations apply to the period in which the prospective student-athlete is enrolled in high school and the period beginning September 1 after the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. *(Revised: 1/10/90)*

13.1.7 Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites.

13.1.7.1 Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. Any staff member desiring to contact a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's high school, college 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. Member institutions also are bound by this provision when recruiting foreign athletes. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

13.1.7.2 Practice or Competition Site. Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete before any athletics competition in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Such contact includes the passing of notes to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. In all divisions, such contact shall be governed by the following: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 7/1/96)*

- (a) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete at any site before the contest on the day or days of competition; *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/11/94)*
- (b) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete from the time the prospective student-athlete reports on call (at the direction of the prospective student-athlete's coach or comparable authority) and becomes involved in competition-related activity (e.g., traveling to an away-from-home game) to the end of the competition even if such competition-related activities are initiated before the day or days of competition; *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (c) Contact shall not be made after the competition until the prospective student-athlete is released by the appropriate institutional authority and departs the dressing and meeting facility; and
- (d) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete involved in competition that requires more than one day of participation (e.g., a basketball tournament) until after the prospective student-athlete's final contest is completed and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority and leaves the dressing and meeting facility. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

13.1.7.2.1 Effect of Violation. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

13.1.7.2.2 Approved Events. It is permissible for athletics staff members who are responsible for conducting an approved athletics event (see Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3) involving high school students to come in normal contact with participants; however, under no circumstances may recruitment take place.

13.1.7.2.3 High School All-Star Games. In-person contact with a prospective student-athlete shall not be made on or off the member institution's campus at a high school all-star game practice or competition site outside the permissible contact periods in football and basketball.

13.1.7.2.4 Bowl Games. During a dead period, attendance by a prospective student-athlete at the site of an institution's bowl game practice session may occur only if 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. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.8 Limitations on Number of Evaluations—All Sports. There are no limitations on the number of evaluations an institution is allowed per prospective student-athlete per academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

13.1.9 Banquets and Meetings. A coach may speak at a meeting or banquet without using one of the institution's permissible contacts or evaluations, provided: *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 7/21/09)*

- (a) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;
- (b) The coach does not have direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) in attendance; *(Revised: 7/21/09)*
- (c) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities; and *(Revised: 7/21/09)*
- (d) The meeting or banquet does not take place during a dead period.

13.1.9.1 Banquets and Meetings in Conjunction with Community Engagement Activities. A coach may speak at a meeting or banquet in conjunction with a community engagement activity and have contact with a prospective student-athlete(s) (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians), provided: *(Adopted: 7/21/09)*

- (a) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;
- (b) The contact is not for the purpose of securing the enrollment or ultimate participation of the prospective student-athlete(s) in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program; and
- (c) The meeting or banquet does not take place during a dead period.

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 the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Receipt of a benefit by prospective student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's prospective students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., foreign students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. For violations of this bylaw in which the value of the offer or inducement is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 1/9/06)*

13.2.2 Specific Prohibitions. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) An employment arrangement for a prospective student-athlete's relatives;
- (b) Gift of clothing or equipment;
- (c) Cosigning of loans;
- (d) Providing loans to a prospective student-athlete's relatives or friends;
- (e) Cash or similar 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;
- (k) Involvement of a prospective student-athlete, including a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or for institutions not using the National Letter of Intent a signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, in an institutional fundraiser or promotional activity. The activity is also prohibited in the summer prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment; or *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*
- (l) Educational expenses or services (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, tutoring, standardized test preparatory classes). *(Adopted: 4/21/09)*

13.2.2.1 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits. For violations of Bylaw 13.2.2 in which the value of the offer or inducement is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Adopted: 1/13/98, Revised: 4/28/05)*

13.2.3 Awards to Prospective Student-Athletes. A member institution is limited to providing the following awards to prospective student-athletes: *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*

- (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 regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college athletics contests or matches under the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.5 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 After Senior Year. The arrangement of employment by an institution for a prospective student-athlete shall be permitted, provided the employment does not begin before the completion of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school.

13.2.4.1.1 Two-Year College Prospects. 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 before the time period in which the prospective student-athlete has officially withdrawn from or has completed requirements for graduation at the two-year college. *(Adopted: 1/11/00)*

13.2.4.2 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 before the completion of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. When permitted, 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. 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.

13.2.7 Academic Support Services/Use of Training-Room Facilities. A prospective student-athlete who is enrolled in the institution's summer term before the student's initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may be provided academic support services by the institution and also may use the institution's training-room facilities. For receipt of summer financial aid before initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, see Bylaw 15.2.7.1. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/11/06, 7/22/08, 4/2/09)*

13.2.8 Life-Threatening Injury or Illness. An institution may present a prospective student-athlete with a donation to a charity on behalf of the prospective student-athlete or provide other reasonable tokens of support (e.g., flowers) in the event of the prospective student-athlete's relative's or legal guardian's death or life-threatening injury or illness, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with the institution, or for those institutions that do not subscribe to the NLI program, a written offer of admission and/or financial aid. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06)*

13.3 ADMISSIONS AND GRADUATION DATA, BANNED DRUG LIST AND INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

13.3.1 Disclosure Report.

13.3.1.1 Report Publication. The Association's national office annually shall publish the admissions and graduation-rate data specified in Bylaw 30.1 and the academic success rate data specified in Constitution 3.2.4.10 and shall identify the information on an institution-specific basis. *(Adopted: 1/10/90 effective immediately for data collection, effective 10/1/91 for disclosure in Division I and 7/1/93 for disclosure in Division II, Revised: 4/11/06)*

13.3.1.2 Report Distribution. Member institutions shall provide to prospective student-athletes and to prospective student-athletes' parents or legal guardians the information contained within the report. Member institutions shall also provide the prospective student-athletes and their parent(s) or legal guardians with a copy of the institution's academic success rate report. The NCAA shall provide a compilation of graduation data to the prospective student-athletes' guidance offices and high school and two-year college coaches. All specified information shall be provided at the earliest opportunity after the institution's first arranged in-person encounter with the prospective student-athlete or on request; however, in no event shall an institution provide the information later than the day before a prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the National Letter of Intent

or signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/90 effective immediately for data collection, effective 7/1/93 for disclosure, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/11/00, 4/11/06)*

13.3.2 Banned Drug List and Information about Nutritional Supplements.

13.3.2.1 Report Publication. The Association's national office annually shall publish the banned drug list specified in Bylaw 31.2.3.4 and shall update the list on its Web site. *(Adopted: 1/12/04, for any student-athlete initially enrolling in the certifying institution on or after 8/1/04)*

13.3.2.2 Report Distribution. Member institutions shall provide to all incoming prospective student-athletes and to prospective student-athletes' parents or legal guardians the NCAA banned drug list (or the NCAA Web site address at which the list is located) (see Bylaw 31.2.3.4) and information about nutritional supplements. The information shall be provided at the earliest practical opportunity (e.g., after the institution's first arranged in-person encounter with the prospective student-athlete) or upon request; however, in no event shall an institution provide the information later than July 1 before the prospective student-athlete's initial enrollment at the institution. For a prospective student-athlete whose recruitment is initiated after July 1, the institution must send the banned drug list and information about nutritional supplements at the earliest opportunity. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/12/04, for any student-athlete initially enrolling in the certifying institution on or after 8/1/04, Revised: 10/29/04, 1/9/06)*

13.3.3 Notification of Initial-Eligibility Standards. Member institutions shall provide to high school prospective student-athletes and their parents or legal guardians information regarding the initial-eligibility standards contained in Bylaw 14.3. The information shall be provided at the earliest practical opportunity after the institution begins recruiting the prospective student-athlete, but not later than the day prior to the student-athlete's signed acceptance of the National Letter of Intent or institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. An institution may provide the information in hard-copy or electronic form (e.g., electronic mail, link to Web site). Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 2/26/08)*

13.4 RECRUITING MATERIALS

13.4.1 Printed Recruiting Materials. An institution may not provide athletically related recruiting materials (including electronic mail and facsimiles) to a prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents, legal guardians or coaches) until September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(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, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 1/14/02, 1/9/06, 4/21/09)*

13.4.1.1 Exceptions.

13.4.1.1.1 Permissible Date. An institution may provide educational information published by the NCAA (e.g., NCAA Guide for College-Bound Student-Athlete), institutional camp brochures (see Bylaw 12.5.1.6.1), questionnaires and nonathletically related recruiting materials (e.g., institutional admissions publications, academic publications, student services publications) to a prospective student-athlete at any time. *(Revised: 10/20/03, 1/9/06, 4/11/06)*

13.4.1.1.2 Reproducing Printed Recruiting Materials in Any Electronic Format. An institution may reproduce media guides in any electronic format for purposes of recruiting; however, all of the material contained in the electronic format must be able to be replicated in hard-copy format (i.e., the electronic format may not contain audio or visual materials pursuant to Bylaw 13.4.2) and must be permissible according to Bylaw 13.4.1. *(Adopted: 4/11/06)*

13.4.1.2 Responding to Prospective Student-Athlete's Request. Institutional staff members (including athletics staff members) may respond to a prospective student-athlete's letter requesting information from an institution's athletics department before September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school, 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).

13.4.2 Electronic Media. An institution may not provide athletically related electronic media to a prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents, legal guardians or coaches) until September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/14/08, 4/15/08, 4/21/09)*

13.4.2.1 Exception—Community Engagement Activities. An institution may produce, show, send and provide a prospective student-athlete with electronic media of its community engagement activities at any time. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/14/08, 4/15/08)*

13.4.3 Conference Restrictions. A member conference is precluded from providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes (or his or her parents, legal guardians or coaches). Violations of this bylaw shall be considered conference violations; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/21/09)*

13.4.4 Advertisements and Promotions.

13.4.4.1 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 Bylaws 13.4.4.1.1 and 13.4.4.1.2. 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. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 1/9/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.4.4.1.1 Nonathletics Institutional Advertisements. An institution (or a third party acting on behalf of the institution) may publish nonathletics institutional advertisements in nonathletics, high school or two-year college publications (e.g., high school yearbooks, newspapers, music programs, prom programs, two-year college music programs) and other nonathletics publications or produce promotional material (e.g., use of signage, booths, kiosks, distribution of printed materials, television and radio advertisements) for use at high school or two-year college athletics events provided: *(Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 1/9/06, 7/13/06, 4/28/09)*

- (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; and
- (c) The advertisements or promotional materials do not contain athletics information.

13.4.4.1.2 Community Engagement Activities. An institution may advertise or promote its community engagement activities (see Bylaw 13.02.1) in any publication, and provide such advertisements or promotions to a prospective student-athlete at any time. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.4.4.1.3 Shared Home Facility. A member institution may advertise and upgrade its home facility even if that facility is also the home facility for prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school football stadium). *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

13.4.4.1.4 Interview to Recruiting Publication. An institutional coaching staff member may not provide an interview for an article that will appear in a recruiting publication or newsletter. *(Adopted: 4/15/98)*

13.4.4.1.5 Summer-Camp Advertisements. Advertisements of an institution's summer camp or clinic in such recruiting publications are permissible if placed in a periodical (other than a high school or two-year college game program) that includes a camp directory. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 4/11/06)*

13.4.4.2 NCAA or Conference Championship Promotional Materials. The NCAA or a member conference [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA or member conference (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may produce and provide championships promotional materials to any individual or group, provided the materials: *(Adopted: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

- (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.

13.4.4.2.1 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 13.4.4.2 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility.

13.4.4.3 Miscellaneous Promotions. Member institutions and their representatives of athletics interests are prohibited from financing, arranging or using recruiting aids (e.g., newspaper advertisements, bumper stickers, message buttons) designed to publicize the institution's interest in a particular prospective student-athlete. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/13/98)*

13.4.5 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents, legal guardian or coaches) is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., instant messaging, text messaging, message boards) are prohibited. Color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence sent to a prospec-

tive student-athlete, provided the attachment does not include any animation, audio or video clips and there is no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the electronic mail correspondence. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 4/21/09)*

13.4.5.1 Electronic Transmissions Following National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. After the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has signed shall be permitted to send other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., instant messaging, text messaging, message boards) in addition to electronic mail and facsimiles to the prospective student-athlete. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), the institution shall be permitted to send other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence in addition to electronic mail and facsimiles after the calendar day on which the prospective student-athlete signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

13.4.5.2 Effect of Violation. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/21/08 for any violation occurring on or after 8/1/08)*

13.5 TRANSPORTATION

13.5.1 General Restrictions. An institution may provide transportation to a prospective student-athlete on an official paid visit as specified in Bylaw 13.5.2 or an unofficial visit as specified in Bylaw 13.5.3. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/13/98, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06, 7/24/07)*

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 prospect.

13.5.2 Transportation on Official (Paid) Visit.

13.5.2.1 General Restrictions. A member institution may pay the prospective student-athlete's actual round-trip transportation costs for his or her official visit to its campus, provided a direct route between the prospective student-athlete's home and the institution's campus is used. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited.

13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation. When 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 provided in Bylaw 13.8.1.1) 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 is arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

13.5.2.2.1 Prospective Student-Athlete's Friends and Relatives. A prospective student-athlete's friends, relatives or legal guardian(s) may receive cost-free transportation to visit a member institution's campus only by accompanying the prospective student-athlete at the time the prospective student-athlete travels in an automobile to visit the campus.

13.5.2.2.2 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.

13.5.2.3 Air Transportation. The air fare for commercial transportation for the official visit may not exceed coach (or comparable) class. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

13.5.2.3.1 Institution's Airplane. An institution may use its own airplane to transport a prospective student-athlete to the campus for an official visit, provided relatives, other friends or legal guardian(s) do not accompany the prospective student-athlete.

13.5.2.3.2 Noncommercial Airplane. Whenever an aircraft (other than a commercial airplane) is used to transport a prospective student-athlete, payment for its use shall be at the established charter rates at the airport where the craft is based. The institution shall be prepared to demonstrate satisfactorily that such payment has been made. *(Revised: 1/10/90)*

13.5.2.4 From Airport. During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. The 48-hour period begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus. The transportation must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

13.5.2.5 To/From Site of Competition. A prospective student-athlete may be transported to campus for an official visit from the site of his or her athletics competition or the reverse arrangement, provided only actual transportation expenses are paid and the cost of the transportation does not exceed the cost of transportation between the prospective student-athlete's home or educational institution and the institution's campus.

13.5.2.5.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete's Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) To/From Site of Competition to Campus. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in any vehicle to and from the site of competition to campus on an official visit, provided the conditions regarding contact restrictions at specified sites are satisfied (see Bylaw 13.1.7) and the transportation provided does not exceed the distance between the locale of the prospective student-athlete's home to the institution's campus. The 48-hour time limitation of the official visit shall begin if entertainment (e.g., meal) is provided to the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) while providing such transportation. *(Adopted: 4/17/07)*

13.5.2.6 From Educational Institution. An institution may pay actual transportation costs for the prospective student-athlete to return to his or her home after an official visit that originated at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution, provided the cost of the transportation to the legal residence does not exceed the cost of transportation to the educational institution.

13.5.2.6.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete's Parent(s) or Guardian(s) From Educational Institution to Campus. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in any vehicle to and from the prospective student-athlete's educational institution to campus on an official visit, provided the conditions regarding the contact restrictions at specified sites are satisfied (see Bylaw 13.1.7) and the transportation provided does not exceed the distance between the locale of the prospective student-athlete's home to the institution's campus. The 48-hour time limitation of the official visit shall begin if entertainment (e.g., meal) is provided to the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) while providing such transportation. *(Adopted: 4/17/07)*

13.5.2.7 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.

13.5.2.8 Transportation of Prospective Student-Athlete's Relatives, Friends or Legal Guardian(s). 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 relatives, friends or legal guardian(s) of a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus or elsewhere, except as provided in Bylaw 13.5.2.8.1. *(Revised: 2/17/05, 4/11/06, 10/17/06)*

13.5.2.8.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete's Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) To and From an Official Visit. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to and from the prospective student-athlete's home to campus on an official visit, in any vehicle, regardless of whether a visit occurs during or outside a permissible contact period. *(Adopted: 4/11/06, 4/17/07)*

13.5.2.9 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits. For violations of Bylaw 13.5.2 in which the value of the transportation is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Adopted: 1/13/98, Revised: 1/9/06)*

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, other institutional facilities and to attend an institution's home athletics contest (on or off campus). An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-athlete during such a trip. Payment of any other transportation expenses is not permissible. However, the institution may provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete to attend home athletics contests if transportation is available to prospective students generally. For violations of Bylaw 13.5.3 in which the value of the transportation is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations 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. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/11/00, 4/29/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06, 4/11/06, 7/24/07)*

13.5.4 Transportation to Enroll. 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 transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus on the occasion of the student-athlete's initial arrival at the institution to attend classes.

13.6 OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT

13.6.1 Limitations on Official Visit.

13.6.1.1 One-Visit Limitation. A member institution may finance only one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete.

13.6.1.2 Number of Official Visits—Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation. A prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits, with no more than one permitted to any single institution. This restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved and only for expense-paid visits to Divisions I and II institutions. *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

13.6.1.2.1 Written Notification Required. Each member institution shall be required to notify the prospective student-athlete in writing, at the time of its invitation but before the visit, of the five-visit limitation. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

13.6.1.2.2 First Opportunity to Visit. A prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

13.6.2 Requirements for Official Visit. An institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete until he or she: *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/13/98, 4/29/04, 4/28/05, 1/9/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

- (a) Presents a score from a PSAT, an SAT, a PLAN or an ACT test taken on a national testing date under national testing conditions or an ACT test taken on a state testing date under state testing conditions. The score must be presented in writing through a testing-agency document or on a high school (or college) academic transcript (official or unofficial) or through the use of the applicable testing agency's automated-voice system. A foreign or learning-disabled prospective student-athlete who requires a special administration of the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT may present such a score on the approval of the appropriate academic requirements committee;
- (b) Registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*
- (c) Is placed on the institution's institutional request list (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.6.2.1 NCAA Eligibility Center. A prospective student-athlete's fulfillment of these academic requirements for an official visit may be certified through use of information on file at the NCAA Eligibility Center, as approved by the Executive Committee. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/29/04, 4/23/07)*

13.6.2.2 Eligibility Ramifications. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

13.6.2.3 Post-High School Visits. The one-visit limitation applies separately to the period in which the prospective student-athlete is in high school and to the period beginning September 1 after the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. The limitations (see Bylaw 13.6.1.2) apply separately to the period in which the prospective student-athlete is in high school and to the period beginning September 1 after the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. Thus, a prospective student-athlete may be provided a maximum of 10 official visits—five while in high school and five beginning September 1 after the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 3/24/05)*

13.6.2.3.1 Transfer Student. If a student-athlete attending a four-year institution desires to transfer and that institution provides the permission required (per Bylaw 13.1.1.2), it is permissible for a second institution to provide the student-athlete one official visit to that institution's campus.

13.6.2.4 Visit to Off-Campus Contest. The official visit shall be made to the campus and not, for example, to an off-campus site where the institution may be appearing in an athletics contest. However, if an institution is required to play all of its home games in a given sport at a site located in a community other than its own because of conditions beyond its own control (e.g., fire, windstorm, earthquake or other disaster), the institution may consider games played at the substitute site as on-campus competition, provided the institution documents the conditions causing it to visit an off-campus site on an official visit. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/05, 1/9/06)*

13.6.3 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. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. Additionally, if the prospective student-athlete does not return home before 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. (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/10/05*)

13.6.3.1 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. 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.

13.6.3.2 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. In such instances, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the details of the circumstances. (*Adopted: 10/21/08*)

13.6.4 Transportation on Official Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on the official visit, see Bylaw 13.5.2.

13.6.5 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.

13.6.6 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit.

13.6.6.1 General Restrictions. An institution may provide entertainment, which may not be excessive, on the official visit only for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's relatives [or legal guardian(s)]. Entertainment and contact by representatives of the institution's athletics interests during the official visit are confined to campus. It is not permissible to entertain other relatives or friends (including dates) of a prospective student-athlete at any time at any site. For violations of this bylaw in which the value of the entertainment is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. (*Revised: 1/13/98, 1/10/05, 1/9/06*)

13.6.6.1.1 Meals and Lodging While in Transit. 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.

13.6.6.2 Complimentary Admissions. During the official visit, a maximum of three complimentary admissions to a campus athletics event 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 on an individual-game basis. Providing special seating arrangements 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. For violations of this bylaw in which the individual receives special seating arrangements or an excessive number of complimentary admissions, and the value of the special seating arrangements or excessive admissions is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. (*Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/11/94, 1/13/98, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 1/9/06*)

13.6.6.2.1 Off-Campus Home Competition. Complimentary admissions may be provided to a prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit to attend an institution's off-campus home competition, provided the site of the competition is located within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. (*Adopted: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00*)

13.6.6.2.2 Conference Tournaments. An institution may provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament only if the institution participates in the tournament and it is held on the institution's campus. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

13.6.6.2.3 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. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

13.6.6.2.4 Purchase of Game Tickets in Same Locale. An institution may reserve tickets, only for the use of immediate family members 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. These tickets must be purchased at face value. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.6.6.3 Parking. An institution may arrange special on-campus parking for prospective student-athletes during an official visit. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.6.6.4 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.

13.6.6.5 Student Host. The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete:

- (a) A maximum of \$30 for each day of the visit to cover all actual costs of entertaining the prospective student-athlete (and the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians), excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. These funds 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 \$15 per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains; *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/9/06)*
- (b) Complimentary meals, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit; and *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 7/21/09)*
- (c) Complimentary admissions to campus athletics events, provided the admissions are used to accompany a prospective student-athlete to the events during the prospective student-athlete's official visit. *(Revised: 7/21/09)*

13.6.6.5.1 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits. For violations of Bylaw 13.6.6.5 in which the value of the benefit to the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Adopted: 1/13/98, Revised: 1/9/06)*

13.6.6.5.2 Multiple Hosts. If several students host a prospective student-athlete, the \$30 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. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

13.6.6.5.3 Nonqualifier Prohibition. The student host must be enrolled in the member institution being visited by a prospective student-athlete. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.10.3) may not serve as a student host during his or her first academic year in residence. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 3/19/97, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

13.6.6.5.4 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. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

13.6.6.6 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)*

13.6.6.7 Meals on Official Visit.

13.6.6.7.1 Meals on Official Visit. The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s)

need not be included in the \$30-per-day entertainment expense. A dessert or after-meal snack also may be excluded. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/06, 4/11/06*)

13.6.6.7.1 Entertainment at Staff Member's Home. 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. (*Revised: 1/9/96*)

13.6.6.7.2 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits. For violations of Bylaw 13.6.6.7.1 in which the value of the excessive meals is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. (*Adopted: 1/13/98, Revised: 1/9/06*)

13.6.6.8 Normal Retail Cost. 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 relatives or legal guardian(s) the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the \$30-per-day entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail cost exceeds the \$30-per-day entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/9/06*)

13.6.6.8.1 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits. For violations of Bylaw 13.6.6.8 in which the value of the entertainment in excess of the \$30 per-day entertainment figure is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/9/06*)

13.6.7 Entertainment on Official Visit for Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) of Prospective Student-Athlete. A member institution shall limit entertainment, meals and lodging on the prospective student-athlete's official visit to a prospective student-athlete, and the prospective student-athlete's relatives [or legal guardian(s)]. For violations of this bylaw, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on the individual repaying the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time that the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. (*Revised: 1/9/06*)

13.6.8 Lodging for Additional Persons. Additional persons (e.g., prospective student-athlete's brother, sister, friend) may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or relatives or legal guardian(s) of 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. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/09/06*)

13.6.8.1 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution of Receipt of Improper Benefits. For violations of Bylaw 13.6.8 in which the value of the lodging for additional persons is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/9/06*)

13.7 UNOFFICIAL (NONPAID) VISIT

13.7.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

13.7.2 Entertainment/Tickets.

13.7.2.1 General Restrictions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions to a campus athletics event 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. 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. For violations of this bylaw in which the individual receives an excessive number of complimentary admissions, and the value of the excessive admissions is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/11/94, 1/9/06)*

13.7.2.1.1 Meals. An institution may provide a prospective student-athlete (and the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) with one meal in the institution's on-campus dining facility during an unofficial visit. In addition, an institution may provide a meal in an off-campus dining facility when all on-campus dining facilities are closed. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/06)*

13.7.2.1.2 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.

13.7.2.1.3 Transportation during Unofficial Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on an unofficial visit, see Bylaw 13.5.3.

13.7.2.1.4 Reserving Game Tickets. An institution may not reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) to be purchased by a prospective student-athlete (or individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) on an unofficial visit. Tickets may be purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.7.2.1.5 Parking. An institution may not arrange special parking for prospective student-athletes to use while attending a member institution's campus athletics event during an unofficial visit. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.7.2.1.6 Academic Interviews. An athletics department staff member may arrange academic interviews for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.

13.7.2.2 Home Games Outside the Community. If an institution schedules any regular-season home games at a site located in a community other than its own, the host institution may provide a maximum of three complimentary admissions to only one 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.

13.7.2.3 Conference Tournaments. An institution may provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament only if the institution participates in the tournament and it is held on the institution's campus. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

13.7.2.4 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. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

13.7.2.5 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 providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete.

13.7.2.6 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/or National Girls and Women in Sports Day. *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/22/98, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

13.7.2.7 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits. For violations of Bylaw 13.7.2 in which the value of the entertainment/tickets/meal is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Adopted: 1/13/98, Revised: 1/9/06)*

13.8 ENTERTAINMENT, REIMBURSEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL/PREPARATORY SCHOOL/TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES

13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions. Entertainment of a high school, college 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 which must be issued on an individual-game basis, to home athletics contests at any facility in which the institution's intercollegiate team regularly practices or competes. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus. 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. For violations in which the value of the benefit is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the prospective student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned on the prospective student-athlete (or the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved) repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. However, the prospective student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the prospective student-athlete (or preparatory school or two-year coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved) repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the prospective student-athlete's (or the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved) repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/10/05, 1/9/06, 4/11/06)*

13.8.1.1 Transportation Reimbursement. An institution shall not reimburse a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for transportation expenses of any kind. *(Revised: 4/11/06)*

13.8.1.2 Purchase of Game Tickets. Tickets (beyond the permissible complimentary admission) may be reserved or purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/11/06)*

13.8.1.3 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. *(Revised: 4/11/06)*

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. For violations in which the value of the benefit is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the prospective student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned on the prospective student-athlete (or the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved) repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. However, the prospective student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the prospective student-athlete (or the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved) repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the prospective student-athlete's (or the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved) repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/10/05, 1/9/06)*

13.8.2.1 Alumni Exception. An institution may provide a material benefit (e.g., meal, plaque, certificate) with a value comparable to nonathletics awards for recognition of a special achievement to a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who is an alumni of that institution. *(Adopted: 10/17/06)*

13.8.2.2 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 (i.e., 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. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94)*

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

13.8.3.1 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.

13.8.3.2 Conditions. 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 shall be permitted to engage in employment as a member of an institution's coaching staff provided the individual: *(Revised: 4/29/04)*

- (a) Performs actual, on-the-field coaching duties;
- (b) Is involved in recruiting only to the same extent as other institutional on-the-field coaches; and
- (c) Is under contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year; however, the member institution is permitted to confine its compensation to such a coach to a shorter period of time, such as a sport season. (See Bylaw 11.4.)

13.9 LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS

13.9.1 NCAA Eligibility Center Registration and Institutional Request List. An institution shall not provide a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid (per Bylaw 15.3.2.3) until the prospective student-athlete has registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and the institution has placed the prospective student-athlete on the institutional request list (IRL) with the Eligibility Center. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.9.2 Transcript Prior to National Letter of Intent or Written Offer of Athletically Related Financial Aid. An institution shall not provide a high school, preparatory school, two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete with a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid until the prospective student-athlete presents the institution with a current high school, preparatory school or college transcript (official or unofficial). *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, for written offers of athletically related financial aid signed by a prospective student-athlete on or after 8/1/09)*

13.9.2.1 Exception—High School Prospective Student-Athlete with a Final Academic Certification. An institution may provide a high school prospective student-athlete with a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid without having received a current high school transcript, provided the prospective student-athlete's final academic certification has been issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center. *(Adopted: 4/21/09 effective 8/1/09, for written offers of athletically related financial aid signed by a prospective student-athlete on or after 8/1/09)*

13.9.3 Institutional or Conference Letter of Intent Programs. A member institution may participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement during the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent (NLI) (in those sports that have an NLI early signing period); however, once the early signing period has elapsed, an institutional or conference letter of intent or financial aid agreement may not be issued prior to the regular or late signing period for the National Letter of Intent program in the same sport. *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 5/6/04, 1/8/07 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 before the initial-signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program.

13.9.3.2 Offer of Aid before Signing Date. 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.

13.9.4 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 13.9 and its subsections shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/05, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

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. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility; however, such violations shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97)*

13.10.2 Comments Prior to Signing. 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, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility; however, such violations shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1. *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

13.10.2.1 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 before the prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission as a student and/or written tender of financial assistance to be provided on the prospective student-athlete's enrollment.

13.10.3 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 film, audio tape or videotape) on:

- (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.

13.10.3.1 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 13.10.3 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/10/05*)

13.10.3.2 Announcer for High School Broadcast. A member of an institution's coaching staff may not serve as an announcer or commentator for a high school, college preparatory school or two-year college contest, or appear (in person or by means of film, audio tape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest in the staff member's sport during any time that the staff member is under contract with the member institution. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic Games. (*Revised: 1/10/95, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00*)

13.10.3.3 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 players.

13.10.4 Prospective Student-Athlete's Visit. A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility; however, such violations shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

13.10.5 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. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

13.10.6 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), but the photograph may not be given to the prospective student-athlete. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

13.10.7 Media Release Regarding Signing. Publicity released by an institution concerning a prospective student-athlete's commitment to attend the institution shall occur only after the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or after the prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Such communications, which are not limited in number or content, may be released to media outlets at the institution's discretion except as limited by Bylaw 13.10.7.1. However, an institution is prohibited from purchasing or receiving commercial advertising (e.g., print, media, billboard) to be used to identify a prospective student-athlete by name or picture. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility; however, such violations shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Revised: 1/14/97, 1/9/06, 8/25/08*)

13.10.7.1 Press Conferences. Institutional press conferences, receptions, dinners and similar meetings held for the purpose of making such an announcement are expressly prohibited.

13.10.7.1.1 One-Time Exception—Announcement of All Signings. An institution may make an announcement on the institution's campus for the sole purpose of presenting at one time to the media the names of all prospective student-athletes who have accepted offers of admission and/or athletically related aid in a particular sport from that institution, with the understanding that no prospective student-athletes (or their friends or relatives) may be in attendance.

13.10.7.2 Signings On Campus. An institution is responsible for signings on its campus (whether involving an individual or a group of prospective student-athletes). Any contact by the media with prospective student-athletes on campus during the time the prospective student-athletes signs a National Letter of Intent or tender of financial aid shall be considered to be prima facie evidence of institutional involvement in arranging media involvement and shall be prohibited.

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 Bylaw 13.11.1.1) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3.

13.11.1.1 Definition of “Prospective Student-Athlete” for Tryout-Rule Purposes. 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)*

13.11.1.2 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes. 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. Subvarsity teams are not bound by this prohibition. The varsity team may participate in a contest against an established outside team that includes prospective student-athletes, provided the outside team is ongoing and was not established for the specific purpose of competing against the collegiate team.

13.11.1.3 Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College. Member institutions are permitted to host competition in conjunction with a high school, preparatory school or two-year college, provided all such competition occurs on the member institution’s campus (see Bylaw 13.15.1.4). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95, 4/11/06)*

13.11.1.3.1 Criteria. A member institution may schedule an intercollegiate contest on the same day as a high school, preparatory school or two-year college contest under a single admission and conducted during a continuous session. In the sports of basketball, football, gymnastics and volleyball, a member institution shall not permit a high school, preparatory school or two-year college to compete in more than one of these contests (per sport) on the institution’s campus during an academic year. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95)*

13.11.1.4 Nonscholastic-Based Basketball. A member of an institution’s coaching staff may not participate in coaching activities involving nonscholastic-based basketball teams if any of the participants is of prospective student-athlete age or older (i.e., ninth grade or above). In addition, coaching staff members may not participate on such teams that include individuals with eligibility remaining or that include individuals of prospective student-athlete age or younger. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/11/00)*

13.11.1.5 Tryout Camps. A member institution or conference may not conduct a tryout camp devoted to agility, flexibility, speed and strength tests for prospective student-athletes. A member institution’s staff members may not attend such a tryout camp sponsored by an outside organization if the camp invites only representatives from selected institutions or conferences to observe the camp (except as specified in Bylaw 13.11.2.1). *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.11.1.6 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 13.11 and its subsections shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete’s eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

13.11.2 Permissible Activities.

13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.13 for tryouts of currently enrolled students): *(Revised: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

- (a) No more than one tryout per prospective student-athlete per institution per sport shall be permitted;
- (b) The tryout may be conducted only for high school seniors who are enrolled in a term other than the term(s) in which the prospective student-athlete’s high school’s traditional season in the sport occurs or who have completed high school eligibility in the sport; for a two-year college student, after the conclusion of the sport season or anytime, provided the student has exhausted his or her two-year college eligibility in the sport; and for a four-year college student, after the conclusion of the sport season, provided written permission to contact the prospective student-athlete (per Bylaw 13.1.1.2) has been obtained; *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/12/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/11/06)*
- (c) Prior to participation in a tryout, 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). The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in the tryout. The medical examination or evaluation may be conducted by an institution’s regular team physician or other designated physician as a part of the tryout; *(Revised: 7/24/07 effective 8/1/07)*
- (d) The tryout may include tests to evaluate the prospective student-athlete’s strength, speed, agility and sport skills. Except in the sports of football, ice hockey, lacrosse and wrestling, the tryout may include competition. In the sport of football, the prospective student-athletes shall not wear helmets or pads; *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

- (e) Competition against the member institution's team is permissible, provided such competition occurs during the academic year and is considered a countable athletically related activity per Bylaw 17.02.1; *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (f) The time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to the length of the institution's normal practice period in the sport but in no event shall it be longer than two hours; and
- (g) The institution may provide equipment and clothing on an issuance-and-retrieval basis to a prospective student-athlete during the period of the tryout.

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.

13.11.2.3 Recreational Activities. A prospective student-athlete visiting a member institution may participate in physical workouts or other recreational activities during a visit to an institution's campus, provided such activities:

- (a) Are not organized or observed by members of the athletics department coaching staff; and
- (b) Are not designed to test the athletics abilities of the prospective student-athlete. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

13.11.2.4 Local Sports Clubs. In sports other than basketball, an institution's coach may be involved as a participant 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 100-mile radius of the institution). Further, in club teams involving multiple teams or multiple sports, the 100-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 100-mile area to another coach of the club. A coach may be involved with a local sports club located in the institution's home community that includes prospective student-athletes participating in a sport other than the coach's sport, regardless of where such prospective student-athletes reside. A coach also may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of prospective student-athlete age (i.e., before the ninth grade), regardless of where such individuals reside. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 1/14/02, 1/9/06)*

13.11.2.4.1 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. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94)*

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 During Campus Visit. During a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit to campus, a member institution, through its regular team or other designated physician, may conduct a medical examination to determine the prospective student-athlete's medical qualifications to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided no athletics department staff member other than the trainer is present, the examination does not include any test or procedure designed to measure the athletics agility or skill of the prospective student-athlete and the results of the examination are not used by the institution as the basis for denial of admission of a prospective student-athlete who is otherwise qualified for admission under the institution's regular admissions criteria. *(Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/12/04, 1/8/05)*

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 the prospective student-athletes visit to the institution at their own expense for this purpose. *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

13.11.3.1 Developmental Clinics. Developmental clinics (including competition conducted in conjunction with the clinic) involving prospective student-athletes shall not be considered tryouts, provided:

- (a) They are designed to develop fundamental skills in a sport (rather than to refine the abilities of skilled participants in the sport);
- (b) They are open to the general public (except for restrictions in age or number of participants);
- (c) They are conducted by and subject to the control of the host member institution;
- (d) They are conducted primarily for educational purposes and do not include material benefits for the participants (e.g., awards, prizes, merchandise gifts);

- (e) Clinic participants do not receive a recruiting presentation; and (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)
- (f) Clinic participants reside in the state in which the host institution is located or within 100 miles of the host institution. (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)

13.11.3.2 “Open” Events. Participation by a prospective student-athlete in “open” events conducted by or held on the campus of a member institution 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.

13.11.3.3 Activities Not Involving Institution’s Staff. The use of a member institution’s facilities for a high school all-star game or other 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. (*Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

13.11.3.4 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 or athletics authority shall not be considered tryouts. A member institution’s coaching staff member may not participate in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection) except as permitted in Bylaw 13.11.3.4.1 and 13.11.3.4.2. (*Revised: 1/9/96, 4/22/98*)

13.11.3.4.1 Coach/Prospective Student-Athlete Competition. It is permissible for an institution’s coach to participate with or against prospective student-athletes in recognized 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.

13.11.3.4.2 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. (*Adopted: 1/10/91*)

13.11.3.5 High School, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Contests. Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college athletics contests or matches, conducted by a member institution or sponsored jointly with an outside organization and held on the campus of a member institution, 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]:

- (a) 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);
- (b) The event appears on the schedules of the prospective student-athletes’ educational institutions; and
- (c) The event is conducted by a national sports federation of which the NCAA is a member or it has been approved before the season by the appropriate state or national authority.

13.11.3.6 High School, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Practice and Competition. The regular or emergency use of a member institution’s facilities by a high school, preparatory school or two-year college athletics team for its normal practice activities (conducted solely by its coaches) or for regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school or two-year college contests (conducted solely by those participating institutions) shall not be considered tryouts, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) The competition is approved by the appropriate state or national authority; and
- (b) The member institution and representatives of its athletics interests are not involved in any way in the invitation or selection of participating schools or individuals.

13.11.3.7 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.

13.11.3.8 Private Lessons. An institution’s equestrian, golf or tennis coach may teach private equestrian, golf or tennis lessons to a prospective student-athlete, provided the following conditions are met: (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

- (a) The coach makes lessons available to the general public;
- (b) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are at a rate commensurate with fees charged to all individuals;
- (c) Prior written approval is received annually from the institution’s president or chancellor; (*Revised: 10/3/05*)

- (d) Fees of the prospective student-athlete are not paid by individuals or entities other than the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s); and *(Revised: 1/9/06)*
- (e) The institution keeps on file in the office of the director of athletics documentation of the fee charged for the private lessons and the name of any individual receiving any portion of the fee.

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. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90)*

13.12.1.1.1 Purposes of Camps or Clinics. An institution's sports camp or clinic shall be one that:

- (a) Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction, practice or 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. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90)*

13.12.1.1.2 Football and Basketball. An institution's football or basketball camp or clinic may be conducted only during an institution's summer-vacation period, unless such activities meet the provisions regarding developmental clinics set forth in Bylaw 13.11.3.1. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/05)*

13.12.1.2 Attendance Restriction. A member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number and age). *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94)*

13.12.1.3 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. The interaction during sports camps and sports clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, other coaches wishing to attend the camp 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.

13.12.1.4 Advertisements. Restrictions relating to advertisements of an institution's sports camps and clinics in recruiting publications are set forth in Bylaw 13.4. Such restrictions do not apply to sports camp and clinic advertisements in nonrecruiting publications (e.g., a member institution's game program). Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

13.12.1.5 Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes/No Free or Reduced Admission Privileges.

13.12.1.5.1 Prospective Student-Athlete. In operating a sports camp or clinic, an institution, members of its staff or a representative of its athletics interests shall not employ or give free or reduced admission privileges to any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

13.12.1.5.2 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.

13.12.1.5.3 Concession Arrangement.

13.12.1.5.3.1 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.

13.12.1.5.3.2 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.

13.12.1.5.4 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. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.12.1.5.5 Restitution. For violations of Bylaw 13.12.1.5 and its subsections in which the value of the benefit is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the prospective student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned on the prospective student-athlete repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. However, the prospective student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the prospective student-athlete repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the prospective student-athlete's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Adopted: 1/10/05, Revised: 1/9/06)*

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

13.12.2.1 Student-Athletes.

13.12.2.1.1 General Rule. A student-athlete who is employed in any sports camp or clinic must meet the following requirements:

- (a) The student-athlete must perform duties that are of a general supervisory nature in addition to any coaching or officiating assignments. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*
- (b) Compensation provided to the student-athlete shall be commensurate with the going rate for camp or clinic counselors of similar teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and may not be paid on the basis of the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the athletics reputation or fame the student-athlete has achieved. It is not permissible to establish varying levels of compensation for a student-athlete employed in a sports camp or clinic based on the level of athletics skills of the student-athlete. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (c) 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. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

13.12.2.1.1.1 Self-Employment. A student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct his or her own camp or clinic.

13.12.2.1.1.2 Provision of Travel Expenses to All Employees. A student-athlete may receive actual travel expenses (including lodging and meals in transit and prepaid plane tickets or cash advances) only if such travel expenses are paid and procedures for reimbursement of expenses are used for all employees of the camp/clinic. Credit cards may not be provided to a student-athlete to pay such expenses. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.12.2.1.1.3 Cash Advances Based on Anticipated Earnings. In the case where all employees do not receive travel expenses, a cash advance based on anticipated earnings may be provided to a student-athlete only if such advance does not exceed the estimated actual and necessary cost of travel or the student-athlete's estimated employment earnings, whichever is less, and such a benefit is available to all camp employees. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.12.2.1.1.4 Transportation from Coach or Representative of Athletics Interests. Actual transportation from an institution's coach or representative of its athletics interests may be provided to a student-athlete only if travel expenses are paid for all employees of the camp/clinic. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.12.2.1.1.5 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits. For violations of Bylaw 13.12.2.1.1 in which the value of the excessive compensation is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/9/06)*

13.12.2.1.2 Employment in Own Institution's Camp or Clinic. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ its student-athletes as counselors in camps or clinics, provided the student-athletes do not participate in organized practice activities other than during the institution's playing season in the sport (see Bylaw 17.1.1). *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

13.12.2.1.2.1 Effect of Violations. Violations of Bylaw 13.12.2.1.2 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/13/03)*

13.12.2.2 High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches.

13.12.2.2.1 General Rule. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach at its camp or clinic, provided: *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

- (a) The coach receives compensation that is commensurate with the going rate for camp counselors of similar teaching ability and camp experience; and
- (b) The coach is not paid on the basis of the value the coach may have for the employer because of the coach's reputation or contact with prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

13.12.2.2.2 Prohibited Compensation. A member institution may not compensate or reimburse a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach based on the number of campers the coach sends to the camp.

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.

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. 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. (*Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92*)

13.12.2.3.2 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 13.12.2.3 and its subsections shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/10/05*)

13.12.2.3.3 Other Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics. 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 any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade). In the sports of football and basketball, participation in such camps/clinics is limited to the institution's summer-vacation period. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 4/23/04*)

13.12.2.3.3.1 Exception. An institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity at a noninstitutional camp or clinic conducted under the following conditions: (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

- (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.

13.12.2.3.3.2 Exception—Noncoaching Athletics Staff Members with Department-Wide Responsibilities. A noncoaching athletics staff member with department-wide responsibilities may present an educational session at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp/clinic that is not operated in accordance with the restrictions applicable to institutional camps/clinics, provided the staff member does not make a recruiting presentation. (*Adopted: 1/9/06*)

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 student-athletes to participate (directly or indirectly) in the management, coaching, officiating, supervision, promotion or player selection of any all-star team or contest involving interscholastic players or for those who, during the previous school year, were members of high school athletics teams. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

13.13.1.1 Previous Contractual Agreement. If a coach has made a contractual commitment to coach in a high school all-star game before being employed by a member institution and then becomes a member of the institution's coaching staff before the game is held, the coach shall be permitted to honor the contract provided participation in the all-star contest occurs prior to the coach commencing employment with the member institution.

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 13.11.3.3 are met. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

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). Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

13.14 USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS

13.14.1 Institutional Control. A member institution shall be exclusively and entirely responsible for institutional and personal funds expended during the recruitment of prospective student-athletes. (*Revised: 1/14/01 effective 8/1/02*)

13.14.2 Visiting a Prospective Student-Athlete. A member institution's athletics department staff member may visit a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) 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.

13.14.3 Recruiting Services.

13.14.3.1 Published Recruiting Services. An institution may subscribe to a regularly published scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided this service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers.

13.14.3.2 Video Services. Member institutions are permitted to use video services so long as only regularly scheduled (regular season) high school or two-year college contests are involved. The institution may not contract with the service in advance to have a particular contest videotaped, and the service must be available to all institutions at the same cost. Off-campus observation of a prospective student-athlete on a videotape made available by a scouting service is considered an evaluation activity and is subject to applicable evaluation regulations. *(Revised: 1/13/98)*

13.14.3.3 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 13.14.3 and its subsections shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

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 relatives, legal guardian(s) or friends.

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: 10/3/05)*

- (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. The 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. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*

13.14.5.1 Subject to NCAA Rules. When 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. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*

13.14.5.2 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 13.14.5 and its subsections shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

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 before his or her enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete can obtain a postgraduate education. For violations of Bylaw 13.15 in which the value of the benefit received directly by the prospective student-athlete is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the prospective student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned on the prospective student-athlete repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. However, the prospective student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the direct impermissible benefit until the prospective student-athlete repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the prospective student-athlete's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/10/05, 1/9/06)*

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 written tender of financial assistance.

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. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

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 High School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition. An institution shall be permitted to host high school contests in all sports held in conjunction with intercollegiate contests as specified in Bylaw 13.11.1.3. 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)*

- (a) It shall be regularly scheduled and approved by the appropriate state high school authority;
- (b) 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
- (c) 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.

13.15.1.5 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: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

13.15.1.6 Donation of Equipment.

13.15.1.6.1 Athletics Equipment. An institution or conference may provide used athletics equipment to a high school or 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 or conference's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.15.1.6.2 Nonathletics Equipment. An institution or conference may provide nonathletics equipment (e.g., a computer) to a high school, provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's or conference's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment. *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

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.

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

13.15.2.1 ACT and SAT Scores. An institution may pay a fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores. *(Adopted: 1/10/90)*

13.15.2.2 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls. Institutional staff members may accept collect telephone calls and may use a toll-free (800/888) number to receive telephone calls placed by prospective student-athletes, prospective student-athletes' relatives or legal guardians at any time. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/06)*

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 13.02.9. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

13.15.2.4 Advertisements and Upgrades for Shared Home Facility. A member institution may advertise and upgrade its home facility even if that facility is also the home facility for prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school football stadium). *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

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-athletes to perform at any contest, provided the band is paid commensurate with the going rate in the locale for similar services. *(Adopted: 4/21/09)*

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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 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 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: 1/14/02, 10/23/07)*

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: 5/12/09)*

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. *(Revised: 5/12/09)*

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(s), 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. Specific attention is called to legislation affecting eligibility in the following areas. *(Revised: 10/17/06, 4/4/07)*

14.01.3.1 Amateurism. A student-athlete shall not be eligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport, if the individual takes or has taken pay, or has accepted the promise of pay in any form, for participation in that sport, or if the individual has violated any of the other regulations related to amateurism set forth in Bylaw 12. (See Bylaw 12.1.1). *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.01.3.2 Awards, Benefits and Expenses. Receipt by a student-athlete of nonpermissible awards, extra benefits, or excessive or improper expenses not authorized by NCAA legislation violates the Association’s amateurism principle and renders the student-athlete ineligible for athletics participation in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received (see Bylaw 16). A student-athlete who receives an institutional postgraduate scholarship as part of a senior scholar-athlete award as set forth in Bylaw 16.1.3.1.1 shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics participation in all sports, except that a student may complete the remainder of any season currently in progress at the time of the award (e.g., postseason competition in a spring sport which occurs after graduation). *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

14.01.3.3 Unethical Conduct. A prospective or enrolled student-athlete who is found to have engaged in unethical conduct (see Bylaw 10.1) shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition in all sports. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/26/06)*

14.01.3.4 Financial Aid. A student-athlete who receives financial assistance other than that authorized by the Association shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition (see Bylaw 15).

14.01.3.5 Recruitment. Solicitation of a student-athlete's enrollment by the certifying institution or any representative of its athletics interests in violation of the Association's legislation shall render the student-athlete ineligible to represent that institution in intercollegiate athletics. A student-athlete is responsible during his or her recruitment for involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations, and the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in such 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 (see Bylaw 13).

14.01.4 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports. *(Adopted: 5/13/08)*

14.01.4.1 Seasons of Competition. Beginning with the second year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.6), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable seasons-of-competition legislation set forth in Bylaw 14.2. *(Adopted: 5/13/08)*

14.01.4.2 Initial, Continuing and General Eligibility Requirements. Beginning with the third year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.6), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable initial, continuing and general eligibility legislation set forth in Bylaw 14. *(Adopted: 5/13/08)*

14.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

14.02.1 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.

14.02.2 Church Mission, Official. An official church mission is one that is required by the church of which the individual is a member and that results in the individual's being unable to attend a collegiate institution during the period of the mission.

14.02.3 Collegiate Institution. A collegiate institution (for purposes of NCAA legislation) is an institution of higher education that:

- (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; *(Revised: 1/10/90)*
- (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.

14.02.4 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: 10/21/08)*

14.02.5 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). Formal approval by the Management Council or an NCAA committee is not required. 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 14.02.14).

14.02.6 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).

14.02.7 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition occurs when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution: *(Revised: 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; *(Revised: 1/10/91)*
- (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 (see Bylaw 16.11.1.6 for regulations governing the use of equipment during the summer); *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/11/06, 7/24/07)*
- (c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition; or *(Revised: 7/24/07)*
- (d) Competes in outside competition as a member of a club team at a two-year or four-year collegiate institution, provided the institution sponsors the sport on the varsity level. *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

14.02.7.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaws 16.8.1.3-(a) and -(b) is exempted from the application of this legislation. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

14.02.7.2 Exemption—Tryouts. The participation of student-athletes in contests against prospective student-athletes trying out at member institutions (in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.2.1) shall be exempted from the application of this legislation. (*Adopted: 1/10/91*)

14.02.8 National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic 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.

14.02.9 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 14.02.7. Eligibility rules for competition may differ from those for practice.

14.02.10 Qualification Status.

14.02.10.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is a student who, for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition in Divisions I and II institutions, 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.

14.02.10.2 Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier is a student who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier but who, at the time of graduation from high school, presents one of the following academic requirements (see Bylaw 14.3): (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

- (a) Successful completion of a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses and a specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum; or
- (b) Specified minimum SAT or ACT score.

14.02.10.3 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), presented neither the core-curriculum grade-point average and SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier.

14.02.11 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. To satisfy an academic year of residence, a student shall meet the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.1.1. A summer term may not be used to satisfy a term of residence.

14.02.12 Grade-Point Average. For purposes of calculating a grade-point average for NCAA eligibility (e.g., progress toward degree), a student must achieve a minimum grade-point average based on a maximum of 4.000 grading scale, unless otherwise specified in the legislation. (*Adopted: 4/29/04*)

14.02.13 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.

14.02.14 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., by the Management Council, 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 (see Bylaw 14.02.5).

14.1 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

14.1.1 Postseason and Regular-Season Competition. To be eligible for regular-season competition, NCAA championships, and for postseason football bowl games sanctioned by the Association, the student-athlete shall meet all of the Association's general eligibility requirements and any additional eligibility requirements adopted by the applicable membership division.

14.1.1.1 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, is found to have used a substance on the list of banned drugs, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.4, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1. (*Adopted: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, Revised: 4/29/04*)

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine the validity of the information on which the eligibility of a student-

athlete is based. Therefore, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine whether a transcript is valid for purposes of applying appropriate NCAA legislation to the eligibility of a student-athlete when the institution receives notification, or otherwise has cause to believe, that a student-athlete's high school, preparatory school or two-year college transcript is not valid.

14.1.2.1 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 shall be approved by the Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 21.6.4.) *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

14.1.2.2 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 shall be approved by the Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 21.6.5.) *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

14.1.2.3 NCAA Eligibility Center. An institution shall use the NCAA Eligibility Center, approved by the Executive Committee, to determine the validity of the information on which the initial eligibility of a student-athlete is based. *(Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94 for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/27/06, for those student-athletes whose initial collegiate enrollment occurs in the 2006-07 academic year and thereafter, 4/23/07, 7/24/07)*

14.1.2.3.1 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 includes, but is 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, for those student-athletes whose initial collegiate enrollment occurs in the 2006-07 academic year and thereafter, Revised: 4/23/07)*

14.1.3 Student-Athlete Statement.

14.1.3.1 Content and Purpose. Before participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a statement in a form prescribed by the Management Council 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. Details about the content, administration and disposition of the statement are set forth in Bylaw 30.13. 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, 1/13/98)*

14.1.3.2 Institutional Responsibility—Notification of Positive Test. The institution shall promptly notify in writing the NCAA vice president for education services 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: 12/5/06)*

14.1.4 Drug-Testing Consent Form.

14.1.4.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year a student-athlete shall sign a form prescribed by the Management Council in which the student-athlete consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by NCAA legislation. Failure to complete and sign the consent form before practice or competition in sports in which the Association conducts year-round drug testing shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation (i.e., practice and competition) in all intercollegiate athletics (see Constitution 3.2.4.6). Details about the content, administration and disposition of the consent form are set forth in Constitution 3.2.4.6.1 and Bylaw 30.5. 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. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97)*

14.1.4.2 Exception—14-Consecutive Calendar Day Grace Period. A student-athlete who is trying out for a team is not required to complete the NCAA Drug-Testing Consent Form for 14-consecutive calendar days from the first date the student-athlete engages in countable athletically related activities or before the student-athlete participates in competition, whichever occurs first. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

14.1.5 Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/Buckley Amendment Consent Form—Disclosure of Protected Health Information.

14.1.5.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete may voluntarily sign a statement in a form prescribed by the Management Council in which the student-athlete authorizes/consents to the institution's physicians, athletics trainers 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 System (ISS), 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. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

14.1.5.2 Administration. The statement 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. Details about the content, administration and disposition of the statement are set forth in Bylaw 30.12. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

14.1.6 Eligibility Form—International Student-Athlete. The eligibility of an international student-athlete shall be certified on a form approved by the Management Council. The completed form shall be maintained on file at the institution with other eligibility documents and shall be available for examination on request by the NCAA, and, if the institution is a member of a conference, an authorized conference representative. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

14.1.7 Admission and Enrollment.

14.1.7.1 Admission. A student-athlete shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, unless the student-athlete has been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of that institution.

14.1.8 Full-Time Enrollment.

14.1.8.1 Requirement for Practice or Competition. To be eligible for practice or competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the institution, which for purposes of this bylaw and its subsections shall not be less than 12-semester or -quarter hours, regardless of the institution's definition of a minimum full-time program of studies. For practice only, a violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, it shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.1 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-athlete 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: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.2 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 institutions and may not continue to practice or compete with the original institution's team. (See Bylaw 13.1.1.2.) *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.3 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-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.4 Concurrent Courses at Two Institutions. Courses taken concurrently at a second institution may be counted toward meeting the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement, provided: *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

- (a) The certifying institution officially recognizes the student-athlete'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-athlete's transcript at the institution where the student-athlete is seeking the degree.

14.1.8.1.5 Cooperative Educational Exchange Program. A student-athlete may practice or compete for the certifying institution even though the student-athlete is enrolled in another institution in a cooperative educational exchange program, provided: *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

- (a) The certifying institution considers the student-athlete to be regularly enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies; and
- (b) All academic coursework is placed on the student-athlete's transcript and accepted toward his or her undergraduate degree at the certifying institution.

14.1.8.1.6 Extension Courses. A student-athlete may use a combination of hours taken in residence during a regular term and extension courses taken from the certifying institution during that term to meet the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement, provided the institution considers enrollment in such extension courses as regular course enrollment for all students during term time. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.7 Exceptions.

14.1.8.1.7.1 Practice or Competition—Before Initial Full-Time Enrollment. To be eligible for practice or competition during the official vacation period immediately before initial enrollment, the student-athlete shall: *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

- (a) Have been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of the individual's participation;
- (b) No longer be enrolled in the previous educational institution(s); and
- (c) Be eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements.

14.1.8.1.7.2 Practice or Competition—Eligibility Between Terms. To be eligible for practice or competition that takes place between terms, the student-athlete shall: *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

- (a) Have been registered for the required minimum full-time program of studies (see Bylaw 14.1.8.1) at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, if the student-athlete is continuing enrollment; or
- (b) Be accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately after the date of competition, if the student-athlete is either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment (see Bylaw 14.1.10).

14.1.8.1.7.3 Practice or Competition—Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may compete or participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.7.3.1 Practice or Competition—Postseason. The student-athlete granted eligibility to compete under this provision shall be eligible for any NCAA championship, that begins within 60 days after said semester quarter, provided the student-athlete has not exhausted the 10 semesters/15 quarters for completion of the individual's four seasons of eligibility (see Bylaw 14.2). Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.7.3.1.1 Waiver—Postseason. The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, may waive the 60-day requirement when an NCAA championship is conducted at the conclusion of the championship segment of the playing season but begins more than 60 days after the end of said term. (See Bylaw 15.01.5.1 for legislation related to the eligibility of student-athletes enrolled less than full time to receive institutional financial aid.) *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.7.4 Practice or Competition—Graduate Program. A student-athlete may practice or compete while enrolled in a full-time graduate program as defined by the institution for all graduate students in that program (see Bylaw 14.1.9). *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/9/06)*

14.1.8.1.7.5 Practice—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-athlete is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA requirements. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.8 Waivers of the 12-Hour Requirement for Practice or Competition.

14.1.8.1.8.1 Practice or Competition—Student-Athletes with Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Academic Requirements Committee 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 student-athlete's education-impacting disability. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 10/21/08)*

14.1.8.1.8.2 Practice or Competition—Nontraditional Academic Calendars or Cooperative Educational Programs. A student-athlete enrolled in an institution that determines enrollment hours on a basis other than traditional semester or quarter hours or that conducts a cooperative

educational program, may practice or compete, if at the time of practice or competition the student-athlete is enrolled for a comparable minimum academic program of studies as determined by the Academic Requirements Committee. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.8.1.8.3 Practice or Competition—Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World Youth Championships. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the junior or elite levels of the Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World Youth Championships who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice or competition in any sport. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/9/06, 10/17/06)*

14.1.8.1.8.4 Practice—U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body—Individual Sports or Rowing. A student-athlete 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 that involve an individual sport or rowing, provided the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

- (a) The practice sessions take place only at the institution(s) the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student;
- (b) The U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body (NGB) in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;
- (c) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits; and
- (d) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately before the Olympic Games.

14.1.8.1.8.5 Practice—U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body—Team Sports. A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions that involve a team sport, provided the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

- (a) The practice sessions take place only at the institution(s) the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student;
- (b) The U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body (NGB) in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;
- (c) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits; and
- (d) The participation occurs only during the academic year immediately before the Olympic Games.

14.1.8.1.8.5.1 Administration. Waivers of Bylaw 14.1.8.1.8.4 or 14.1.8.1.8.5 shall be approved by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of independent institutions, by the Management Council. A member institution shall submit a waiver request that includes documentation that demonstrates that the conditions of Bylaw 14.1.8.1.8.4 or 14.1.8.1.8.5 have been met for each individual who wishes to participate in the institution's practice sessions. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

14.1.8.1.8.6 Practice and Competition—All Other Full-Time Enrollment Waivers. Unless otherwise specified under this bylaw, the Academic Requirements Committee may waive the 12-hour requirement for competition and practice. *(Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 4/4/07)*

14.1.9 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate/Second Baccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the institution he or she previously attended as an undergraduate (regardless of whether the individual has received a United States baccalaureate degree or its equivalent), 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 10-semester/15-quarter period set forth in Bylaw 14.2 (see Bylaw 14.1.8.1.7.4). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

14.1.9.1 Transfer Exception. A student who transfers and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program at an institution other than the institution he or she previously attended as an undergraduate may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96 for those student-athletes who transfer to the certifying institution on or after 8/1/96, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

14.1.9.2 Foreign 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 United States baccalaureate and who is entering an undergraduate program must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Division II Academic Requirements Committee and its Foreign Student Records Consultants. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

14.1.9.3 NCAA Championship following Last Term of Eligibility. A student-athlete who is eligible during the term in which degree work is completed (or is eligible as a graduate, per Bylaw 14.1.9) remains eligible for any NCAA championship that begins within 60 days after the end of the term in which the student completes the requirements for the degree (or graduate eligibility). The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, may waive the 60-day requirement when an NCAA championship, postseason certified bowl game or National Invitation Tournament is conducted at the conclusion of the traditional playing season but begins more than 60 days after the end of said term. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95)*

14.1.10 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.

14.1.10.1 Exception.

14.1.10.1.1 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 the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1). For those institutions that post grades on a rolling basis, the three-business day period shall begin within the first week of classes. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.1.10.1.2 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 the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1). *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.1.10.1.3 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(s) shall be ineligible until such time the student-athlete(s) is declared eligible for competition. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.1.10.1.4 Notification to the NCAA National Office. As a condition of the exception, an institution shall provide to the NCAA national office the number of student-athlete(s) who are ultimately declared ineligible for the academic term but competed during the exception period. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.1.11 Eligibility for Male Students or Male Student-Athletes to Practice with Women’s Teams.

A male student or male student-athlete (see Bylaw 17.02.9) may engage in practice sessions with women’s teams under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 5/5/09)*

- (a) Male students who practice with an institution’s women’s team must be certified in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations for practice (e.g., enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, sign a drug-testing consent form, included on the institution’s squad list, certify insurance coverage of medical expenses per Constitution 3.2.4.9).
- (b) It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students financial assistance, which includes room and board, tuition and fees, and books, in return for practicing with the women’s team.
- (c) It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students awards and benefits set forth in Bylaw 16.
- (d) It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students room and board to remain on campus during a vacation period to participate in practice sessions with a women’s team.
- (e) It is not permissible for a male student or male student-athlete who is serving an academic year in residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women’s team.
- (f) It is permissible for an institution to provide practice apparel to male students for the purpose of practicing with a women’s team.

14.2 SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE

A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 14.02.7 and 14.2.2). 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:

14.2.1 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 church mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government shall count against the 10 semesters in which the four seasons of eligibility must be completed.

14.2.2 Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation during the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which the student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the regulations of that institution. For an institution that conducts registration other than on a traditional semester or quarter basis, the Academic Requirements Committee shall determine an equivalent enrollment period.

14.2.2.1 Use of Semester or Quarter. A student-athlete is considered to have used a semester or quarter under this rule when the student-athlete is officially registered in a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign) in a regular term of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, and attends the first day of classes for that term, even if the student-athlete drops to part-time status during that first day of classes (see Bylaw 14.2.3). (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

14.2.2.2 Pregnancy Exception. A member institution may approve a two-semester or three-quarter extension of this 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility for a female student-athlete for reasons of pregnancy.

14.2.2.3 Waivers. The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the 10-semester/15-quarter rule as it deems appropriate. (See Bylaw 30.6.1 for criteria.)

14.2.3 Additional Applications of the 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule.

14.2.3.1 Athletics Competition. Even though a student is enrolled for less than a minimum full-time program of studies at a collegiate institution, a student shall use a semester or quarter under the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility if the individual represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics. (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

14.2.3.2 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 10-semester/15-quarter rule (Bylaw 14.2) only if: (*Revised: 1/10/90*)

- (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.

14.2.3.3 Joint College/High School Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the 10-semester/15-quarter 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 practice (including limited preseason tryouts) or compete for the college's athletics programs. (*Revised: 1/13/98, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/14/02*)

14.2.3.4 Vocational Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the 10-semester 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.

14.2.3.5 Eligibility for Practice. 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), provided the individual has eligibility remaining under the 10-semester rule.

14.2.3.6 10-Semester/15-Quarter Extension Request. A student-athlete, who has exhausted his or her 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility, may practice, but not compete, for 30 consecutive calendar days, provided the institution has filed a 10-semester/15-quarter extension request per Bylaw 30.6.1 with the NCAA national office. (*Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01*)

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

14.2.4.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition [including a scrimmage with outside competition (except for approved two-year college scrimmages per Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1)], regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. 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)*

14.2.4.1.1 Exception—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: 4/4/07)*

- (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 before the two-year college's first regularly scheduled outside competition; and
- (f) The student-athlete participates in not more than two such scrimmages or dates of competition per academic year.

14.2.4.1.2 Exception—Women's Volleyball, Field Hockey, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's Water Polo. A student-athlete may engage in outside 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 in the same academic year that concludes with the NCAA championship. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/12/04, 1/9/06)*

14.2.4.2 Participation in Organized Competition or Training Prior to Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student during the regular academic term that is immediately following the date that the individual's high school class normally graduates from high school (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility) shall use a season of intercollegiate competition for each calendar year or sports season (following that date) in which the individual has participated in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3. *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01, Revised: 2/21/08)*

14.2.4.2.1 Discontinued High School Enrollment. An individual who discontinues high school enrollment and subsequently participates in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 shall use a season of intercollegiate competition for each calendar year or sports season of participation regardless of the date the individual's high school class normally graduates. *(Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

14.2.4.2.2 Academic Year in Residence. An individual who uses a season(s) of competition in a specific sport per Bylaw 14.2.4.2, shall fulfill an academic year in residence at any member institution prior to being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition. *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01, Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.2.4.2.3 Activities Constituting Use of Season. An individual shall use a season of competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2 if the individual participates in activities that meet any of the following criteria: *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

- (a) Any competition or training with a team that declares itself to be professional; *(Revised: 4/11/06)*
- (b) Any competition or training with a team in which compensation is provided to any of the participants (including actual and necessary expenses); *(Revised: 4/11/06)*
- (c) Any individual competition or training in which any of the participants receive compensation (including actual and necessary expenses); *(Revised: 10/3/07, 1/11/08)*
- (d) Any competition pursuant to the signing of a contract for athletics participation;
- (e) Any competition pursuant to involvement in a professional draft;
- (f) Any competition funded by a professional sports organization, excluding not-for-profit organizations affiliated with professional sports organizations;
- (g) Any competition funded by a representative of an institution's athletics interest that is not an open event; or
- (h) Any practice with a professional athletics team (excluding a 48-hour tryout).

14.2.4.2.3.1 Actual and Necessary Expenses. For purposes of determining the use of a season of competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2, actual and necessary expenses are limited to the following: *(Adopted: 4/11/06)*

- (a) Meals;
- (b) Transportation;
- (c) Lodging;
- (d) Medical insurance;
- (e) Stipend (e.g., money for gas or food); or
- (f) Medical expenses (excluding on-site treatment of an injury).

14.2.4.2.3.1.1 Exceptions—Reasonable Expenses and Fees. Reasonable expenses other than those listed above (e.g., the value of coaching, instruction and facility usage) are not considered compensation. If an individual pays a fee to participate on a team, the individual uses a season of competition only if the amount of actual and necessary expenses or other compensation received exceeds the amount of the fee. *(Adopted: 4/11/06)*

14.2.4.2.3.1.1.1 Definition of Fee. A fee to participate on a team or club must: *(Adopted: 7/22/08)*

- (a) Be required of all individuals on the team or club;
- (b) Be the same amount for all individuals on the team or club;
- (c) Be directly used for the expenses of the team or club; and
- (d) Not be earmarked for a specific individual or individuals.

14.2.4.2.3.2 U.S. Armed Services Exception. Participation in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 during time spent in the U.S. Armed Services shall be excepted as long as the competition is organized and administered by the military. *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

14.2.4.2.3.3 National/International Competition Exception. For a maximum of one year, participation in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 shall be excepted if the competition is national or international competition that includes participation in: *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

- (a) Official Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University and Olympic training, tryouts and competition;
- (b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic tryouts; or
- (c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

14.2.4.2.3.4 Postgraduate College Preparatory School Exception. Participation in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 while enrolled in a postgraduate college preparatory school shall be excepted. This exception may only be used during the initial year of enrollment in the preparatory school. *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

14.2.4.2.3.5 Skiing Exception. For a maximum of two years, participation in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 shall be excepted in the sport of skiing when such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the U.S. Skiing Association and its international counterparts. *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

14.2.4.3 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)*

14.2.4.4 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 14.02.7.

14.2.4.5 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 before the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of eligibility (see Bylaw 30.7.2). *(Revised: 1/12/99)*

14.2.5 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: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institution; *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*
- (b) The injury or illness results in an incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season; and *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, for any injury or illness occurring on or after 8/1/03)*
- (c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than two contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport), 20 percent of the institution's completed contests or dates of competition or 20 percent of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in his or her sport. Competition (excluding scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) 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. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/29/04, 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.5.1 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. An institution may appeal a decision by its conference to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Revised: 1/13/03 for any hardship waiver denied on or after 2/1/00)*

14.2.5.1.1 Administration of Hardship Waiver for Injury or Illness Occurring at a Non-NCAA Institution. In cases in which a student-athlete suffers an incapacitating injury or illness during a season of intercollegiate competition at a non-NCAA institution (e.g., two-year college, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics four-year college), the NCAA institution must apply for a hardship waiver through its conference office or, in the case of an independent member institution, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. This regulation is applicable even if the student-athlete was previously granted a hardship waiver at the non-NCAA institution. *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

14.2.5.2 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver. The following criteria are to be employed in the administration of the hardship waiver: *(Revised: 12/5/06)*

14.2.5.2.1 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. The student-athlete may qualify for the hardship waiver as a result of any incapacitating injury or illness occurring after the individual becomes a student-athlete by reporting on call for regular squad practice or after attending the first day of classes as a full-time student at a member institution.

14.2.5.2.2 Medical Documentation. Contemporaneous medical documentation shall be submitted with any hardship-waiver request. For circumstances involving psychological or mental illnesses, the required contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation may be provided by an individual who is qualified and licensed to diagnose and treat the particular illness (e.g., psychologist). *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 4/28/05)*

14.2.5.2.3 Percent Calculation. The following requirements apply in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.2.5-(c) and 14.2.5.2.3 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: 7/21/09)*

14.2.5.2.3.1 Denominator in Percent Computation. The denominator in the percent calculation shall be based on the institution's number of completed varsity contests or dates of competition or the maximum number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport. If the number of completed contests or dates of competition is used, exempted events in Bylaw 17 are included in the percent calculation, except for discretionary exemptions in the applicable sport. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/12/99, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.5.2.3.2 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., 20 percent of a 27-game basketball schedule—5.4 games—shall be considered six games). *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

14.2.5.2.3.3 NCAA Postseason Competition. For purposes of the percent calculation, postseason competition conducted after the completion of the institution's regular-season schedule and conference tournament shall not be included. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.5.2.3.4 NCAA Regional Cross Country Meet. The NCAA regional cross country meet may be counted as one date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or completed dates of competition, provided no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet. *(Adopted: 10/17/06)*

14.2.5.2.3.5 Transfer Student-Athletes. The percent calculation 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 member division in which the injury or illness occurred or the Division II rule). (*Adopted: 7/21/09*)

14.2.5.2.4 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: 1/14/02*)

14.2.6 Season-of-Competition Waiver—Competition While Ineligible. In conjunction with a request for restoration of eligibility and any conditions imposed thereon per Bylaw 14.12, a student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when he or she participated in a limited amount of competition. The competition must have occurred under all of the following conditions: (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

- (a) As a result of a good-faith, erroneous formal declaration of eligibility by the institution's appropriate certifying authority; or
- (b) As a result of a student-athlete's good-faith, erroneous reliance upon a coaching staff member's decision to place the student-athlete into competition before the coaching staff member receiving a formal declaration of eligibility for the student-athlete from the institution's appropriate certifying authority.
 - (1) The competition occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA member institution;
 - (2) The competition occurred within 60 days of the date the student-athlete first reported for athletics participation;
 - (3) 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; (*Revised: 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04*)
 - (4) The student-athlete was involved innocently and inadvertently in the erroneous declaration of eligibility, which permitted the student-athlete to compete while ineligible; and
 - (5) The student-athlete, in the case of a coaching staff member's erroneous decision, had reason to believe he or she was 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.

14.2.6.1 Administrative Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of the season-of-competition waiver: (*Adopted: 1/16/93*)

14.2.6.1.1 Ten-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 14.2.6-(b)-(3) and 14.2.6.1.1 apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum and minimum contest requirements in Bylaws 17 and 20.) (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09*)

14.2.6.1.1.1 Denominator in Percent Computation. 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 14.2.6-(b)-(3)] as computed for playing and practice season purposes in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport. Exempted events in Bylaw 17 are included in the percent calculation, except for discretionary exemptions in the applicable sport. (*Adopted: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09*)

14.2.6.1.1.2 Fraction in Percent Calculation. 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., 10 percent of a 27-game basketball schedule—2.7 games—shall be considered three games). (*Adopted: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09*)

14.2.6.1.1.3 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 the sport, regardless of the number of dates or games involved in the championship. However, for purposes of this regulation, the calculation of scheduled contests or dates of competition in a particular season does not include postseason competition conducted after the completion of the institution's regular-season schedule and conference tournament. (*Adopted: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09*)

14.2.6.1.1.4 NCAA Regional Cross Country Meet. The NCAA regional cross country meet may be counted as one date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or completed dates of competition, provided no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet. (*Adopted: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09*)

14.2.7 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 when, due to extenuating circumstances (per Bylaw 14.2.7.1.2), the student-athlete, while eligible, did not compete in more than two contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 20 percent (whichever number

is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete participated and the number of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition during that season (both segments) in the sport. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04, 10/21/08)*

14.2.7.1 Administrative Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of this season-of-competition waiver: *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.2.7.1.1 Twenty-Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 14.2.6.1.1 shall apply to the 20-percent calculation specified in this waiver. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.7.1.2 Extenuating Circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

- (a) The student-athlete is unable to compete as a result of a life-threatening injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, which clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation; *(Revised: 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/03)*
- (b) The student-athlete is unable to compete 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 on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent. 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 on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent; *(Revised: 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/03)*
- (c) The student-athlete's institution dropped the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed) from its intercollegiate program; and
- (d) The student-athlete participated in nonregular-season competition (e.g., alumni contest, exhibition contests, scrimmages, nonchampionship segment contests) due to a coach's documented misunderstanding of the legislation. The competition must have occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA institution. *(Adopted: 1/14/08, Revised: 7/22/08 effective 8/1/08, 10/21/08)*

14.2.7.1.3 Review Authority. In cases where a student-athlete does not meet the extenuating circumstances listed in Bylaw 14.2.7.1.2, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have authority to review and grant waivers based on additional documented extenuating circumstances. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.3 FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A student-athlete who enrolls in a Division II 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, and approved by the Executive Committee, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be considered a qualifier and thus be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year in residence. *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/97, 4/23/07)*

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following minimum academic qualifications: *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/05, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/05, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/05)*

- (a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 14 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.2, including the following:

English	3 years
Mathematics	2 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school)	2 years
Additional courses in English, mathematics or natural or physical science	2 years
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]	3 years

The record of the above courses and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or on a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office; and (*Revised: 2/9/95, 4/27/06, 4/23/07*)

- (b) A minimum combined score on the SAT verbal/critical reasoning and math sections of 820 or a minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [i.e., no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates (see Bylaw 14.3.1.3)]. (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96 for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 1/9/06*)

The following Bylaw 14.3.1.1 was revised for Division II January 14, 2008, effective August 1, 2013, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full-time on or after August 1, 2013.

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following minimum academic qualifications: (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/05, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/05, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/05*)

- (a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.2, including the following: (*Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/13, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13*)

English	3 years
Mathematics	2 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school)	2 years
Additional courses in English, mathematics or natural or physical science	3 years
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or non-doctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]	4 years

The record of the above courses and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or on a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office; and (*Revised: 2/9/95, 4/27/06, 4/23/07*)

- (b) A minimum combined score on the SAT verbal/critical reasoning and math sections of 820 or a minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [i.e., no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates (see Bylaw 14.3.1.3)]. (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 1/9/06*)

14.3.1.1.1 Exception—Early Academic Certification. A prospective student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier, provided he or she has achieved the following academic criteria: (*Adopted: 1/14/08, for those students first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/08*)

- (a) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections of 1000 or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 85, per the requirements of Bylaw 14.3.1.3; and
- (b) A core-course grade-point average of 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 12 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 12 core courses shall include three core courses in English, two in mathematics (at the level of Algebra I or higher), two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered at the high school) and five additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the course and course grades must be certified by the NCAA 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.

14.3.1.1.1.1 Submission of Final Transcript(s). An institution must submit a final high school transcript(s) (official or unofficial) to the NCAA Eligibility Center by November 15 following a student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment for any student-athlete who is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception. (*Adopted: 1/14/09 effective 8/1/09*)

14.3.1.1.1.1 Effect of Violation. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. *(Adopted: 1/14/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.3.1.2 Core-Curriculum Requirements. For purposes of meeting the core-curriculum requirement to establish eligibility at a Division II member institution, a "core course" must meet all of the following criteria: *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/00, the following Bylaw 14.3.1.2 was revised for Division II, effective 8/1/05, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/05)*

- (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 on graduation from high school;
- (c) A mathematics course must be at the level of Algebra I or 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 over such matters); and
- (e) A course must be taught at or above the high school's regular academic level (i.e., 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 14.3.1.2.5). *(Revised: 10/21/08)*

14.3.1.2.1 Core-Curriculum Time Limitation. A student is permitted to use all core courses completed following the start of the ninth grade and prior to initial full-time enrollment at a collegiate institution as certified on the official transcript or by official correspondence. *(Revised: 1/14/02)*

14.3.1.2.2 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: *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/00)*

- (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 access to one another during the duration of the course for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student;
- (c) Evaluation of the student's work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school's established academic policies; and
- (d) The course is acceptable for any student and is placed on the high school transcript.

14.3.1.2.3 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 and meet all other requirements for core courses.

14.3.1.2.4 English as a Second Language Course. It is permissible to use an advanced level English as a Second Language (ESL) course to satisfy core-curriculum requirements, provided it is reviewed through the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waiver process. Other ESL courses taught in disciplines other than English (e.g., social studies) may satisfy a core-course requirement, provided they are qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular course offering. *(Adopted: 4/13/99)*

14.3.1.2.5 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 NCAA Eligibility Center indicating that such 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 courses. Students with education-impacting disabilities still must complete the required core courses and achieve the minimum required grade-point average in this 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, 4/15/98, 1/10/03, 1/12/04, 10/21/08, 5/5/09)*

14.3.1.2.6 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 an advanced course shall receive no greater than 1.00 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 14 best grades from courses that meet the distribution requirements of the core curriculum. Additional core courses (beyond the 14 required) may be used to meet the core-curriculum grade-point average, provided the distribution requirements are met. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 4/15/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/05)*

The following Bylaw 14.3.1.2.6 was revised for Division II January 14, 2008, effective August 1, 2013, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full-time on or after August 1, 2013.

14.3.1.2.6 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 an 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. Additional core courses (beyond the 16 required) may be used to meet the core-curriculum grade-point average, provided the distribution requirements are met. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 4/15/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/13, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13)*

14.3.1.2.7 Pass-Fail Grades. Courses that are awarded pass-fail grades may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The NCAA 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, 1/13/98, 4/23/07)*

14.3.1.2.8 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.

14.3.1.2.9 Multiple High School Attendance. For a student-athlete who attends more than one high school, a Form 48-H (core-course form) from each high school the student-athlete attended must be used. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

14.3.1.3 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 testing date [i.e., no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates] except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the test-score requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

14.3.1.3.1 Test-Score Time Limitation. The minimum required SAT or ACT score shall be achieved before the individual's first full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/16/93, 1/10/95)*

14.3.1.3.2 Combined Test Scores. For students using the SAT examination, the highest scores achieved on the verbal/critical reasoning 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. 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)*

14.3.1.3.3 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 non-standard SAT or ACT still must achieve the minimum required test score; however, the test does not have to be administered on a national testing date. *(Revised: 1/10/03, 10/21/08)*

14.3.1.3.4 Test-Score Report. The minimum SAT or ACT score(s) used for initial-eligibility purposes must be provided to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the appropriate testing agency through an official test-score report. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/07, for those student-athletes whose initial-collegiate enrollment occurs in fall 2007 or thereafter, Revised: 4/23/07)*

14.3.1.4 Early Admissions Program Waiver. A waiver may be granted by the Academic Requirements Committee for a student who left high school after completion of the junior year or during the senior year to enter a member institution under an early admissions program (open to students solely on the basis of outstanding academic performance and promise), provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/13/98)*

- (a) For the last four semesters completed in high school, the student maintained a cumulative, minimum grade-point average of 3.500 (based on a maximum of 4.000) and ranked in the top 20 percent of the student's class; and
- (b) The student has met all the requirements of a qualifier except graduation from high school.

14.3.1.5 Other Management Council-Authorized Waivers. The Management Council shall have the authority to authorize additional waivers of the initial-eligibility requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances in which a student's overall academic record warrants the waiver of the normal application of this regulation. The Management Council shall establish the process for granting such waivers, shall monitor the actions taken under this authorization and shall report annually to the membership the actions taken, in summary, aggregate form.

14.3.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition—Partial Qualifier and Non-qualifier.

14.3.2.1 Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier is a student who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier but who, at the time of graduation from high school, presents one of the following academic requirements (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1): *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

- (a) Successful completion of a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses and a specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum; or
- (b) Specified minimum SAT or ACT score.

14.3.2.1.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition. An entering freshman with no previous college attendance who enrolls in an institution and who is a partial qualifier may receive institutional financial aid (see Bylaw 15.02.4.1) based on institutional and conference regulations and may practice only on campus or at the institution's regular practice facility but may not compete during the first academic year in residence. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 3/17/05)*

14.3.2.2 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1), presented neither the core-curriculum grade-point average and SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier.

14.3.2.2.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition. An entering freshman with no previous college attendance who is a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment shall not be eligible for regular-season competition and practice during the first academic year in residence. However, such a student (recruited or nonrecruited) for whom financial aid was granted without regard to athletics ability shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid, provided there is on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative and the chair of the financial aid committee that financial aid was so granted. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/14/02)*

14.3.2.3 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, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96)*

14.3.2.4 Outside Competition—Partial Qualifier and Nonqualifier. A partial qualifier or 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, such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team.

14.3.3 Seasons of Competition—Partial Qualifier and Nonqualifier. Partial qualifiers and non-qualifiers, recruited or nonrecruited, shall not engage in more than four seasons of competition, except that such student-athletes who have exhausted three seasons of competition in Division I shall not be eligible for further seasons of competition in Division II. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

14.3.4 Residence Requirement—Partial Qualifier or Nonqualifier. A partial qualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible to compete and to practice away from the institution. A non-qualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible for practice, competition and financial aid other than that permitted per Bylaw 14.3.2.2.1. The requirements that must be met to fulfill an academic

year of residence are set forth in Bylaw 14.5.1.1. (*Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96*)

14.3.5 Determination of Freshman Eligibility.

14.3.5.1 Participation Before Certification—Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the high school core-curriculum grade-point average and test score have been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a qualifier (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete, or the minimum requirements as a partial qualifier to continue practicing. (*Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/23/07*)

14.3.5.2 GED Test/Equivalency Diploma. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school but who subsequently completes the General Educational Development (GED) test and obtains a state high school equivalency diploma may satisfy the graduation requirement of Bylaw 14.3, but not the core-curriculum or test-score requirement, if the following conditions are met:

- (a) Only scores from a GED test taken by the prospective student-athlete not earlier than the date the prospective student-athlete's high school class (i.e., the last class of which the student was a member while enrolled in high school) normally would have graduated from high school shall be used; (*Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, for entering freshman whose initial-collegiate enrollment occurs during the 2005-06 academic year and thereafter*)
- (b) The prospective student-athlete must present the state high school equivalency diploma before initial enrollment as a full-time, regularly matriculated student in a collegiate institution;
- (c) The prospective student-athlete may qualify for athletically related financial aid and practice on campus or at the institution's regular home facility, but not for competition, by presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test and satisfying either the minimum grade-point average and core-course requirements or the minimum standardized test score as set forth in Bylaw 14.3.2.1.1, and (*Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99*)
- (d) To qualify for financial aid, practice and competition, the prospective student-athlete must meet the core-curriculum grade-point average and test-score requirements (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in addition to presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test.

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.

14.3.5.3.1 Grade-Point Average Computation. In determining a student-athlete's eligibility, it is not permissible to round the student's high school grade-point average, regardless of the number of digits to which the computation is carried (e.g., a high school grade-point average of 1.9999 would not make a prospective student-athlete a partial qualifier).

14.3.5.3.2 Multiple Grade-Point Average Calculations. If a high school uses more than one method to compute cumulative grade-point averages for all of its students, the high school may use the method most beneficial to a prospective student-athlete, provided that under its normal procedures the high school actually computes (without any special request by the student or a member institution) a cumulative grade-point average, using that same method for each student at the high school.

14.3.5.3.3 Multiple High School Attendance. When a prospective student-athlete attends more than one high school, it is necessary for the high school from which the student graduated to provide the student's total high school grade-point average. Eligibility shall not be established solely on the basis of work accomplished at the high school from which the student graduated.

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).

14.3.6 Notification of Initial-Eligibility Standards. Member institutions shall provide to high school prospective student-athletes and their parents or legal guardians information regarding the initial-eligibility standards contained in Bylaw 14.3. The information shall be provided at the earliest practical opportunity after the institution begins recruiting the prospective student-athlete, but not later than the day prior to the student-athlete's signed acceptance of the National Letter of Intent or institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. An institution may provide the information in hard-copy or electronic form (e.g., electronic mail, link to Web site). Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08*)

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. As a general requirement, “progress toward degree” is to be interpreted at each member institution by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. (See Constitution 3.2.4.12 regarding the obligations of members to publish their progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes.) *(Revised: 5/12/09)*

14.4.1.1 Bona Fide Foreign Exchange Student. The eligibility of a bona fide foreign exchange student, as defined in Bylaw 14.5.1.5.1, shall be based on satisfactory completion of at least: *(Revised: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

- (a) Six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term in which the student has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)];
- (b) Credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b);
- (c) Credit hours earned during the regular academic year as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4; and
- (d) Cumulative minimum grade-point average as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.2.

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 in 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. See Bylaw 14.1.8 for additional rules regarding eligibility for practice.

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be based on the following requirements: *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

- (a) Satisfactory completion of six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution; and *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective immediately following the institution’s 2005 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned during the 2005 fall term)*
- (b) For a midyear transfer student-athlete, for a student-athlete following the student-athlete’s first academic year in residence or after the student-athlete has used one season of eligibility in any sport at the certifying institution, the certification shall be determined by the student-athlete’s academic record in existence at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year, based on:
 - (1) Satisfactory completion before each fall term of a cumulative total of academic semester or quarter hours equivalent to an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours during each of the previous academic terms in academic years in which the student-athlete has been enrolled in a term or terms; or
 - (2) Satisfactory completion of 24 semester or 36 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.

14.4.3.1.1 Transfer Student—Six-Hour Requirement. For purposes of certifying eligibility for transfer students per Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a), the six-semester or six-quarter hours must be transferable degree credit. (See Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3) *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective immediately following the institution’s 2005 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned during the 2005 fall term)*

14.4.3.1.2 Academic Year in Residence. The definition of “year in residence” for purposes of initiating the requirement for progress-toward-degree certification is based on full-time enrollment and attendance during any portion of a term in an academic year, except that when a student-athlete is granted a medical-absence waiver per Bylaw 14.4.3.5-(a) during the first year of academic residence, that term is not counted in determining whether the student-athlete has been in residence at the certifying institution for one academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

14.4.3.1.3 Part-Time Enrollment. Semester or quarter hours earned by a student-athlete while enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies (per Bylaw 14.1.8.1) shall not be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b)-(1), unless the student-athlete is held accountable for the term(s) of part-time enrollment at the time of certification. *(Adopted: 10/23/07)*

14.4.3.1.4 Hours Earned during Regular Academic Year. A student-athlete shall earn at least 75 percent of the minimum number of semester or quarter hours required for progress toward degree during

the regular academic year. The student-athlete shall earn no more than 25 percent of the minimum number of semester or quarter hours required for progress toward degree during the summer or through correspondence courses taken during the 1993-94 academic year and thereafter. (*Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, for credit hours earned during the 1992-93 academic year and thereafter, Revised: 1/11/94*)

14.4.3.1.4.1 Regular Academic Year. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4, the regular academic year consists of the time beginning with the opening of the institution's fall term and concluding with the institution's spring commencement exercises. (*Adopted: 1/9/96*)

14.4.3.1.4.2 Waiver Procedures. The Division II Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers shall have the authority to authorize waivers of this requirement based upon objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of this regulation. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report at least annually to the Management Council and to the membership the actions taken in summary aggregate form. (*Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 10/28/97*)

14.4.3.1.4.3 Waiver or Exception—Prorating Hours. A student-athlete who qualifies for an exception to or waiver of the progress toward degree rule set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.4 and 14.4.3.5 may prorate the 75-percent requirement based on the number of hours the student-athlete must earn to meet progress toward degree requirements. (*Adopted: 1/9/96*)

14.4.3.1.5 Designation of Degree Program. A student-athlete shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution by the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter) and thereafter shall make progress toward that specific degree. This provision shall be applicable to the eligibility not only of a continuing student, but also of a transfer student from a four-year or two-year collegiate institution who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. Designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished by:

- (a) Formal enrollment by the student-athlete in a specific baccalaureate degree program; or
- (b) Approval by an appropriate academic official (who must not be an academic adviser/counselor employed by the athletics department) of the program leading to the specific baccalaureate degree that the student-athlete is pursuing.

14.4.3.1.5.1 Documentation of Degree Program Designation. If the designation is in accordance with Bylaw 14.4.3.1.5-(a), the official enrollment records of the institution shall constitute the documentation of the program against which progress toward degree under this regulation shall be measured. If the designation is in accordance with Bylaw 14.4.3.1.5-(b), the record of the degree program designation, approved by the appropriate academic official, shall constitute that documentation. For purposes of certifying eligibility for competition, an appropriate academic official shall affirm in writing the number of credit hours applicable to the designated degree program that have been completed satisfactorily. The institution's records for all student-athlete degree program designations and progress-toward-degree evaluations shall be retained for inspection (on request) by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

14.4.3.1.5.2 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 14.4.3.1.5 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/11/00*)

14.4.3.1.6 Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit. The provision that the calculation of credit hours under the progress-toward-degree regulation shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit at the certifying institution in a student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4) shall be met as follows:

- (a) During the first two years of enrollment, a student-athlete may use credits acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs; (*Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)
- (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 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 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 before the change are acceptable toward a degree previously sought; and
 - (3) The credits earned from the time of the change are acceptable toward the new desired degree; and
- (d) A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program with an identified major may not use a course to fulfill the credit-hour requirement for meeting progress toward degree even if the course

fulfills an elective component of the student-athlete's degree program, if the student ultimately must repeat the course to fulfill the requirements of the student's major. *(Adopted: 1/14/97)*

14.4.3.1.6.1 Exception—Final Academic Year of Degree Program—Six-Hour Requirement. A student-athlete who is in the final academic year (i.e., 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 per Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a), provided the institution certifies, through review by appropriate academic officials, that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements at the end of the two semesters or three quarters. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during the final two semesters or three quarters and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 following the institution's 2005 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned during the 2005 fall term and thereafter)*

14.4.3.2 Fulfillment of Minimum Grade-Point-Average Requirements. A student-athlete shall meet the "satisfactory completion" provision of this requirement by maintaining a grade-point average that places the individual in good academic standing, as established by the institution for all students who are at an equivalent stage of progress toward a degree. To fulfill the "satisfactory completion" provision of this requirement, a student-athlete who first enters a Division II institution after the 1988-89 academic year must achieve the following cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year, based on the student-athlete earning: *(Adopted: 1/14/89 effective 8/1/89, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/9/06)*

- (a) 24-semester or 36-quarter hours: 1.800;
- (b) 48-semester or 72-quarter hours: 1.900;
- (c) 72-semester or 108 quarter hours: 2.000; and
- (d) 96-semester or 144-quarter hours: 2.000.

14.4.3.2.1 Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Student-Athletes. A student-athlete must meet the minimum cumulative grade-point average at the certifying institution based on the method of calculation used by the institution for calculating cumulative grade-point averages for all students, and the calculation shall include only course work normally counted by the certifying institution in calculating the cumulative grade-point average for graduation (regardless of whether an institution requires multiple minimum grade-point averages for graduation). *(Adopted: 1/14/89 effective 8/1/89, Revised: 1/10/91, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, for all certifications following 8/1/03, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, for all certifications for eligibility in the fall 2004 and thereafter, 4/11/06)*

14.4.3.2.2 Applicable Credit Hours. All credit hours (e.g., part time, transfer, advanced placement) that are accepted and appear on the student-athlete's transcript at the certifying institution shall be used in determining the number of semester or quarter hours completed and applicable toward the determination of the minimum grade-point average requirements. *(Adopted: 10/20/03 effective 8/1/04)*

14.4.3.2.3 Application of Rule to Transfer and Continuing Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a mid-year transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution who has completed an academic term in residence, a student who has completed an academic year in residence, or a student who has used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

14.4.3.3 Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree.

14.4.3.3.1 Calculation of Credit Hours. The calculation of credit hours to meet this requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs or, if the student-athlete has designated a specific baccalaureate degree program, toward credit in that degree program. Hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) may be used to satisfy the academic credit requirements of this regulation.

14.4.3.3.2 Nontraditional Terms. An institution that determines registration other than on a traditional semester- or quarter-hour basis shall submit a statement describing the progress-toward-degree requirements applicable to its student-athletes for approval by the Academic Requirements Committee.

14.4.3.3.3 Advanced-Placement Tests/Credit by Examination. Credit received through advanced-placement tests or by examination or International Baccalaureate Program examinations may be used by the student to meet the minimum progress-toward-degree requirement, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit. *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

14.4.3.3.4 Correspondence, Extension, and Distance-Learning Courses from Another Institution. Correspondence, extension, distance-learning and credit-by-examination courses taken from an institution other than the one in which a student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student may be used in

determining progress toward degree provided the course is taken at an accredited institution and the certifying institution accepts the course as transferable degree credit. *(Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

14.4.3.3.5 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 14.4.3.3.1 only if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (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) For those students first enrolled in the certifying institution beginning with the 1986-87 academic year, the credit in such courses shall not exceed 12 semester or 18 quarter hours, and the courses must be taken during the student's first academic year of collegiate enrollment.

14.4.3.3.6 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 and recorded 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) In the case of no institutional policy, 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.

14.4.3.3.7 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:

- (a) A course repeated due to an unsatisfactory initial grade may be used only once and only after it has been satisfactorily completed;
- (b) Credit for a course that may be taken several times (e.g., a physical education activities course) shall be limited by institutional regulations; and
- (c) Credits earned in courses that may be taken several times 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).

14.4.3.3.8 "Banked" Credit Hours. All credit hours (including those "banked" or earned in excess of the average of 12 per term before the designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program, even if such hours are not applicable to the designated degree program) may continue to be used to maintain progress toward degree. *(Revised: 1/9/96)*

14.4.3.3.9 Credit from Other Institutions. Credit hours earned at another institution before initial enrollment at the certifying institution may not be used to satisfy minimum academic progress requirements at that institution. However, a student-athlete's total academic record after initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, including the record at other institutions later attended, may be considered in evaluating eligibility under the progress toward degree legislation. *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

14.4.3.3.10 Credit Hours Earned Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. It is not permissible to use the same credit hours earned at the certifying institution prior to initial full-time enrollment to satisfy both freshman academic requirements and progress-toward-degree requirements. In addition, it is not permissible to use the same credit hours earned at the certifying institution prior to initial full-time enrollment to satisfy both transfer requirements and progress-toward-degree requirements. *(Adopted: 4/11/06)*

14.4.3.3.11 Cooperative Education and Study Abroad Programs. A student-athlete shall not be required to complete six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment during any term or terms of enrollment in a cooperative education program or an institutionally approved study-abroad program. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 following the 2005 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned in the 2005 fall term and thereafter)*

14.4.3.4 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Rule.

- (a) **Missed term.** One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b)-(1) may be prorated at 12 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 engaged in no outside competition in the sport during the academic term or terms in which the student was not in attendance;
 - (2) The student-athlete was eligible for enrollment during the student's absence; and
 - (3) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaw 14.4.3.1) for the terms in which the student was in attendance. It is not permissible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the "missed term" may not be counted in meeting the progress-toward-degree requirement. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01)*
- (b) **Midyear enrollment.** For student-athletes entering the institution at the beginning of the second semester or the second or third quarter of an academic year (e.g., mid-year transfer), the credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b)-(2) may be prorated at 12 units per term of actual attendance during the initial regular academic year of attendance. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/05)*
- (c) **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 has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year; was not recruited; has not 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 future 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. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96)*
- (d) **Graduate Student Exception.** A student-athlete that is a graduate student who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation.
- (e) **Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception.** A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulation(s) if, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student-athlete has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in any sport beyond a 14 consecutive calendar day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The 14 consecutive calendar day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student-athlete's initial collegiate enrollment. The student-athlete's eligibility in future 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-athlete began participation. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/8/07 for any progress-toward-degree certification or transfer on or after 8/1/06)*

14.4.3.5 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Rule. The Academic Requirements Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. Such waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Academic Requirements Committee. Waivers of the progress-toward-degree rule may be granted under any of the following conditions: *(Revised: 1/14/02)*

- (a) **Medical absence.** The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a) and -(b)-(1) may be prorated at 12 units 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 not be used in determining progress toward degree.
- (b) **International competition.** The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a) and -(b)-(1) may be prorated at 12 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 result of participation in the Pan American, Olympic, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (including final Olympic tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to no more than two semesters or three quarters. *(Revised: 1/9/96)*

14.4.3.6 Waiver—Olympic Games. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive this general progress-toward-degree requirement for any participant in the Olympic Games who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

14.4.3.7 Waiver—Student-Athletes with Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Academic Requirements Committee 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: 1/10/95, Revised: 10/21/08*)

14.4.3.8 Additional Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee 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 at least annually to the Management Council and to the membership the actions taken in summary aggregate form. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

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 at the certifying institution before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw 16.8.1.2), unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or receives an exception or waiver as set forth in this bylaw. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

14.5.1.1 Determination of Year of Residence. To satisfy an academic year of residence, a student shall:

- (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 full semesters or three full quarters and pass a number of hours that is at least equal to the sum total of the minimum load of each of the required terms.

14.5.1.1.1 Summer Term. A summer term shall not be used to satisfy a term of residence, but hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer may be used to satisfy the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.1.1-(b) above.

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 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*)

14.5.1.3 Outside Competition—Partial Qualifier or Nonqualifier. A two-year college transfer student who is a nonqualifier or partial 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 in residence. A four-year college transfer student who is a nonqualifier or partial qualifier and who has not completed an academic year in 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 in residence. (*Adopted: 1/14/97*)

14.5.1.4 NCAA Championship Eligibility. A transfer student who is required to fulfill an academic year of residence shall not be eligible to participate in any NCAA championship that occurs during the vacation period immediately following the academic year of residence. (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

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 Foreign Exchange Student Exception. A bona fide foreign 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 before the student's departure from his or her home country and make the necessary arrangements to finance the student's education under the foreign exchange program. If these arrangements have not been completed before the student's enrollment at the member institution, the student is considered to be a transfer student and may not represent the certifying institution in competition, until the individual has met the required residence requirement. (See Bylaw 14.4.1.1.)

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:

- (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 before 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 countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) that occur prior to certification per Bylaws 14.3.5.1 and 14.5.4.4.6], announced by the institution through any member of its athletics department staff, before the beginning of any quarter or semester, as certified by the athletics director. Participation only in picture-day activities would not constitute "regular" practice; (*Revised: 1/12/04*)
- (f) The student participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in a given sport even though the student was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies; or (*Revised: 1/12/04*)
- (g) The student received athletically related institutional financial aid while attending a summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program (see Bylaw 15.2.7). (*Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

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 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 on enrollment at the parent institution directly from the branch school. (For definition of "branch school," see Bylaw 14.02.1.)

14.5.3.3 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.

14.5.3.4 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 applicable to the division of which the certifying institution is a member. Further, a transfer student-athlete admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of establishing residency. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.) (*Revised: 1/10/92, 4/4/07*)

14.5.4.1 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid—Qualifier With No Previous Attendance at a Four-Year Collegiate Institution. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) and who has not previously attended a four-year collegiate institution, is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

- (a) The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for at least one full-time semester or one full-time quarter (excluding summer sessions); (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 2/23/07*)
- (b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college; and (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 2/23/07*)
- (c) The student-athlete has presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2). (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 2/23/07*)

14.5.4.1.1 Application. If a two-year college transfer has never attended a four-year college as a full-time student, then the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s), the transferable degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended may be considered. (*Adopted: 5/19/08*)

14.5.4.1.2 Qualifiers. Qualifiers who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.1, may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year of residence. (*Adopted: 5/19/08*)

14.5.4.2 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid—All Other Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

- (a) The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions); and (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05*)
- (b) The student-athlete has satisfied one of the following provisions: (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05*)
 - (1) Graduated from the two-year college. 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 per Bylaw 14.5.4.4.4; or (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05*)
 - (2) Satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each academic term of full-time attendance with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2). (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05*)

14.5.4.2.1 Application. If a two-year college transfer has never attended a four-year college as a full-time student, then the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s), the transferable-degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended may be considered. If the two-year college transfer has previously attended a four-year college as a full-time student during his or her academic career, then only the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s), transferable-degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) and academic degree(s) earned at the two-year college(s) attended after the last full-time enrollment at a four-year college shall be considered. (*Adopted: 8/5/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/10/05*)

14.5.4.2.2 Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers. Qualifiers and partial qualifiers who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.2, may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year of residence. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.5.4.2.3 Nonqualifiers. Nonqualifiers who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.2, may receive nonathletics aid (but may not compete, practice or receive any athletics aid) at the certifying institution during their first academic year in residence. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.5.4.3 Subvarsity Competition. A transfer from a two-year college who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.5.4.1 and 14.5.4.2 shall be eligible to compete only at the subvarsity level at the certifying institution. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a two-year college who was not a qualifier and who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.2 shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first year in residence at the certifying institution. However, such a student who is a nonqualifier may participate in subvarsity practice sessions, provided they are conducted separate from varsity sessions. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/9/96, 1/14/97*)

14.5.4.4 Two-Year College Transfer Regulations. The following regulations shall be applied in administering the eligibility requirements for two-year college transfers.

14.5.4.4.1 Previous Enrollment at Two-Year Institution. The two-year college transfer requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 apply to all two-year college transfers regardless of whether the student-athlete attended one or more four-year colleges prior to his or her full-time enrollment at the two-year institution. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.5.4.4.2 Credit Earned at Four-Year Institution. If a student-athlete attends a two-year college and, before regular enrollment at the certifying 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 certifying institution in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under the credit hour requirement of the two-year college transfer provisions, provided: (*Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

- (a) These hours are accepted by the two-year college and are placed on the transcript or other official document by the two-year college from which the student-athlete transfers before the date of initial regular enrollment at the certifying institution. Any official document (other than the student's transcript) used by the two-year college for this purpose includes the official seal of the two-year college, is signed by the appropriate academic official of the two-year college and is forwarded directly from the two-year college to the appropriate admissions official of the certifying institution; or (*Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

- (b) Prior approval by the appropriate academic official of the two-year college was obtained by the student, granting permission to satisfactorily complete hours as a part-time student at a four-year collegiate institution before the date of initial regular enrollment at the certifying institution. Acceptance of approved hours must be in accordance with the transfer policies and procedures of both the two-year college and the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

14.5.4.4.3 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.

14.5.4.4.3.1 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.

14.5.4.4.3.2 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.

14.5.4.4.4 Academic Degree. In order to satisfy the two-year-college graduation requirement for eligibility immediately on transfer from a two-year college to a member institution, a student-athlete must receive an associate or equivalent degree in an academic, rather than a vocational or technical, curriculum. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to determine whether a two-year college degree is academic, rather than vocational or technical, in nature. *(Revised: 1/10/95)*

14.5.4.4.5 Transfer to Four-Year College Prior to Completion of Requirements. The requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 must be met before 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 an institution before 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.

14.5.4.4.6 Participation Before Certification—Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or a nonrecruited two-year college transfer reports for athletics participation before the student-athlete's high school or two-year college academic record has been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days. After this period, the student-athlete shall have established minimum requirements as a transfer to continue practicing or to compete. *(Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.5.4.4.7 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 during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship at the certifying institution if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous two-year institution. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.5.4.5 Exceptions or Waivers for Transfer 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 a partial qualifier or nonqualifier shall not be permitted to use the exceptions under this bylaw.

14.5.4.5.1 Discontinued/Non-sponsored 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 attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport and the student earned at least a minimum 2.000 grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2) at the two-year college. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90)*

14.5.4.5.1.1 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 before 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 attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

14.5.4.5.2 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution and the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

- (a) The student was not recruited per Bylaw 13.02.10.1 by the certifying institution;
- (b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete;
- (c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14 consecu-

tive calendar day period at any previous institution. The 14 consecutive calendar day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity; and *(Revised: 1/12/04, 7/24/07)*

- (d) The student-athlete was eligible for admission to the certifying institution before initial enrollment in the two-year college.

14.5.4.5.3 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 (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14 consecutive calendar day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14 consecutive calendar day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. *(Revised: 10/20/03, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 for any progress-toward-degree certification or transfer on or after 8/1/06)*

14.5.4.5.4 Return to Original Institution Exception. 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. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.) *(Revised: 4/4/07)*

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. Further, a transfer student-athlete admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of establishing residency. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

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 and practice at a Division II 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) at the time of initial enrollment.

14.5.5.1.2 Attendance for Less Than One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a partial qualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10.2) or a nonqualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10.3) and who attended the 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 Bylaws 14.3.2.1 (partial qualifiers) and 14.3.2.2 (nonqualifiers).

14.5.5.2 Subvarsity Competition. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a qualifier shall be eligible to compete immediately at the subvarsity level only at the certifying institution before meeting the transfer eligibility requirements. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was not a qualifier shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution. However, such a student who is a nonqualifier may participate in subvarsity practice sessions, provided they are conducted separate from varsity practice sessions. *(Revised: 1/9/96, 1/14/97)*

14.5.5.3 Exceptions or Waivers 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 the original institution without participation exception) and any of the following exceptions are satisfied. However, during the student-athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for a waiver of or an exception to the residence requirement for transfer students to a Division II institution who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for "qualifiers" (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in Division II. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05)*

14.5.5.3.1 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.

14.5.5.3.2 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)*

14.5.5.3.3 Discontinued Academic Program Exception. The certifying institution concludes that 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: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

14.5.5.3.4 Foreign Student Program Exception. The individual is a foreign 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.

14.5.5.3.5 Military Service, Church Mission Exception. The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States, or from at least 12 months of active service on an official church mission. *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

14.5.5.3.5.1 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 or engaged in active service on an official church mission may not be counted as a part of the 18-month active-duty period that qualifies a student for an exception to the transfer residence requirement.

14.5.5.3.6 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:

- (a) The student's original four-year collegiate institution dropped the sport [in which the student has participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) at that institution in intercollegiate competition] from its intercollegiate program. This exception becomes applicable at the time the student-athlete's institution indicates through public announcement that his or her sport will be discontinued; or *(Revised: 1/12/04, 1/10/05)*
- (b) 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 from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport.

14.5.5.3.6.1 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 before 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 attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

14.5.5.3.7 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 (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14 consecutive calendar day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14 consecutive calendar day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 for any progress-toward-degree certification or transfer on or after 8/1/06)*

14.5.5.3.8 Return to Original Institution without Participation or with Minimal Participation Exception. The student enrolls at a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete and does not participate in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14 consecutive calendar day period and returns to the original institution. The 14 consecutive calendar day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. 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: 1/12/04, 4/29/04, 4/11/06)*

14.5.5.3.9 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution, and the following conditions are met:

- (a) The student-athlete was not recruited by the certifying institution (per Bylaw 13.02.10.1);
- (b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; and
- (c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14 consecutive calendar day period at any previous institution. The 14 consecutive calendar day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 1/8/07 for any transfer occurring on or after 8/1/06)*

14.5.5.3.10 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 14.1.9.1): *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes who transfer to a Division II institution for the 2005-06 academic year, 5/3/07)*

- (a) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution, unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.3.6 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception) or 14.8.1.2-(d) (residence requirement). A student-athlete who, prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, attended two four-year institutions (“4-2-4-4” transfer), does not meet this condition regardless of whether the student was enrolled at a two-year institution between attendance at the two previous four-year institutions; *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/11/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/3/07, 10/21/08)*
- (b) The student is in good academic standing and meets the progress-toward-degree requirements at the previous four-year institution at the time of transfer to the certifying institution. The transferring student must be one who would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, and he or she also must be eligible at the certifying institution as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student who was admitted in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of the institution; and *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 8/8/05, 5/3/07)*
- (c) The student’s previous institution certifies in writing that it has no objection to the student’s being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement. If the student’s previous institution denies his or her request for the release, the athletics director (or his or her designee) shall inform the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete’s written request, that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of 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 notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution’s policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete’s request for the hearing. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/3/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*
- (d) A student who has one season of competition remaining in his or her sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters remaining in which to complete his or her eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree, shall have satisfactorily completed an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance, at any collegiate institution, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 in the transferable degree credits. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/3/07, 4/28/09)*

14.5.5.4 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution, who has received a waiver of or exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.5.5.3), is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous four-year institution. Therefore, if the institution from which a student-athlete transfers declares separate championship and nonchampionship segments of its playing and practice season, a student-athlete may compete during the nonchampionship segment for such an institution and during the championship segment for the certifying institution during the same academic year in the same sport, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for competition. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 10/17/06)*

14.7 OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaws 14.3.2.4 and 17.02.10) is affected as set forth in the following regulations. *(Revised: 3/17/06)*

14.7.1 Outside Competition, Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition in his or her sport (other than basketball) if, after enrollment in college and during

any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate season in the sport (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions) until eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/11/06)*

14.7.2 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 17.5 becomes ineligible for any further intercollegiate competition in basketball (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions).

14.7.3 Additional Applications of Outside-Competition Regulations, Sports other than Basketball.

14.7.3.1 Eligibility Status. A student-athlete is considered to be a member of the institution's team, and therefore bound by this regulation in that sport, if the student-athlete:

- (a) Does not practice or compete but is receiving athletically related financial aid for the sport; or
- (b) Is ineligible to compete but practiced with a squad or team in the sport; or
- (c) Is eligible to compete but was not permitted to do so, other than taking part in practice sessions with the squad or team in the sport.

14.7.3.1.1 Exception. A student-athlete who fails to make the institution's team after participation only in limited preseason tryouts shall not be considered a member of the team for purposes of this regulation. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

14.7.3.2 Competition between Seasons. If an institution conducts separate fall and spring practice or playing seasons in a sport, it is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in that sport on an outside team during the period between the two seasons without affecting his or her eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93)*

14.7.3.3 Postseason Competition. An institution's intercollegiate season includes any scheduled participation in the conference championship in the sport in question but excludes the period between the last regularly scheduled competition and the NCAA championship in that sport.

14.7.3.4 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.

14.7.3.5 Exempt Teams. In the individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.14.2), 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.

14.7.4 Additional Applications of Outside-Competition Regulations, Basketball.

14.7.4.1 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.

14.7.4.2 Individual Subject to Outside-Competition Regulations. Once a student-athlete becomes a candidate for the institution's basketball team (i.e., 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 following transfer to another college, awaiting transfer or enrolled in a nonmember collegiate institution.

14.7.4.3 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.

14.7.5 Exceptions to Outside-Competition Regulations. The following exceptions to the outside-competition regulations are permitted.

14.7.5.1 In All Sports:

- (a) **High School Alumni Game.** A student-athlete may compete in one game a year involving players 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.
- (b) **Olympic Games.** A student-athlete may participate in the official Olympic Games, in final tryouts that directly qualify competitors for the Olympic Games and in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic Games tryouts. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (c) **Official Pan American Games Tryouts and Competition.** A student-athlete may participate in official Pan American Games tryouts and competition, including junior level tryouts and competition. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/17/06*)
- (d) **U.S. National Teams.** A student-athlete may participate in official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (e) **Official World Championships, World University Games, World Youth Championships and World Cup Tryouts and Competition.** A student-athlete may participate in official World Championships, World University Games, World Youth Championships and World Cup tryouts and competition, including junior level tryouts and competition. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/02, 7/18/06, 10/17/06*)
- (f) **Multisport Events.** A student-athlete may participate in officially recognized state and national multi-sport events. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

14.7.5.2 Additional Exceptions for Basketball Only:

- (a) **Summer Competition.** There are no restrictions on the participation of student-athletes in outside basketball competition during the summer. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)
- (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 12.02.4). (*Revised: 10/20/03*)
- (c) **United States vs. U.S. National Teams.** A student-athlete may participate in the United States against U.S. national teams. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

14.7.5.3 National-Team Criteria. The criteria for determining a national team under this regulation are set forth in Bylaw 30.8.1. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/5/06*)

14.7.6 Collegiate All-Star Contests. A student-athlete who competes as a member of a squad in any college all-star contest shall be denied further intercollegiate eligibility in that sport.

14.8 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. Other than these, there shall be no waiver by the Association of any of the provisions of this bylaw except as follows.

14.8.1 Management Council Waivers. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive specific provisions of this bylaw as follows.

14.8.1.1 Academic and General Requirements. The academic and general eligibility requirements may be waived under the following conditions or circumstances:

- (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, the Management Council shall grant no waiver that permits a student-athlete to compete in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition. 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. The Management Council shall include a report of each such exception in its annual report to the Convention; 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.

14.8.1.2 Residence Requirement. The one-year residence requirement for student-athletes may be waived under the following conditions or circumstances:

- (a) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution for reasons of health. Such request for a waiver shall be initiated by any member institution and shall be supported by contemporaneous medical documentation and medical recommendations of that institution's team physician and/or the student-athlete's personal physician; (*Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)
- (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) or 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 and 14.5.5. The Management Council may waive these requirements only upon a determination of the innocence or inadvertent involvement of the student-athlete in the violation;
- (c) On the recommendation of the Committee on Infractions, 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 Bylaw 13.1.1.2.3); (*Revised: 1/10/92*)
- (d) 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 lost regional accreditation and was reclassified to corresponding membership per Constitution 3.2.5.2. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

14.9 U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES, SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS

14.9.1 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may approve waivers to the 10-semester/15-quarter rule (see Bylaw 14.2) 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: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.9.2 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.

14.10 CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

14.10.1 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: 1/14/02, 10/3/05, 10/23/07*)

14.10.2 Squad-List Form. The institution's athletics director shall compile on a form approved by the Management Council 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 30.14 for details about the administration of the squad list.) (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

14.11 INELIGIBILITY

14.11.1 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 14.12, if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration.

14.11.1.1 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 Constitution 5.4.1.2.1.2) 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: 5/11/09)*

14.11.1.2 Payment of Legal Fees During Appeal. A member 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 athletic interests).

14.11.2 Ineligible Participation.

14.11.2.1 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 14.12).

14.12 RESTORATION OF ELIGIBILITY

14.12.1 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.

14.12.2 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, 10/3/05)*

14.12.3 Student Responsibility, Relationship to Restoration of Eligibility. A student-athlete is responsible for his or her involvement in a secondary or major violation of NCAA regulations (as defined in Bylaws 19.02.2.1 and 19.02.2.2), 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.

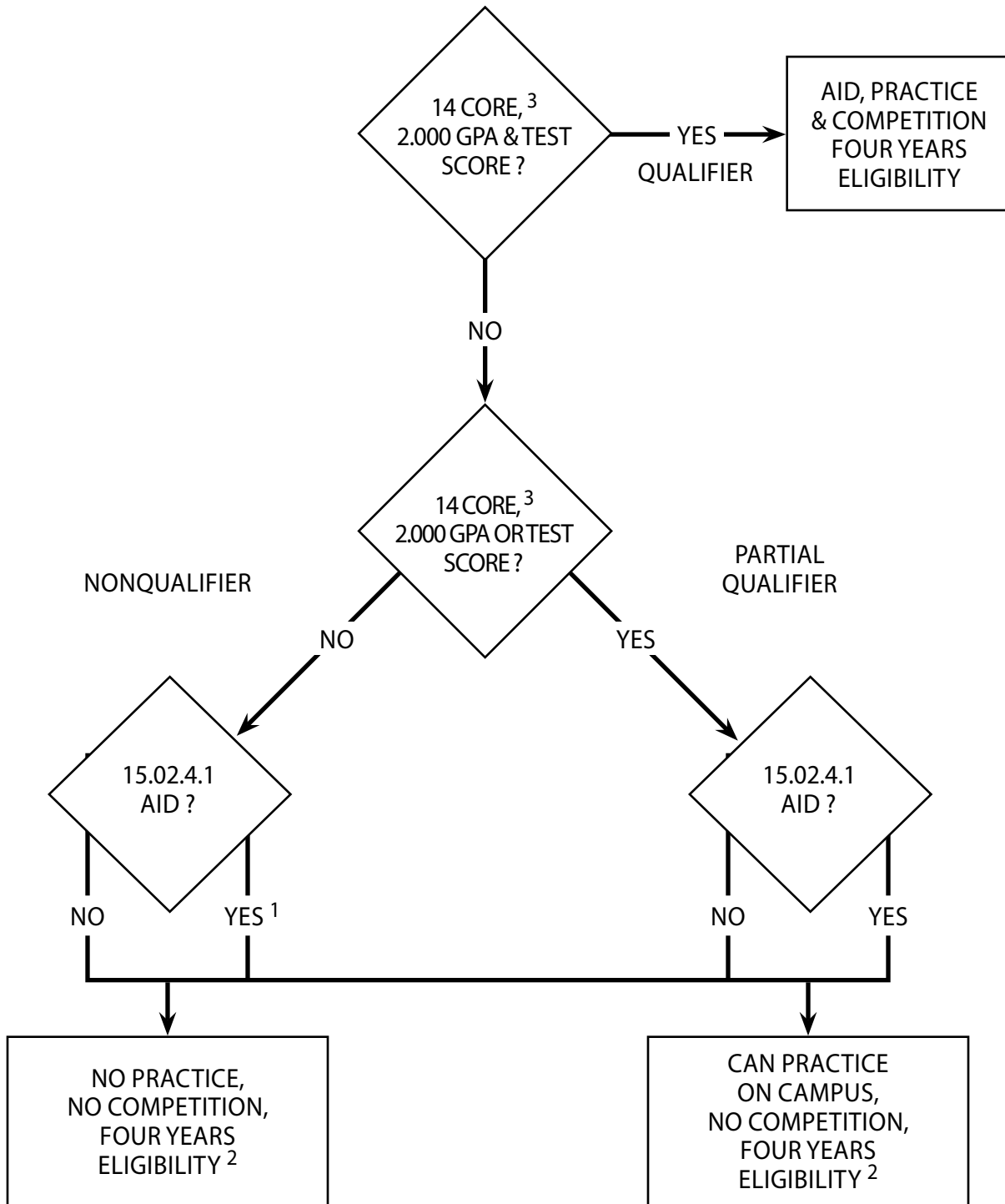
FIGURE 14-1
Minimum Core-Curriculum and Grade-Point Average
Requirements for Initial Eligibility

Courses[#]	Effective August 1, 2005 (for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2005)	Effective August 1, 2013 (for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2013)
English	3 years	3 years
Mathematics	2 years	2 years
Natural/physical science	2 years	2 years
Social science	2 years	2 years
Additional academic courses in English, math or natural/ physical science	2 years	3 years
Additional academic courses in any of the above areas or foreign language, computer science*, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion	3 years	4 years
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Core curriculum grade-point average	2.000	2.000

[#] See Bylaw 14.3.1.2 and Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1 for information on core-curriculum requirements and core-curriculum time limitation.

*Please note: Effective August 1, 2005, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2005, computer science may not be used to fulfill core-curriculum requirements unless the computer science course receives high school graduation credit in either mathematics or natural/physical science.

FIGURE 14-2
Relationships between Academic Requirements, Recruitment,
Financial Aid and Eligibility (Bylaw 14.3) for High School Graduates
First Entering during the 2009-10 Academic Year



¹ Must be certified as not related to athletics ability. See Bylaw 15.02.4.2-(b) and Bylaw 15.5.1-(b).

² Student-athletes who have exhausted three seasons of competition in Division I shall not be eligible for a fourth season of competition in Division II. See Bylaw 14.3.3.

³ Students first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13 must present 16 core-course units as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.

FIGURE 14-3 Initial Eligibility

How 2009-10 legislation (NCAA Bylaw 14.3) affects student-athletes during their initial year of college attendance (applicable regulations regarding financial aid and awards and benefits are set forth in Bylaws 15 and 16).

Are they eligible for...	Qualifier	Partial Qualifier	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 (only at home contests)	No
Conditioning program (including workout apparel)	Yes	Yes	Yes (supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer)
Drug-rehabilitation expenses	Yes	Yes	Yes
Financial aid			
Regular term	Yes	Yes	Yes in Division II (if aid is unrelated to athletics ability)
Summer-orientation program (subject to the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.7)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Summer school prior to initial year (subject to the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.7)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Training table	Yes	Yes	No (unless student-athlete pays full cost)
Institutional awards	Yes	Yes	No
Banquets—expenses/meals			
Insurance, athletics medical	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	Yes	Yes
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)	Yes	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)
Summer after initial academic year	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tryouts for NCAA-approved outside teams	Yes	Yes	Yes

Are they eligible for...	Qualifier	Partial Qualifier	Nonqualifier
Practice	Yes	Yes (on campus only)	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 (when rehab is necessary to prepare for practice and competition)	Yes (when rehab is necessary to prepare for practice and competition)	Yes (when rehab is necessary to prepare for practice and competition)
Student host	Yes	Yes	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)

FIGURE 14-4
Application of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements (per Bylaw 14.4)

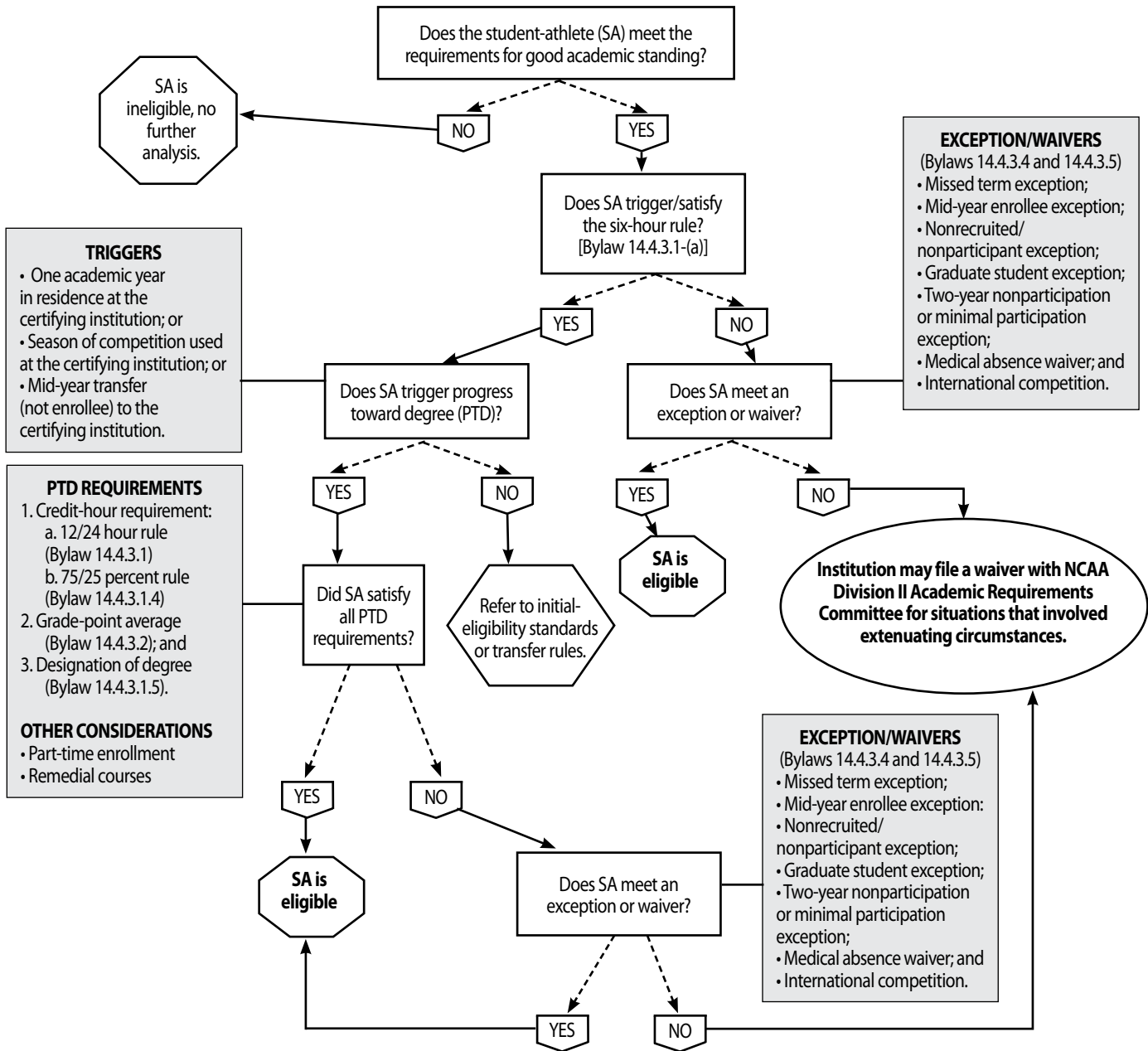
Bylaw	Description	Application
14.01.2, 14.01.2.1	Good academic standing.	All students.
14.4.3.1-(a)	Completion of six hours in previous term of full-time enrollment.	All student-athletes who have been enrolled full-time at any collegiate institution.
14.4.3.1-(b)	Completion of 24/36 hours or average of 12 per term.	All student-athletes who have been in residence one year, or utilized one season of competition or midyear transfers.
14.4.3.1.4	Hours earned during the regular academic year (75/25).	All student-athletes who have been in residence one year, or utilized one season of competition or midyear transfers.
14.4.3.1.5	Designation of degree program.	All student-athletes beginning third year of enrollment (fifth semester/seventh quarter) and thereafter.
14.4.3.2	Fulfillment of minimum grade-point average requirement.	A student-athlete is required to present at least the following cumulative grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year, based on a student- athlete earning: 24-semester or 36-quarter hours: 1.800; 48-semester or 72-quarter hours: 1.900; 72-semester or 108-quarter hours: 2.000; and 96-semester or 144-quarter hours: 2.000.

FIGURE 14-5
Summary of Division II Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements

Year of Initial Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Second Year of Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Third Year of Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Fourth Year of Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Fifth Year of Collegiate Enrollment
On or after August 1, 2005	Six credits per term if enrolled full time the previous term.	Six credits per term if enrolled full time the previous term.	Six credits per term if enrolled full time the previous term.	Six credits per term if enrolled full time the previous term.
	24-semester/36-quarter hours or 12 credits per term (12/24).	24-semester/36-quarter hours or 12 credits per term (12/24).	24-semester/36-quarter hours or 12 credits per term (12/24).	24-semester/36-quarter hours or 12 credits per term (12/24).
	18/27 credits earned during the regular academic year (75/25).	18/27 credits earned during the regular academic year (75/25).	18/27 credits earned during the regular academic year (75/25).	18/27 credits earned during the regular academic year (75/25).
	After earning 24-semester or 36-quarter hours, 1.800 grade-point average required.	Designation of degree program.	After earning 72-semester or 108-quarter hours, 2.000 grade-point average required.	After earning 96-semester or 144-quarter hours, 2.000 grade-point average required.
		After earning 48-semester or 72-quarter hours, 1.900 grade-point average required.		

[Note: This is intended as a summary only. Please refer to Bylaw 14.4 for more detailed information.]

FIGURE 14-6
Progress-Toward-Degree Flowchart



Financial Aid

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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, only when the student-athlete attends that institution, except when otherwise authorized by NCAA legislation. (See Bylaws 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

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:

- (a) Received from one on whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent;
- (b) Awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability;
- (c) Awarded through an established and continuing program to aid students, of which athletics participation shall not be the major criterion (e.g., National Merit Scholarship), under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.3; or
- (d) Awarded through an established and continuing program for recognition of outstanding high school graduates, of which athletics participation may be a major criterion (e.g., honorary high school award), under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.4.

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 granted athletically related financial aid for a maximum of 10 semesters/15 quarters. Any institutional financial aid provided after 10 semesters/15 quarters is left to the discretion of the institution consistent with institutional policies for awarding financial aid in general. A student-athlete may be awarded institutional financial aid during any term in which a student-athlete is in regular attendance (i.e., was enrolled initially in a minimum full-time program of studies as defined by the certifying institution during that term). [Note: See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for the financial aid implications in the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution’s athletics director.]

15.01.5.1 Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete may receive athletically related financial aid while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of his or her baccalaureate degree program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements.

15.01.5.2 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: 4/4/07*)

15.01.6 Institutional Financial Aid to Professional Athlete. An institution may not award financial aid to a student-athlete who is under contract to or currently receiving compensation from a professional sports organization (see Bylaw 15.3.1.4).

15.01.7 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 or that exceeds the limitations established by the membership division of the institution the student-athlete attends, whichever is less. Any financial aid permitted that would result in a student-athlete's total financial aid exceeding the value of tuition and fees, room and board, required course-related books and required course-related supplies shall be based on the demonstrated financial need of the individual student-athlete (see Bylaws 15.02.4, 15.2.2, 15.2.3 and 15.5.2).

15.01.8 Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a student-athlete was not recruited and receives institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics ability and in excess of a full grant-in-aid, the student may retain the aid for the period of the award without any adjustment. Once the original period of the award expires, renewal of the same financial aid in excess of the limitation is permissible only if the aid is renewed on the same basis as originally awarded.

15.01.9 Sport-by-Sport Financial Aid Limitations. A membership division may establish limitations on the number of financial aid awards a member institution may provide to countable student-athletes (counters) (see Bylaw 15.5.2).

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 financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability or who is receiving institutional financial aid, unless there is on file proper certification (per Bylaw 15.5.1) that such institutional aid was granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability. Further, once a student becomes a counter, any countable aid received by that student-athlete is countable against the aid limitations in that sport. (See Bylaw 15.5.2.2.)

15.02.4 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 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

15.02.4.1 Institutional Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are considered to be institutional financial aid: (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

- (a) All funds administered by the institution, which include but are not limited to the following: (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01*)
- (1) Scholarships;
 - (2) Grants;
 - (3) Tuition waivers awarded based in any degree on athletics ability; and (*Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01*)
 - (4) 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; and
- (c) For the student-athlete recruited by the institution, financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Football Foundation) for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates in which athletics participation may be a major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.5.4. This aid counts against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and also against the individual's full grant-in-aid limit.

15.02.4.2 Other Permissible Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are also permitted:

- (a) Financial aid received from anyone on 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 (e.g., National Merit Scholar) in which athletics participation is not the major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.5.3, and which does not count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations, but which counts against the recruited student-athlete's full-grant-in-aid limit;
- (d) For the student-athlete not recruited by the institution, financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program (e.g., National Football Foundation) for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates, in which athletics participation may be a major criterion, as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.5.4. This aid does not count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations but does count against the individual's full-grant-in-aid limit; and
- (e) Educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee, which count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and against the individual's full-grant-in-aid limit. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

15.02.4.3 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining a student-athlete's full grant-in-aid or cost of attendance, or in the institution's financial aid limitations: *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

- (a) Academic awards below; *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92)*
 - (1) Academic awards that are part of the institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, 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:
 - (a) The recipient was ranked in the upper 20 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 100 or a minimum SAT score of 1050 (if taken prior to April 1, 1995) or 1140 (if taken on or after April 1, 1995). An institution may exempt an academic honor award from both individual and institutional equivalency limits if the recipient qualifies for the award under minimum institutional criteria and satisfies any of the criteria set forth in this bylaw, regardless of whether the institution considered any of the qualifying criteria in making the award; or *(Revised: 1/14/02)*
 - (b) The recipient does not qualify under (a) and has completed at least one academic year in college and achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.300 (on a 4.000 scale) for all academic work completed during the student's collegiate enrollment resulting in degree credits at the awarding institution; or
 - (2) An academic award for outstanding academic achievement or a research grant is an award that meets the following criteria:
 - (a) The award or grant is a standing scholarship award or an established research grant; *(Revised: 1/9/06)*
 - (b) The basis for the award or grant shall be the candidate's academic record at the awarding institution; and
 - (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 ability (e.g., gender, race and ethnicity, financial need). *(Revised: 7/22/08)*
- (b) Legitimate loans, based upon a regular repayment schedule, available to all students and administered on the same basis for all students;
- (c) Out-of-state tuition waivers awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability; *(Revised: 1/13/03, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*
- (d) Employee-dependent tuition benefits; and
- (e) A postgraduate scholarship awarded by an institution in accordance with Bylaw 16.1.3.1.1. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

15.02.4.4 Exempted Government Grants. Government grants listed in Bylaw 15.2.4.1 shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of a full grant-in-aid or the cost of attendance for a student-athlete. However, it is permissible for the language in a student-athlete's financial aid agreement to reflect that the student-athlete's award package includes Pell Grant funds and that the student-athlete's athletics grant may be adjusted due to the receipt of such funds. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/8/01)*

15.02.4.5 Operation Gold Grant. Funds administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant program shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of a full grant-in-aid or cost of attendance for a student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/13/03)*

15.02.5 Full Grant-in-Aid. A full grant-in-aid is financial aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, required course-related books and required course-related supplies.

15.02.6 Period of Award. The period of award begins when the student-athlete receives any benefits as part of the student-athlete's grant-in-aid on the first day of classes for a particular academic term, or the first day of practice, whichever is earlier, until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement. An athletics grant-in-aid shall not be awarded in excess of one academic year. (*Adopted: 10/20/03*)

15.1 MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID—INDIVIDUAL

A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, if he or she receives financial aid that exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid as defined in Bylaw 15.02.5. (See Bylaws 15.01.7, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

15.1.1 Types of Aid Included in Limit. In determining whether a student-athlete's financial aid exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid, all institutional financial aid (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) and all funds received from the following and similar sources shall be included: (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

- (a) **Government Grants.** Government grants for educational purposes, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.4;
- (b) **Other Scholarships and Grants.** Other institutional or outside scholarships or grants-in-aid, except those academic awards exempted per Bylaw 15.02.4.3-(a) and outside educational grants that may be awarded up to the cost of attendance per Bylaw 15.2.5.2.2; (*Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95*)
- (c) **Gifts.** The value of gifts given to a student-athlete after 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 Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant Program) unless eligibility has been exhausted in that sport; and (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/13/03*)
- (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.

15.1.2 Recruited Student-Athlete Receiving Institutional Financial Aid. Unearned financial aid (excluding loans) administered by an institution to an athletically recruited student is considered to be athletically related financial aid and is subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 15.1, unless the faculty athletics representative and the director of financial aid certify that the aid was granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability. (*Revised: 5/5/09*)

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 15.1.1, which includes institutional financial aid, will exceed a full grant-in-aid for the balance of the academic year, the institution shall reduce institutional financial aid so as not to exceed a full grant. 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.

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 (e.g., health insurance).

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).

15.2.1.4 Fees and Related Expenses for Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution shall not waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of the following expenses for a prospective student-athlete, unless such benefits generally conform to institutional policy as it applies to other prospective student-grantees:

- (a) The institution's processing fee required before the admissions office's evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's application;
- (b) The orientation-counseling tests fee required of all incoming freshmen;
- (c) The preadmission academic testing fee;
- (d) Advance tuition payment or room deposit;

- (e) Damage deposits for dormitory rooms;
- (f) ROTC deposits for military equipment; or
- (g) Any other pre-enrollment fees required of prospective student-grantees.

15.2.1.4.1 Fees Rebate. If the prospective student-athlete enrolls and is awarded financial aid covering institutional fees, the fees described in Bylaw 15.2.1.4-(a) through -(d) above may be rebated as a part of the institution's regular fees.

15.2.2 Room and Board. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that includes the cost of room based on the official allowance for room as listed in the institution's official publication (e.g., catalog) and a board allowance that consists of three meals per day, even if the institution's maximum permissible award allowance for all students represents a lesser cost figure. *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

15.2.2.1 Off-Campus Room and Board Stipend. If a student-athlete lives and eats in noninstitutional facilities, the institution may pay 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 a room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. The institution also may pay the student-athlete an amount that is equivalent to an on-campus 7-day or 21-meal board plan 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, 4/15/98, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 7/24/07)*

15.2.2.1.1 Determination of Off-Campus Room Costs. 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 a room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. *(Revised: 1/12/99, 7/24/07)*

15.2.2.1.2 Determination of Off-Campus Board Costs. An institution with several on-campus board plans (e.g., 5-day, 7-day, 14-meal, 17-meal or 21-meal plans) may provide a student-athlete living in noninstitutional facilities with the equivalent of a 7-day or 21-meal plan at that institution or the cost of meals as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/12/99, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 7/24/07)*

15.2.2.1.3 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 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. *(Adopted: 1/12/99)*

15.2.2.1.4 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)*

15.2.2.1.5 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: 7/24/07)*

15.2.2.1.6 Training-Table Meals. The cost of meals provided on the institution's training table shall be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance, even if the student-athlete is not receiving a full grant-in-aid. 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.

15.2.2.1.7 Game-Related Meals. The cost of meals provided for away-from-home practices and contests and pregame or postgame meals at home contests need not be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance. Such meals 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.

15.2.2.2 Material Housing Benefit. An institution may not provide a benefit connected with on-campus or off-campus student-athletes' housing (e.g., individual television sets or stereo equipment, specialized recreational facilities, room furnishings or appointments of extra quality or quantity) that is not available on the same basis in the housing provided to at least one-half of the other members of the student body who use on-campus housing facilities. Further, these material benefits shall be available for such students in approximately the same ratio as

such benefits are available for student-athletes. Otherwise, dormitories with exclusive material housing benefits may not be used by student-athletes.

15.2.2.3 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 15.3.2.3).

15.2.2.4 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.

15.2.2.5 Sunday Evening Meals. If the regular eating facility used by a student-athlete who is receiving an award that covers the cost of meals is not available for a given meal (e.g., Sunday evening meal), the institution may provide actual expenses to cover the cost of the meal, provided the meal is similar to those served at the university's regular dining facilities and is not excessive in nature.

15.2.2.6 Food Stamps. A grant-in-aid recipient who lives and eats off campus may use the money provided for his or her board to purchase 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 and Supplies. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that covers the actual cost of required course-related books and course-related supplies. (*Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01*)

15.2.3.1 Dollar Limit. There is no dollar limit for required books and supplies a student-athlete may receive, provided books and supplies are required for courses in which the student-athlete is enrolled. The institution may provide the student-athlete with cash to purchase books and supplies, as long as the amount of cash provided is equal to the actual cost of the books or supplies purchased.

15.2.3.1.1 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits. For violations of Bylaw 15.2.3.1 in which the value of noncourse-related books and noncourse-related supplies is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on 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. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/9/06*)

15.2.4 Government Grants. Government grants for educational purposes shall be included when determining the permissible amount of a full grant-in-aid for a student-athlete, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.4.1. (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

15.2.4.1 Exempted Government Grants. The following government grants for educational purposes shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of a full grant-in-aid or cost of attendance of a student-athlete: (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)

- (a) **AmeriCorps Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the AmeriCorps Program; (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)
- (b) **Disabled Veterans.** State government awards to disabled veterans; (*Revised: 7/24/07*)
- (c) **Military Reserve Training Programs.** Payments to student-athletes for participation in military reserve training programs (e.g., payments by the U.S. government for a student's participation in advanced ROTC or National Guard training shall not be construed under this principle to be "employment" during semester or term time);
- (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) **Pell Grants.** Payments received as part of the Pell Grant program (see Bylaw 15.02.4.4); (*Revised: 1/8/01*)
- (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.** U.S. Military Annuitant Pay or other family member service-related death benefits received by the student-athlete from the U.S. Military. (*Revised: 1/9/06*)
- (h) **Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP).** Benefits received by student-athletes under the VEAP;
- (i) **Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program;

- (j) **Welfare Benefits.** Welfare benefits received from a state or federal government; (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (k) **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (SEOG).** Payments received as part of the SEOG program; or
- (l) **State Government Grants.** State government grants received by a student-athlete as part of a program in which academic ability and/or financial need are the primary criteria and which have no relationship to athletics ability. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

15.2.5 Financial Aid from Outside Sources.

15.2.5.1 Parents and Legal Guardians. A student-athlete may receive financial aid from anyone on whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent.

15.2.5.1.1 Prepaid College Tuition Plans. Tuition funds from a state sponsored or private prepaid college tuition plan, purchased by an immediate family member or legal guardian and paid to an institution on behalf of a student-athlete, are considered to be aid from a parent or legal guardian (see Bylaw 15.2.5.1). (*Revised: 1/12/04*)

15.2.5.2 No Relationship to Athletics Ability. A student-athlete may receive financial aid awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability.

15.2.5.2.1 Athletics Participation or Achievement as Part of Extracurricular Activities. A scholarship administered outside the institution that permits an applicant to include athletics participation or achievements as part of the application process may not be awarded under the provisions of Bylaw 15.2.5.2. (*Adopted: 1/11/94*)

15.2.5.2.2 Outside Educational Grants. A student-athlete may receive an outside educational grant awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability up to the cost of attendance, provided: (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95*)

- (a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid; and
- (b) The awarding individual or organization and the donor of the aid are not representatives of an institution's athletics interests or an athletics booster group of a member institution.

15.2.5.3 Athletics Participation Not Major Criterion. A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided the following conditions are met: (*Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99*)

- (a) The award shall be made on the basis of the recipient's past performance and overall record, as measured by established criteria of which athletics participation is not the major criterion;
- (b) The awarding agency may disburse aid for the recipient's educational expenses, before or after the recipient's initial enrollment at a member institution, provided the awarding agency gives written notification of the award to the institution. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided the student-athlete deposits the aid with the institution and the aid does not result in an overaward of financial aid to the student-athlete; and (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 1/9/06*)
- (c) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted to a single designated institution or conference by the donor of the aid. (*Revised: 1/11/94*)

15.2.5.4 Athletics Participation as a Major Criterion. A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates, provided the following conditions are met: (*Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99*)

- (a) The award shall be made on the basis of the recipient's past performance and overall record, as measured by established criteria of which athletics participation may be a major criterion;
- (b) Disbursement of the aid may be through the awarding agency for the recipient's educational expenses, provided the aid is awarded before the recipient's initial enrollment at a member institution and the awarding agency provides written notification of the award to the institution. After enrollment at a member institution, disbursement of the aid shall be through the institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending the institution. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided the student-athlete deposits the aid with the institution and the aid does not result in an overaward of financial aid to the student-athlete; (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99*)
- (c) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the donor of the aid;
- (d) The awarding individual or organization and the donor of the aid shall not be representatives of the athletics interests or an athletics booster group of a member institution;
- (e) The value of the award alone or in combination with other aid per Bylaw 15.1.1 shall not exceed the value of a full grant-in-aid;

- (f) The award may be provided to the recipient on only one occasion;
- (g) If the recipient is recruited, the recipient is considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1 and the amount is applied to the maximum awards limitations of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question; and
- (h) The award is not received from an outside sports team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program by a member of that team.

15.2.5.4.1 Award Limited to Athletes. If an individual is considered for a financial aid award only if the individual is a participant in athletics, the provisions of Bylaw 15.2.5.4 shall be applicable.

15.2.5.4.2 Eligibility Effects of Improper Aid from Outside Organization. It is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive financial aid, directly or indirectly, from a source outside the institution (e.g., a foreign government, a sports association, a high school booster club) for expenses related to attendance at a member institution, if the award of such financial aid is based in any degree upon the recipient's athletics ability, except as permitted in Bylaws 15.2.5.3 and 15.2.5.4. Receipt of financial aid from such a source renders the student-athlete ineligible for all intercollegiate athletics participation.

15.2.5.5 Educational Expenses—U.S. Olympic Committee or U.S. National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (NGB) (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organizations 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: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, 1/14/02*)

- (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 Committee, a U.S. NGB (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country); (*Revised: 1/14/02*)
- (c) The value of the award alone or in combination with other aid per Bylaw 15.1.1 shall not exceed the value of a full grant-in-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 limitations of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question.

15.2.5.6 Educational Expenses—Professional Team or League. A former professional athlete may receive educational expenses from a professional team or league, provided the following conditions are met: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

- (a) The student-athlete no longer is involved in professional athletics;
- (b) The student-athlete is not receiving any remuneration from a professional sports organization;
- (c) The student-athlete does not have an active contractual relationship with any professional athletics team, although the student-athlete may remain bound by an option clause (i.e., a clause in the contract that requires assignment to a particular team, if the student-athlete's professional athletics career is resumed);
- (d) Disbursement of the aid shall be through the member institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending that institution;
- (e) The value of the award alone or in combination with other aid per Bylaw 15.1.1 shall not exceed the value of a full grant-in-aid; and
- (f) The recipient shall be considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount shall be applied to the maximum award limitations of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question.

15.2.6 Employment. Earnings from a student-athlete's on- or off-campus employment that occurs at any time is exempt and is not included when determining a student-athlete's full grant-in-aid or the institution's financial aid limitations, provided: (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

- (a) The compensation is only for work actually performed; (*Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (b) The compensation is at a rate commensurate with the going rate of that locality for similar services; and (*Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (c) The employer shall not use the athletics reputation of a student-athlete employee to promote the sale of the employer's products or services. (See Bylaw 12.4.) (*Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04*)

15.2.7 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution's summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program, in accordance with institutional policy. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01*)

15.2.7.1 Before Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. Summer financial aid may be awarded to a student-athlete to attend an institution in the summer before the student's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. (*Adopted: 4/2/09*)

15.2.7.2 Summer Financial Aid to Two-Year College Transfer Student. Summer financial aid may only be awarded to a two-year college transfer student who has fulfilled the two-year college transfer requirement at the time of enrollment at the awarding institution for the summer term(s) (see Bylaw 14.5.4). *(Adopted: 4/17/07)*

15.3 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDING INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID

15.3.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Financial Aid. Institutional financial aid may be awarded pursuant to Bylaw 15.01.5. *(Revised: 4/26/06)*

15.3.1.1 Applicable Requirements. 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, 15.01.6 and 15.01.7). 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: 4/4/07)*

15.3.1.2 Withdrawal from Institution. A student-athlete who withdraws from the institution may not receive financial aid during the remainder of the term.

15.3.1.3 Retroactive Financial Aid. Institutional financial aid awarded to an enrolled student-athlete after the first day of classes in any term may not exceed the remaining room and board charges and educational expenses for that term and may not be made retroactive to the beginning of that term. Payments credited to a student-athlete's account that are not refundable need not become the student's obligation.

15.3.1.4 Institutional Financial Aid to Professional Athlete. It is permissible to award institutional financial aid to a student-athlete provided the student-athlete is not a professional in the sport in which the student-athlete will participate at the certifying institution. However, a student-athlete who currently is receiving institutional financial aid and signs a contract in the same sport or receives compensation from an agent or a professional-sports organization may continue to receive such aid for the remainder of the term of the award, provided the student-athlete has completed his or her four seasons of competition. *(Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/13/03)*

15.3.1.4.1 Exception for Former Professional Athlete. A former professional athlete may receive institutional financial aid, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) The student-athlete no longer is involved in professional athletics;
- (b) The student-athlete is not receiving any remuneration from a professional sports organization; and
- (c) The student-athlete has no active contractual relationship with any professional athletics team, although the student-athlete may remain bound by an option clause (i.e., a clause in the contract that requires assignment to a particular team, if the student-athlete's professional athletics career is resumed).

15.3.1.4.1.1 Later Professional Involvement. If the student-athlete later becomes involved in professional athletics while still a student-athlete with eligibility remaining, the individual would be considered to have violated the principles of ethical conduct per Bylaw 10, thus rendering the individual ineligible for intercollegiate competition.

15.3.2 Terms of Institutional Financial Aid Award.

15.3.2.1 Conformance to Institutional and Conference Regulations. Financial aid awarded by an institution to a student-athlete shall conform to the rules and regulations of the awarding institution and of that institution's conference(s), if any. 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: 4/4/07)*

15.3.2.2 Physical Condition of Student-Athlete. 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.

15.3.2.3 Written Statement Requirement. In all cases, the institutional agency making the financial aid award 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: 1/10/05)*

15.3.2.4 Hearing Opportunity. The institution's regular financial aid authority shall notify the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from the date the student-athlete has been notified of the decision to reduce or cancel aid during the period of the award or the reduction or nonrenewal of aid for the following academic year, of the opportunity for a hearing when institutional financial aid based in any degree on

athletics ability is reduced or canceled during the period of the award, or not renewed. The notification of the hearing opportunity 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 the hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete's request for the hearing and shall not delegate the responsibility for conducting the hearing to the university's athletics department or its faculty athletics committee. *(Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

15.3.3 Period of Institutional Financial Aid Award.

15.3.3.1 One-Year Limit. Where a student's athletics ability is taken into consideration in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall not be awarded in excess of one academic year.

15.3.3.1.1 Financial Aid Authority Precedent. A staff member may inform a prospective student-athlete that the athletics department will recommend to the financial aid authority that the prospective student-athlete's financial aid be renewed each year for a period of four years and may indicate that the authority always has followed the athletics department's recommendations in the past. However, the prospective student-athlete must be informed that the renewal will not be automatic.

15.3.3.1.2 Injury or Illness Policy. It is not permissible for an institution to assure the prospective student-athlete that it automatically will continue a grant-in-aid past the one-year period if the recipient sustains an injury that prevents him or her from competing in intercollegiate athletics, but an institutional representative may inform the prospective student-athlete of the regular institutional policy related to renewal or continuation of aid past the one-year period for recipients who become ill or injured during their participation.

15.3.3.1.3 Effect of Violation. A violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/21/08)*

15.3.3.2 Regular Term Versus Summer Term. An institution may award financial aid to a student-athlete for an academic year or part thereof. An institution also may award financial aid for a summer term or summer-orientation period, provided the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.7 have been met.

15.3.3.2.1 Summer Term as Additional Award. It is necessary to make an additional award for a summer term, inasmuch as a member institution is limited to the award of financial aid for a period not in excess of one academic year.

15.3.4 Reduction and Cancellation during Period of Award.

15.3.4.1 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: 1/11/94, 1/10/95)*

- (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 15.3.4.1.1);
- (c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see Bylaw 15.3.4.1.2); or
- (d) Voluntarily 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 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. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 11/12/04)*

15.3.4.1.1 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)*

15.3.4.1.2 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)*

15.3.4.2 Increase Permitted. Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason prior to the commencement of the period of the award. Once the period of the award begins, institutional financial aid may only be increased if the institution can demonstrate that such an increase is unrelated in any manner to an athletics reason (see Bylaw 15.3.4.3). *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/12/04)*

15.3.4.2.1 Initial Award of Athletically Related Institutional Financial Aid. A student-athlete who is receiving only institutional nonathletically related financial aid may receive an initial award of athletically related institutional financial aid at any point during the academic year. The initial award of athletically related financial aid may not be retroactive to a previous academic year. *(Adopted: 10/17/06)*

15.3.4.3 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be increased, decreased or canceled during the period of its award: *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

- (a) On the basis of a student'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 15.3.4.1); or *(Revised: 4/24/08)*
- (c) For any other athletics reason.

15.3.4.3.1 Medical Documentation. An institution may require a student-athlete to submit contemporaneous medical documentation to verify whether the student-athlete is suffering from an injury, illness or physical or mental medical condition. Such medical documentation shall be provided by an individual who is qualified and licensed to diagnose and treat such an injury, illness or physical or mental medical condition (e.g., physician, psychiatrist). *(Adopted: 10/21/08)*

15.3.4.3.2 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)*

15.3.4.3.3 Decrease Not Permitted. An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete's financial aid 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 15.3.4.1. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/12/04)*

15.3.5 Renewals and Nonrenewals.

15.3.5.1 Institutional Obligation. The renewal of institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall be made on or before July 1 before 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 14.2) 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)*

15.3.5.2 Reconsideration of Nonrenewal. 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.

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 any of the following conditions:

- (a) **Athletics Aid.** A student-athlete who is receiving financial aid based in any degree upon athletics ability; or
- (b) **Institutional Financial Aid.** A student-athlete who receives institutional financial aid shall be a counter unless there is on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative and the director of financial aid that the student's financial aid was granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability. *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/11/94)*

15.5.1.1 Counter Who Becomes Injured or Ill. A counter who becomes injured or ill to the point that the player apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not be considered a counter beginning with the academic year after the incapacitating injury or illness.

15.5.1.1.1 Incapacitating Injury or Illness. If an incapacitating injury or illness occurs before a student-athlete's participation in countable 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 awards limitations for the current academic term, and shall not be counted in following academic terms. 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 shall not be counted in following academic terms. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/10/05)*

15.5.1.1.2 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: 1/13/03)*

15.5.1.1.3 Waiver. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the requirements of Bylaw 15.5.1.1.2 on determination that sufficient documentation is available from competent medical authorities to indicate that the original injury or illness clearly appeared

to be incapacitating and that there was no reasonable expectation that the student-athlete ever again would be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

15.5.1.2 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.

15.5.1.3 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 future academic years after 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 10-semester/15-quarter rule. (See Bylaw 15.3.1.) (*Revised: 1/10/91*)

15.5.1.4 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 the next academic year without counting in the institution's financial aid limitations, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for the aid and subsequently does not practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics. If circumstances change and the student-athlete subsequently 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. (*Adopted: 1/11/94*)

15.5.1.5 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.

15.5.1.6 Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards. An institution may offer more than the maximum number of permissible awards in a sport (per Bylaws 15.5.2 and 15.5.4) 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.

15.5.1.7 No Institutional Financial Aid. A student-athlete who does not receive institutional financial aid (as set forth in Bylaw 15.02.4.1) shall not be a counter.

15.5.1.8 Becoming a Counter After the Beginning of an Award Period. If a student-athlete becomes a counter (per Bylaw 15.5.1) at any point during the academic year, all countable institutional aid received during that academic year is countable toward the student-athlete's equivalency per Bylaw 15.5.2.2. (*Adopted: 10/17/06*)

15.5.2 Equivalency Sports.

15.5.2.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits. [◆]

15.5.2.1.1 Men's Sports. [◆] There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each men's sport, as follows: (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/93, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

Baseball	9.0	Ice Hockey	13.5
Basketball	10.0	Lacrosse	10.8
Cross Country/Track and Field (<i>effective 8/1/00, see Bylaw 15.5.2.1.4 for institutions that sponsor cross country but not indoor or outdoor track and field</i>)	12.6	Rifle	3.6
Fencing	4.5	Skiing	6.3
Football	36.0	Soccer	9.0
Golf	3.6	Swimming and Diving (<i>Revised: 8/7/03</i>)	8.1
Gymnastics	5.4	Tennis	4.5
		Volleyball	4.5
		Water Polo	4.5
		Wrestling	9.0

15.5.2.1.1.1 Overall Limit. [◆] An institution shall not provide more than an equivalent of 60 total awards in all men's sports other than football and basketball in any academic year. (*Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

15.5.2.1.2 Women's Sports. [◆] There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each women's sport, as follows: (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/93, 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09*)

Basketball.....	10.0	Ice Hockey.....	18.0
Bowling.....	5.0	Lacrosse.....	9.9
Cross Country/Track and Field (effective 8/1/00, see Bylaw 15.5.2.1.4 for institutions that sponsor cross country but not indoor or outdoor track and field).....	12.6	Rowing.....	20.0
Equestrian (Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04).....	15.0	Rugby (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06).....	12.0
Fencing.....	4.5	Skiing.....	6.3
Field Hockey.....	6.3	Soccer.....	9.9
Golf.....	5.4	Softball.....	7.2
Gymnastics.....	6.0	Squash.....	9.0
		Swimming and Diving (Revised: 8/7/03).....	8.1
		Tennis.....	6.0
		Volleyball.....	8.0
		Water Polo.....	8.0

15.5.2.1.3 Exception. [◆] In accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 18.4.2.2.1, an institution may exceed the maximum awards limitations in a sport in which only one NCAA championship is conducted. An institution that is reclassifying its athletics program to Division I or that is reclassifying a sport to Division I may exceed the Division II institutional grant-in-aid limitations up to the grant-in-aid limit permitted in Division I. (Revised: 1/12/04, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)

15.5.2.1.4 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 15.02.4.1) 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 15.02.4.1) 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: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)

15.5.2.2 Equivalency Computations. In equivalency sports, each institutional financial aid award (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) to a counter shall be computed as follows:

- (a) Once a student becomes a counter, the institution shall count all institutional aid (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) received during that academic year for room, board, tuition and fees, as well as books and required course-related supplies (which shall count for calculation purposes as \$400 in the denominator and, if they are provided or their cost covered by the institution, as \$400 in the numerator, regardless of the actual amount received). Exempted government grants per Bylaw 15.2.4 and exempted institutional aid per Bylaw 15.02.4.3 specifically are excluded from this computation. (Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 10/17/06)
- (b) A fraction shall be created, with the amount received by the student-athlete as the numerator and the full grant-in-aid value for that student-athlete as the denominator based upon the actual cost or average cost of a full grant for all students at that institution. In addition, an institution may use either the actual or average amount received by a student-athlete as the numerator and either the actual or average amount of the full grant-in-aid value as the denominator. (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/06)
- (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.

15.5.2.2.1 Exception. Academic awards that meet the criteria set forth in 15.02.4.3-(a) are exempt from an institution's equivalency computation. (Adopted: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01)

15.5.3 Multisport Participants. A counter who participates in two or more sports shall be counted in one or more sports as specified on the individual's financial aid agreement. (Revised: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/14/02)

15.5.3.1 Multiple Sport Participant Receiving Athletically Related Institutional Aid. An institution shall divide countable athletically related aid equally among all sports in which the student-athlete participates in instances when the financial aid agreement does not specify how such aid should be counted toward institutional limits. (Adopted: 1/14/02)

15.5.3.2 Multiple Sport Participant Receiving Nonathletically Related Institutional Aid. An institution shall divide nonathletically related institutional aid in the same proportion that athletically related aid is divided for purposes of the institutional limits in the sports in which the student-athlete participates. (Adopted: 1/14/02)

15.5.3.3 Requirement to Qualify as Multiple-Sport Athlete. To be considered a multisport athlete under this section, an individual must meet all of the following requirements: (Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/01/01)

- (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, the individual shall have been earnestly recruited to participate in the sport in which financial aid is counted (i.e., 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).

15.5.4 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 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.

15.5.5 Squad List.

15.5.5.1 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.

15.5.5.2 Squad-List Form. The member institution's athletics director shall compile a list, on a form approved by the Management Council, 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 30.14).

15.5.5.3 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 in accordance with Bylaw 14.1.4. (*Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92*)

15.5.6 Waivers for Extraordinary Personnel Losses. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the financial aid limitations set forth in this bylaw for institutions that have suffered extraordinary personnel losses due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature from one or more of their intercollegiate athletics teams.

FIGURE 15-1
Financial Aid Maximum Limits
2009-10 Academic Year

	Citation	Individual Full Grant ¹	Institutional Sport Limitation
Academic award	15.02.4.3-(a)	No	No
Aid based on athletics ability	15.02.4.1-(a)	Yes	Yes
Americorps Program	15.2.4.1-(a)	No	No
Athletics grant	15.02.4.1-(a)	Yes	Yes
Athletics participation compensation	15.1.1-(e)	Yes, if eligibility has not been exhausted ²	No ²
Dependents Education Assistance Program	15.2.4.1-(f)	No	No
Disabled veterans award	15.2.4.1-(b)	No ³	No
Educational expenses			
USOC or NGB	15.2.5.5	Yes	Yes
Professional Team or League	15.2.5.6	Yes	Yes
Employee Dependent Tuition Benefits	15.02.4.3-(d)	No	No
Employment	15.2.6	No	No
Gifts following completion of eligibility	15.1.1-(c)	Yes	No
Government grants, institutionally administered	15.02.4.1-(b)	Yes	Yes ⁴
Government grants, not institutionally administered	15.1.1-(a)	Yes	No
Institutional grant or scholarship	15.02.4.1-(a)	Yes	Yes ⁴
Loan, legitimate, repayment schedule	15.02.4.3-(b)	No	No
Military reserve training program	15.2.4.1-(c)	No	No
Montgomery G.I. Bill-Active Duty and Selected Reserve	15.2.4.1-(d)	No	No
Operation Gold Grant	15.02.4.5	No	No
Outside grant for educational purposes, unrelated to athletics ability	15.2.5.2 15.2.5.2.2	No ⁵ No ⁶	No
Outside grant, athletics participation considered a major criterion	15.02.4.1-(c) 15.02.4.2-(d) 15.2.5.4	Yes	Yes, if recruited No, if not recruited
Outside grant, athletics participation not considered a major criterion	15.02.4.2-(c) 15.2.5.3	Yes, if recruited No, if not recruited ⁵	No
Out-of-state tuition waiver (unrelated to athletics ability)	15.02.4.3-(c)	No	No
Parent/guardian contribution	15.2.5.1	No	No
Pell Grant	15.2.4.1-(e)	No	No
Postgraduate scholarship (awarded in accordance with Bylaw 16.1.3.1.1)	15.02.4.3-(e)	No	No
Professional sports stipend	15.1.1-(d)	Yes ²	No ²
Social Security Insurance Program (including the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors)	15.2.4.1-(f)	No	No
State Government Grants	15.2.4.1-(l)	No	No
Summer school financial aid ⁷	15.2.7	No	No
Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant	15.2.4.1-(k)	No	No
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay	15.2.4.1-(g)	No	No
Veteran's Death Pension Program	15.2.4.1-(f)	No	No
Veterans Educational Assistance Program	15.2.4.1-(h)	No	No
Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program	15.2.4.1-(i)	No	No
Welfare Benefits	15.2.4.1-(j)	No	No

Key:

¹ Applies only if student-athlete is receiving financial aid based on athletics ability or if student-athlete is recruited and receiving institutional financial aid as defined in Bylaw 15.02.4.1.

² However, receipt of such compensation renders a student-athlete ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition under the Association's rules of amateurism (see Bylaw 12). (See also Bylaw 15.3.1.4.)

³ If approved by Management Council.

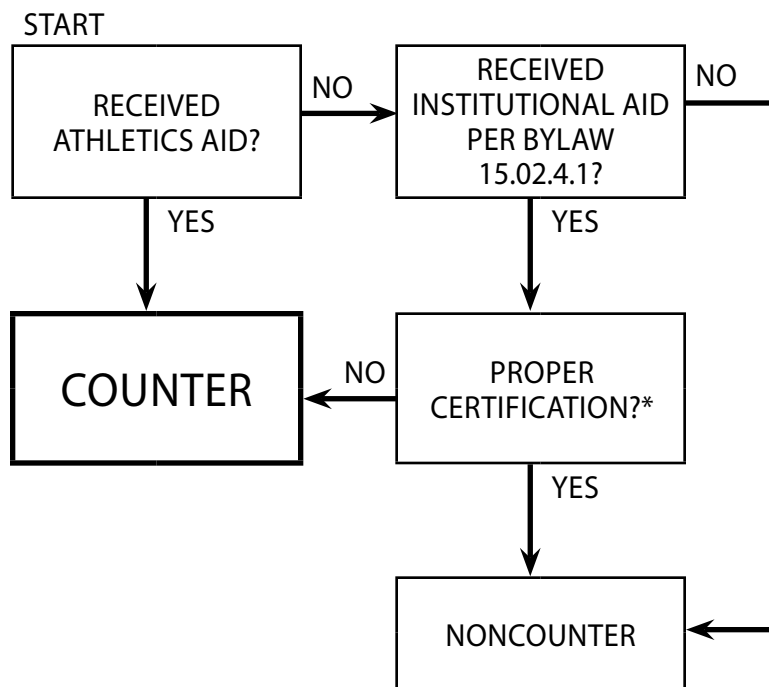
⁴ If considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.

⁵ However, if a student-athlete is receiving financial aid based on athletics ability or if the student-athlete is recruited and receiving institutional financial aid as defined in Bylaw 15.02.4.1, the student must include the grant.

⁶ Provided institutional financial aid and outside grants do not exceed the student-athlete's cost of attendance per Bylaw 15.01.7.

⁷ Institution is limited to providing value of full grant-in-aid during summer; however, student-athlete may earn employment income during the summer. (Also see Bylaw 15.2.6.)

FIGURE 15-2
How to Determine a Counter
2009-10 Academic Year



*Certification of aid: Financial aid must be certified as unrelated to athletics ability [Bylaw 15.5.1-(b)].

BYLAW, ARTICLE 16

Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes

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16.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

16.01.1 Eligibility Effect of Violation. A student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit as defined in Bylaw 16.02.3. 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. For violation of Bylaw 16 in which the value of the benefit is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned upon the student-athlete's repayment 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. Violations of the bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the student-athlete's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. 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: 10/23/01, Revised: 1/10/05, 1/9/06*)

16.01.2 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports. Beginning with the second year of the Association's identification of an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.6), the institution shall comply fully in that program with all applicable awards and benefits legislation set forth in Bylaw 16. (*Adopted: 5/13/08*)

16.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

16.02.1 Award. 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. An excessive expense is one not specifically authorized under regulations of the Association concerning awards, benefits and expenses.

16.02.3 Extra Benefit. An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives 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 relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., foreign students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. (*Revised: 1/10/91*)

16.02.4 Pay. 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)

16.1 AWARDS

16.1.1 Application of Awards Legislation.

16.1.1.1 Before Enrollment. Individuals may receive any award(s) prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment. (See Bylaw 14.2.4.2 regarding effects on eligibility.) (*Revised: 1/12/04*)

16.1.1.2 Awards Received by a Student-Athlete While Enrolled as a Full-Time Student. The awards limitations of Bylaw 16.1 apply to awards received by a student-athlete while enrolled during the academic year (i.e., from the beginning of the fall term through completion of the spring term, including any intervening vacation period) as a regular student in a minimum full-time academic load, or awards received by a student-athlete while representing the student-athlete's institution at any other time. Such awards may not include cash, gift certificates, a cash-equivalent award (i.e., an item that is negotiable for cash or trade or other services, benefits or merchandise) for athletics participation, or a country club or sports club membership.

16.1.1.3 Student-Athlete Not Regularly Enrolled. Awards received by a student-athlete participating in an event while not enrolled as a regular student during the academic year, or received during the summer while not representing his or her institution, shall conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur organization that governs the competition. Such awards may include gift certificates, but not cash.

16.1.1.4 After Completion of Athletics Eligibility. Awards limitations apply to enrolled student-athletes who have exhausted their intercollegiate athletics eligibility. An institution shall be held responsible through the Association's enforcement procedures for the provision of improper awards to graduating seniors by the institution or its booster organizations. Awards to graduating seniors may not include cash, gift certificates, a cash-equivalent award (i.e., an item that is negotiable for cash or trade or other services, benefits or merchandise) for athletics participation, or a country club or sports club membership.

16.1.1.5 Olympic Games. It is permissible for a student-athlete to receive a nonmonetary award associated with participation in the Olympic Games at any time regardless of when the Games are held or whether the student-athlete is enrolled as a regular student during the academic year. (*Adopted: 1/8/01*)

16.1.2 Uniformity of Awards. Awards presented by a member institution, conference or other approved agency must be uniform for all team members receiving the award.

16.1.3 Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Numbers of Awards. 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. 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.

16.1.3.1 Participation Awards. 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. (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

16.1.3.1.1 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award. 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 \$150 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 will complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree within one term of the award and no funds will be distributed prior to the completion of the 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-athlete may complete the remainder of any season currently in progress at the time of the award (e.g., postseason competition in the spring sport which occurs after graduation). (*Adopted: 1/10/05, Revised: 7/22/08*)

16.1.3.2 Awards for Winning Conference and National Championships. 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 conference championship may not exceed \$325, and the total value of any single award received for a national championship may not exceed \$415. Each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate \$325 or \$415 limit per award, respectively. 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. (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

16.1.3.3 Special Achievement Awards. 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. (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

16.1.3.4 Local Civic Organization. A local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide awards to a member institution's team(s). The following regulations shall apply to such an event: (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

- (a) All awards must be approved by the institution and must be counted in the institution's limit for institutional awards; and
- (b) The organization may not recognize or provide awards to prospective student-athletes at the banquet.

16.1.3.5 Recognition by Professional Sports Organization. A student-athlete may accept a complimentary admission to a professional sports contest during which the student-athlete and/or collegiate 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. *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

16.1.4 Purchase Restrictions.

16.1.4.1 Assignment of Normal Retail Value. 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)*

16.1.4.2 Supplementary Purchase Arrangement. 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.

16.1.4.3 Combining Values. 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.

16.1.4.4 Student Contribution to Purchase. 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.

16.1.5 Awards Banquets.

- (a) **Institutional.** 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, 1/12/04)*
- (b) **Booster Club Recognition Banquet.** 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. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

16.1.6 Expenses to Receive Noninstitutional Awards.

16.1.6.1 Hometown Awards. Only a hometown group may pay the actual and necessary expenses of a student-athlete returning home to receive an award. *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

16.1.6.2 Established Regional, National or International Awards. It is permissible for an outside organization (other than a professional sports organization) to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to travel to a banquet designed to recognize the individual's accomplishments as an athlete in order for the student-athlete to receive an established regional, national or international award (permitted by NCAA legislation). The outside organization also may provide actual and necessary expenses for the student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians to attend the recognition event. *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

16.1.6.3 Recognition by President, Governor, State or Local Legislative Body. An institution, the United States Olympic Committee, national governing bodies or the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or the equivalent organization of a nation for foreign student-athletes) may provide actual and necessary expenses when a team (or its senior student-athletes) is accorded special recognition by the President of the United States or by the governor or legislative body of the state or the local government body in which the member institution is located. *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

16.1.6.4 Recognition of International Student-Athletes. An institution may provide actual and necessary expenses when an international, senior student-athlete is accorded special recognition by the equivalent of the President, governor or legislative body of the student-athlete's home country. *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

16.1.6.5 Conference Awards. A conference or its member institutions may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to travel to the conference office or other site to receive a conference award. In addition, the conference may provide actual and necessary expenses for the student-athlete's relatives (or legal guardians) to attend the presentation of the conference's male or female "athlete of the year" award to the student-athlete, provided not more than one male and one female student-athlete receive such an award per academic year. The conference may also provide actual and necessary expenses for the student-athlete's relatives to attend the presentation of conference academic awards to the student-athlete, provided the academic awards are presented in recognition of outstanding academic achievement. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/06)*

16.2 COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS AND TICKET BENEFITS

16.2.1 Permissible Procedures.

16.2.1.1 Institutional Contests in the Student-Athlete's Sport. An institution may provide four complimentary admissions per home or away contest 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.

16.2.1.1.1 Partial Qualifier. An institution may provide a partial qualifier with four complimentary admissions per home contest in the sport in which the individual participates. (*Adopted: 3/19/97*)

16.2.1.1.2 Exception—NCAA Championships and Bowl Games. An institution may provide each student-athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in an NCAA championship or bowl game with six complimentary admissions to all contests at the site at which the student (or team) participates. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

16.2.1.1.3 Tournaments. Complimentary admissions may be provided to members of the institution's team for all contests 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.

16.2.1.2 General Regulations. Complimentary admissions shall be distributed only to persons designated by the student-athlete who have identified themselves and signed a receipt therefore. 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. (e.g., receipt of more than the permissible four complimentary admissions or the sale or exchange of a complimentary admission for any item of value). (*Revised: 10/23/07*)

16.2.1.2.1 Partial Qualifier or Nonqualifier. A partial qualifier or nonqualifier (per Bylaws 14.02.10.2 and 14.02.10.3) may receive a complimentary admission to all of the institution's regular-season home intercollegiate athletics contests during the first academic year of residence.

16.2.1.3 Institution's Home Contests in Other Sports. An institution may provide admission for each student-athlete to all of the institution's regular-season home intercollegiate athletics contests 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.

16.2.1.3.1 Exception—Recognition of Student-Athlete. An institution may provide four complimentary admissions to a student-athlete who is being recognized during an institution's regular season intercollegiate athletics contest in a sport other than that in which the student-athlete participates. Complimentary tickets shall be distributed only to family members of the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/9/06*)

16.2.2 Nonpermissible Procedures.

16.2.2.1 Sale of Complimentary Admissions. 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. Individuals designated by the student-athlete to receive complimentary admissions are not permitted to receive any type of payment for these 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.

16.2.2.3 Student-Athlete Ticket Purchases. An institution may not provide a special arrangement to sell a student-athlete ticket(s) to an athletics event. Tickets shall be available for purchase by student-athletes according to the same purchasing procedures used for other students.

16.2.2.4 Sale Above Face Value. A student-athlete may not purchase tickets for an athletics contest from the institution and then sell the tickets at a price greater than their face value.

16.3 ACADEMIC AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

16.3.1 Permissible. A member institution may finance academic and other support services that the institution, at its discretion, determines to be appropriate and necessary for the academic success of its student-athletes, including, but not limited to, the following: (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05*)

- (a) Tutoring expenses;
- (b) On-campus student development and career counseling (including the provision of related materials of little or no commercial value to student-athletes) using outside resources; (*Revised: 1/10/95*)
- (c) Future professional sports career counseling from a panel appointed by the institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department). (See Bylaws 11.1.4.1 and 12.3.4); (*Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05*)
- (d) 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);

- (e) Cost of a field trip, provided the field trip is required of all students in the course; (*Revised: 1/12/04*)
- (f) Organized day planners that are nonelectronic; and (*Revised: 1/14/02, 1/10/05*)
- (g) Required course-related supplies, as specified in Bylaw 15.2.3.

16.3.1.1 Exceptions.

- (a) Use of computers and typewriters. A student-athlete shall use institutionally owned computers and typewriters only on a check-out and retrieval basis. (*Adopted: 5/6/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/10/05*)
- (b) Typing/word processing/editing services or costs. Typing/word processing/editing services or costs shall not be provided, even if typed reports and other papers are a requirement of a course in which a student-athlete is enrolled. (*Adopted: 5/6/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/10/05*)
- (c) Use of copy machine, fax machines and the Internet. It is permissible for an institution to pay the actual and necessary expenses for the cost of copying, faxing or using Internet services, including related long-distance charges, only while the student-athlete is away from campus representing the institution, provided the expense is for purposes related to the completion of required academic course work. (*Adopted: 5/6/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/10/05*)

16.4 MEDICAL EXPENSES

16.4.1 Permissible. Identified medical expense benefits incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are:

- (a) Athletics medical insurance;
- (b) Death and dismemberment insurance for travel connected with intercollegiate athletics competition and practice;
- (c) Counseling expenses of any type, including, but not limited to, those related to drug rehabilitation and the treatment of eating disorders; (*Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (d) Special individual expenses resulting from a permanent disability that precludes further athletics participation. The illness or injury producing the disability must involve a former student-athlete or have occurred while the student-athlete was enrolled at the institution, or while the prospective student-athlete was on an official paid visit to the institution's campus. An institution or outside agency, or both, may raise money through donations, benefits or like activities to assist the student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete. All funds secured shall be controlled by the institution, and the money shall be used exclusively to meet these expenses;
- (e) Glasses, contact lenses or protective eyewear (e.g., goggles) for student-athletes who require visual correction in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics;
- (f) Medical examinations at any time for enrolled student-athletes;
- (g) Expenses for medical treatment (including transportation and other related costs) incurred by a student-athlete as a result of an athletically related injury. Such expenses may include the cost of traveling to the location of medical treatment or the provision of actual and necessary living expenses for the student-athlete to be treated at a site on or off the campus during the summer months while the student-athlete is not actually attending classes. Medical documentation shall be available to support the necessity of the treatment at the location in question;
- (h) Surgical expenses to a student-athlete (including a partial qualifier or a nonqualifier) who is injured during the academic year while participating in voluntary physical activities that will prepare the student-athlete for competition; (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)
- (i) Medication and physical therapy used by a student-athlete during the academic year to enable the individual to participate in intercollegiate athletics, regardless of whether the injury or illness is the result of intercollegiate competition or practice;
- (j) Medication and physical therapy used by a student-athlete (even if the student-athlete is not a full-time student) during the academic year to enable the individual to participate in intercollegiate athletics, only if the student-athlete resides on campus (or in the local community of the institution) and appropriate medical documentation is available to establish that the student-athlete is unable to attend the institution as a full-time student as a result of the student-athlete's injury or illness; and (*Adopted: 1/11/94*)
- (k) Preseason dental examinations conducted in conjunction with a regular preseason physical examination.

16.4.2 Nonpermissible. Student-athlete medical expense benefits that may not be financed by the institution are: (*Revised: 1/12/04*)

- (a) Student health insurance, if the insurance is provided or offered to the general student body only on an optional basis, except that if such insurance is required for a particular group of students (e.g., foreign students), such expenses may be paid for student-athletes who are members of such a group. Only such required fees may be paid as a part of an institutional grant-in-aid for student-athletes;

- (b) Surgical expenses to treat a student-athlete's illness or injury that was not a result of practice for or participation in intercollegiate athletics at the institution and did not occur during voluntary physical activities that will prepare the student-athlete for competition; (*Revised: 1/10/92*)
- (c) Medical or hospital expenses incurred as the result of an injury while going to or from class, or while participating in classroom requirements (e.g., physical education), unless similar services are provided by the institution to all students or by the terms and conditions of the institution's overall insurance program; and
- (d) Teeth cleaning, provisional filling of teeth or other dental work, unless the dental work is directly related to injury to the teeth that occurred during practice or competition.

16.5 HOUSING AND MEALS

16.5.1 Permissible. Identified housing and meal benefits incidental to a student's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are:

- (a) **Summer-Dormitory Rentals.** 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 15.2.2.4 for permissible housing benefits for student-athletes eligible to receive financial aid while attending summer school).
- (b) **Preseason Practice Expenses.** The institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes who report for preseason practice before 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. Further, an institution, at its discretion, may provide an additional meal (or cash in an amount equal to the cost of an additional meal) to student-athletes to meet their nutritional needs as a benefit incidental to participation during the preseason practice period before the start of the academic year. (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (c) **Meals Incidental to Participation—Student-Athletes Who Are Not Receiving Athletically Related Financial Aid.** Student-athletes who are not receiving athletically related financial aid (e.g., walk-ons) may receive the benefit of a training-table meal during the permissible playing and practice season in those instances in which the student-athlete's schedule is affected by involvement in practice activities, provided the student-athlete previously has paid for the same meal (e.g., dinner) at an institutional dining facility. (*Revised: 1/8/01*)
- (d) **Meals Incidental to Participation—Meals or Snacks.** For both home and away-from-home competition, all student-athletes are permitted to receive a pre-game meal as a benefit incidental to participation and all student-athletes are permitted to receive meal(s) or snack(s) [or cash in the amount equal to the cost of a meal(s) or snack(s)] at the institution's discretion from the time the student-athlete reports on call (at the direction of the student-athlete's coach or comparable authority) and becomes involved in competition related activities to the end of competition and the release by the appropriate institutional authority, as a benefit incidental to participation. (*Revised: 1/8/01, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)
- (e) **Meals Incidental to Participation—Summer Vacation Period.** An institution, at its discretion, may provide an additional meal (or cash in an amount equal to the cost of an additional meal) to student-athletes to meet their nutritional needs as a benefit incidental to participation during the regular or postseason period after the end of the academic year. (*Revised: 1/9/06*)
- (f) **Vacation-Period Expenses.** The institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes during official institutional vacation periods in the following circumstances: (*Revised: 1/14/97, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 7/24/07*)
 - (1) 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 practice sessions. If an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes, a cash allowance may be provided, not to exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips. (*Revised: 10/21/08*)
 - (2) Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution's official vacation period occurring during a regular academic term (e.g., not including vacation periods between terms) from competition as outlined in Bylaws 16.8.1.2-(a) through 16.8.1.2-(e). 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.
 - (3) Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution's official vacation period between regular academic terms (e.g., summer-vacation period) from competition as outlined in Bylaws 16.8.1.2-(a) through 16.8.1.2-(e). Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided for no 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.

In addition, an institution, at its discretion, also may provide an additional meal (or cash in an amount equal to the cost of an additional meal) to student-athletes to meet nutritional needs as a benefit incidental to participation during each day of any vacation period, provided the student-athlete is required to remain on campus to be involved in practice or competition. (*Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/24/07*)

- (g) **Meals Related to Institutional Committee Service.** A student-athlete who serves on an institutional committee may receive expenses to cover the cost of a meal missed as a result of a committee meeting that occurs when regular institutional dining facilities are open. (*Adopted: 1/12/99*)
- (h) **Nutritional Supplements.** 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/electrolytes drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters and vitamins and minerals. (*Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

16.5.2 Nonpermissible.

16.5.2.1 Housing Benefits. The institution may not provide an on-campus or off-campus housing benefit (e.g., individual television sets or stereo equipment, a recreation room or a centralized television room, room furnishings or appointments of extra quality or quantity) for student-athletes that is not available on the same basis to the general student body. The material benefits in question are permissible only if provided in approximately the same ratio to at least one-half of all other students using on-campus housing facilities. Otherwise, dormitories with exclusive material housing benefits may not be used by student-athletes.

16.6 EXPENSES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

16.6.1 Permissible. An institution may not provide any expenses to a student-athlete's relatives or friends, except as permitted in Bylaws 16.6.1 and 16.11.1.

16.6.1.1 Expenses for Relatives to Postseason Football Game/NCAA Championship. 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 relatives or legal guardians of an eligible student-athlete to accompany the student-athlete to a certified postseason football game or an NCAA football championship in which the student-athlete is a participant, and in other sports, to one round (conducted at one site) of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant. (*Revised: 1/9/06*)

16.6.1.2 Life-Threatening Injury or Illness. The institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for relatives (or legal guardians) of a student-athlete and for the student-athlete's teammates to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers a life-threatening injury or illness or, in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/9/06*)

16.6.1.2.1 Relative of Student-Athlete. An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates to be present in situations in which a relative or legal guardian of the student-athlete suffers a life-threatening injury or illness or, in the event of a relative's or legal guardian's death, to provide the student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates with expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/12/04 for any transportation, housing and/or meal expenses incurred on or after 8/1/03, 1/9/06*)

16.6.1.3 Family Lodging. An institution may reserve or secure lodging at any institutional athletics event (e.g., regular season, conference event, postseason) at a reduced or special rate for the relatives (or legal guardians) of a student-athlete who is a participant in the event. It is not permissible for an institution to pay for any portion of the cost of lodging, including any cost associated with reserving or securing lodging. (*Revised: 1/9/06*)

16.6.1.4 Family Travel to Olympic Games. 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 relatives or legal guardians to attend the Olympic Games in which the student-athlete will participate. In addition, relatives or legal guardians of student-athletes may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the family members of all Olympic team members in conjunction with participation in the Olympic Games. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 Revised: 1/8/01, 1/9/06*)

16.6.1.5 Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Awards Banquet. A member institution may provide a student-athlete with three complimentary admissions to one annual institutional awards banquet. (*Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 1/9/06*)

16.6.1.6 Reasonable Refreshments. An institution may provide reasonable refreshments (e.g., soft drinks, snacks) on an occasional basis to relatives and/or legal guardians of a student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/5/04, 10/29/04, 1/9/06*)

16.7 TEAM ENTERTAINMENT

16.7.1 Away-from-Home Contests. The institution may pay the actual costs (but may not provide cash) for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 100-mile radius of where a team plays or practices in connection with an away-from-home contest or en route to or from such a contest. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94*)

16.7.1.1 Professional Sports Tickets. Complimentary tickets to professional sports contests shall not be provided to student-athletes, unless the tickets are provided by the institution (or by a representative of athletics interests through the institution) for entertainment purposes to student-athletes involved in an away-from-home contest. Under the latter circumstances, the institution may pay actual costs for reasonable entertainment that takes place during a team trip.

16.7.2 Vacation Periods. An institution may pay the actual costs (but may not provide cash) for reasonable local entertainment during vacation periods when the team is required to remain on campus (or at a practice site normally used by the institution) and classes are not in session. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

16.7.3 Films/Movies/Videotapes. The institution may rent a film or movie, provide pay-per-view movies in the student-athletes' hotel rooms or take its intercollegiate team to the movies in conjunction with the student-athletes' home or away-from-home contest (immediately before or during the road trip), the night before a contest without the film or movie being considered an extra benefit. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/15/03)*

16.8 EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION

16.8.1 Permissible. The permissible expenses for practice and competition that an institution may provide a student-athlete are defined in the following subsections. (See Bylaw 16.11.)

16.8.1.1 Practice. Expenses may be paid for practice sessions only if they are associated with an away-from-home contest or conducted at a site located within the member institution's state or, if outside that state, no more than 100 miles from the institution's campus. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/14/02)*

16.8.1.1.1 Practice Sites on Road Trips. Any practice on an extended road trip shall take place either at the competition site or on a direct route between two consecutive competition sites. It is not permissible for an institution to schedule practice sessions at other locations in order to provide entertainment opportunities for team members.

16.8.1.1.2 Skiing—Weather Exception. In the sports of men's and women's skiing, a member institution may transport a team to a practice site beyond the mileage limitations of Bylaw 16.8.1.1 if necessitated by weather conditions. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

16.8.1.1.3 Women's Rowing—Weather Exception. In women's rowing, a member institution may transport a team to a practice site beyond the mileage limitations of Bylaw 16.8.1.1 if necessitated by weather conditions. Such practice shall occur only during an institution's official vacation period and must be within the institution's declared playing and practice season in women's rowing. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

16.8.1.1.4 On- or Off-Campus Practice Sites. An institution may transport student-athletes from a central on-campus site (e.g., the locker room) to an on- or off-campus practice site. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

16.8.1.2 Competition While Representing Institution. An institution may provide actual and necessary travel expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging and meals) to a student-athlete for participation in athletics competition, provided the student-athlete is representing the institution (competes in the uniform of the institution) and is eligible for intercollegiate competition. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. Such competition includes: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/13/98)*

- (a) Regularly scheduled intercollegiate athletics events;
- (b) NCAA championship events and national governing body (NGB) championship events in an emerging sport; *(Revised: 1/14/97)*
- (c) A certified postseason football game (see Bylaw 18.7 for conditions required for certification);
- (d) Nonintercollegiate open, amateur competition; and *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*
- (e) Other institutional competition permissible under NCAA legislation, including postseason events.

16.8.1.2.1 Departure/Return Expense Restrictions. An eligible student-athlete may receive actual and necessary travel expenses to represent the institution in athletics competition, provided the student-athlete departs for the competition no earlier than 48 hours before the start of the actual competition and remains no more than 36 hours after the conclusion of the actual competition even if the student-athlete does not return with the team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

16.8.1.2.1.1 Exceptions. These travel expense restrictions do not apply in the following circumstances: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

- (a) When weather or safety concerns arise. The conditions must be out of the institution's control and must be the result of weather or safety concerns, which result in the student-athlete(s)' inability to travel in accordance with the institution's original travel plans; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective immediately for any travel occurring on or after 8/1/03)*

- (b) When a student-athlete becomes injured or ill. The injury or illness must result in the student-athlete's inability to travel in accordance with the institution's original travel plans; (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective immediately for any travel occurring on or after 8/1/03*)
- (c) Travel before and after contests in Hawaii or Alaska; (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)
- (d) Travel before and after contests in the 48 contiguous states for member institutions located in Hawaii or Alaska; (*Adopted: 1/16/93*)
- (e) Travel before and after regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year; (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94, 1/10/95*)
- (f) Travel before contests in NCAA championship events, NGB championships in emerging sports or certified postseason football games; (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97*)
- (g) Return transportation after contests in NCAA championship events, NGB championships in emerging sports or certified postseason football games that take place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year or between regular academic terms; (*Adopted: 7/21/09*)
- (h) Travel before the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame benefit game or the American Football Coaches Retirement Trust benefit game; (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)
- (i) Travel before and after regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's summer vacation period; (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)
- (j) When the institution is able to document that all of its eligible student-athletes traveling with the team will not be missing additional class time beyond the permissible 48-hour departure limitation or 36-hour return limitation; (*Adopted: 4/28/05 for any travel occurring on or after 8/1/05*)
- (k) Travel before and after regular-season competition that takes place in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season and limited to not more than once every four years; or (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)
- (l) Travel before the U.S. Gymnastics Federation (USGF) collegiate championships. (*Adopted: 1/16/93*)

16.8.1.2.2 Transportation for Competition Occurring between Terms. It is permissible for any athletics department staff member to furnish transportation to eligible student-athletes to the campus from the nearest bus or train station or major airport in conjunction with practice and/or team travel relating to competition that occurs between the end of a final examination period of the fall semester (or fall or winter quarter) and the beginning of the next regular term. (*Adopted: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90*)

16.8.1.2.3 Meal-Allowance Limitation. All student-athletes on the same team must receive identical meal allowances on intercollegiate trips and during vacation periods when student-athletes are required to remain on the institution's campus for organized practice sessions or competition. Such allowances may not exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips and may not be provided for a particular meal, if the student-athlete receives that meal (or its equivalent) from another source. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

16.8.1.2.4 Passports and Visas. An institution may purchase passports and visas for its student-athletes who are required to travel in connection with intercollegiate competition (e.g., scrimmages, exhibition contests). Student-athletes may retain ownership of such passports and visas. (*Adopted: 7/22/08*)

16.8.1.3 Other Competition. During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the next summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/14/97*)

- (a) Established national championship events (including junior national championships); (*Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)
- (b) One qualifying competition event per academic year for the Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Youth Championships, World Cup and World University Games; and (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/11/06, 10/17/06, 7/24/07*)
- (c) One national team tryout competition event from which participants are selected for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games. Although national team participants may be selected from multiple tryout events for a particular listed competitive event, an institution may provide expenses for only one such tryout event for each of the listed competitive events. (*Adopted: 7/24/07*)

16.8.1.3.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. Institutional coaching staff members may engage in coaching activities with a student-athlete during the particular event in which the student-athlete competes, regardless of whether the event occurs during or outside of the institution's declared playing season. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.) (*Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

16.8.1.4 Travel to Regular-Season Contests during Vacation Period.

16.8.1.4.1 General Rule. An institution may provide team transportation for a student-athlete to travel from campus to the site of a regular-season contest and back to campus. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

16.8.1.4.1.1 Exception. If a student-athlete travels to a site other than the event site during the vacation period, the institution may provide the cost of round-trip transportation for the student-athlete to travel from campus to the event site and back to campus even if the student-athlete does not travel with the team. The student-athlete shall pay only the additional cost associated with traveling to a site other than the event site. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

16.8.1.5 Travel to NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games during Vacation Period.

16.8.1.5.1 General Rule. The institution may provide team transportation for a student-athlete to travel from campus to the site of an NCAA championship, national governing body (NGB) championship in an emerging sport or a postseason bowl game and back to campus. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95, 1/14/97)*

16.8.1.5.1.1 Exceptions.

- (a) **Student-Athlete Does Not Use Team Transportation.** If the student-athlete goes home during the vacation period, the institution may provide (in lieu of team transportation) the greater of the transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from:
 - (1) Campus to the event site and back to campus;
 - (2) Campus to the student-athlete's home and back to campus; or
 - (3) The student-athlete's home to the event site and back home *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/95)*
- (b) **Student-Athlete Uses "Leg" of Team Transportation.** An institution that provides one "leg" of actual team transportation (i.e., campus to the event site or from the event site back to campus) must deduct the value of the actual transportation cost of that "leg" from the allowance provided the student-athlete in Bylaw 16.8.1.5.1.1-(a) above. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*
- (c) **Second Trip Home.** If a student-athlete either uses team transportation to travel from campus to the event site and back to campus, or participates in an event that takes place in the institution's home community, and also has personally paid for a round-trip ticket home during that same vacation period, that student-athlete may be provided actual transportation expenses to travel between campus and home on a second occasion during that same period. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

16.8.1.6 Incidental Expenses at NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Certified Bowl Games. An institution may provide \$20 per day to each member of the squad to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or national governing body (NGB) 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 certified postseason bowl contests, for a period not to exceed 10 days. The \$20 per day may be provided only after the institution's team departs for or reports to the site of the championship or postseason bowl contest. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 1/14/97)*

16.8.1.6.1 Excessive Per Diem Subsidies. When a sponsoring agency provides a per diem in excess of a student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses, it is not permissible for the institution to provide the student-athlete with the cash difference between the amount allocated for per diem by the sponsoring agency and the actual cost of the individual's room and board expenses. *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*

16.8.1.7 Sports Organization Membership Fee. An institution may provide a student-athlete membership in a sports organization (e.g., U.S. Volleyball Association, U.S. Gymnastics Federation), if the membership is a component of an entry fee required for competition in which the student-athlete is representing the member institution. Further, the student-athlete would be permitted to retain resultant membership benefits under such circumstances.

16.8.1.8 Foreign Tour Expenses. An institution may provide a student-athlete with expenses for participation in an institution's foreign tour in his or her sport as provided in Bylaw 30.7. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

16.8.1.9 Travel Apparel. An institution may provide student-athletes with team travel outfits, blazers or other items of clothing to travel to and from competition. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

16.8.2 Nonpermissible.

16.8.2.1 Transportation to/from Student-Athlete's Residence. An institution may not provide transportation (e.g., shuttle, van) to on-campus practice sites for student-athletes traveling to and from their on- or off-campus residences, except in unusual situations involving danger, inclement weather or other similar extenuating circumstances. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

16.8.2.2 Reimbursement for Travel to Practice. An institution may not reimburse a student-athlete, if the individual provides his or her own transportation to attend practice at an on- or off-campus site. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

16.8.2.3 Reimbursement for Travel to Competition. An institution may not reimburse a student-athlete for expenses incurred while driving to an institution's off-campus competition site, if the parents (or other relatives, legal guardians, or friends) accompany the student-athlete to the competition site. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/06*)

16.9 PERMISSIBLE TRAVEL EXPENSES NOT RELATED TO PRACTICE OR COMPETITION

It is permissible for an institution to provide the following travel expenses not related to practice or competition: (*Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04*)

- (a) **Goodwill Tours.** Actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to participate in a preseason goodwill tour to promote its intercollegiate athletics program, provided the tour does not involve more than two student-athletes in the same sport who have eligibility remaining and is confined to the state in which the institution is located, or within 100 miles of the institution's main campus, if out of state.
- (b) **Media Appearances.** Actual and necessary transportation expenses may be provided to a student-athlete for media appearances (e.g., radio, television, print media) if the student-athlete's appearance is related to athletics ability or prestige. It is not permissible to pay such expenses for a student-athlete to attend special or single-team promotional media events that are not regularly established local media functions. The institution may pay actual and necessary expenses for its student-athletes to attend local or regional conference-sponsored media days. (*Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (c) **National Girls and Women in Sports Day/National Student-Athlete Day.** Actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to participate in activities and events associated with National Girls and Women in Sports Day and National Student-Athlete Day, provided such activities and events are conducted either in the state in which the institution is located or in Washington, D.C., as part of a national celebration. (*Adopted: 1/16/93*)
- (d) **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meetings.** An institution or conference may pay actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to attend conference, regional or national student-athlete advisory committee meetings. (*Adopted: 1/11/94*)
- (e) **Local Transportation.** Reasonable local transportation to student-athletes on an occasional basis. (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)
- (f) **Community Engagement Activities.** Actual and necessary expenses may be provided to a student-athlete for participation in community engagement activities (see Bylaw 13.02.1). (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

16.10 PROVISION OF EXPENSES BY INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN THE INSTITUTION

16.10.1 Permissible.

16.10.1.1 Exception for USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. An individual may receive the comprehensive benefits of the USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. (*Adopted: 1/10/90*)

16.10.1.2 FCA/AIA Encampments. Nationally recognized service organizations and church groups (including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Athletes in Action) may underwrite the actual and necessary expenses of student-athletes attending Fellowship of Christian Athletes or Athletes in Action encampments. Neither the institution nor an athletically related organization may underwrite such expenses.

16.10.1.3 Outside Sports Teams. An amateur outside sports team or organization may provide actual and necessary expenses to team members only if the expenses are:

- (a) A reasonable amount for travel and meal expenses, and apparel and equipment (for individual and team use only from teams or organizations not affiliated with member institutions, including local sports clubs as set forth in Bylaw 13.11.2.4); (*Revised: 1/10/90*)
- (b) For practice and game competition;
- (c) Made on a regular basis; and
- (d) Not an incentive and not based on performance.

16.10.1.3.1 Practice in Conjunction with Competition. Practice expenses may be accepted only when such practice is directly related to a competition and is conducted during a continuous time period before the competition. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

16.10.1.3.1.1 National Team Practice Exception. If a student-athlete is involved in practice sessions conducted by a national team, the student-athlete may receive such practice expenses even if the practice is not continuous and occasionally is interrupted for specified periods of time before the competition. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

16.10.1.4 Meeting Expenses. A student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a 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.

16.10.1.5 Community Organization/Entity. A community organization or entity may provide actual and necessary expenses to student-athletes for participation in community engagement activities (see Bylaw 13.02.1). *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

16.11 BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES

16.11.1 Permissible.

16.11.1.1 General Rule. Receipt of a benefit (including otherwise prohibited extra benefits per Bylaw 16.11.2) by student-athletes, their relatives 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 relatives or friends.

16.11.1.2 Deferred Pay-Back Loan. A student-athlete may receive a loan on a deferred pay-back basis without jeopardizing his or her eligibility, provided: *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

- (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 student-athlete may receive a loan from an established family friend without such arrangement constituting an extra benefit, provided: *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

- (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 before the initiation of the student-athlete's recruitment by the member institution.

16.11.1.4 Occasional Meals.

(a) **Institutional Staff Member.** 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. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

(b) **Representative of Athletics Interests.** A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional family home meal from a representative of athletics interests provided the meal is in the individual's home (as opposed to a restaurant) and may be catered. The representative of athletics interests or an institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals. *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

16.11.1.5 Retention of Athletics Apparel and Equipment. A student-athlete may retain athletics apparel items (not equipment) at the end of the individual's collegiate participation. Used equipment may be purchased by the student-athlete on the same cost basis as by any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment.

16.11.1.6 Summer Use of Athletics Equipment. A student-athlete may retain and use institutional athletics equipment (per the institution's normal equipment policy) during a summer-vacation period.

16.11.1.7 Research Studies. A student-athlete may receive compensation for participation in institutional and noninstitutional (e.g., NCAA) research studies. Such compensation shall be consistent with the going rate for compensation offered in studies involving nonathlete populations. The study may not be sponsored or conducted by an institution's athletics department, and compensation may not be provided or determined by the athletics department. There shall be no indication that the student-athlete expressly or implicitly endorses any commercial product or service. *(Adopted: 1/10/00, Revised: 10/21/08)*

16.11.1.8 Reasonable Refreshments. An institution may provide student-athletes with reasonable refreshments (e.g., soft drinks, snacks) in conjunction with student-athlete educational and business meetings or in situations in which the institution provides reasonable refreshments on an occasional basis to relatives and/or legal guardians of the student-athlete per Bylaw 16.6.1.6. *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 1/9/06)*

16.11.1.9 Frequent Flyer Miles. A student-athlete may retain frequent flyer points and/or miles earned while traveling to and from intercollegiate practice and/or competition. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

16.11.1.10 Coaching and Athletics Administration Career Educational Programs. An institution or conference may provide student-athletes entering their fourth year (seventh semester or 10th quarter) of collegiate enrollment and thereafter, actual and necessary expenses to attend coaching and athletics administration career educational programs (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 Committee—Minority/Women in Coaching Leadership). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 10/17/06 effective immediately, for benefits associated with attendance at any coaching and athletics administration career educational program at any time)*

16.11.1.11 Telephones. A student-athlete may use a telephone for personal reasons without charge or at a reduced rate, provided such use is also generally available to the institution's students and their friends and relatives (see Bylaw 16.11.1.1). (*Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

16.11.1.12 Miscellaneous Benefits. An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: (*Adopted: 1/9/06*)

- (a) The use of a return ticket at any time after conclusion of a foreign tour;
- (b) Participation in receptions and festivities associated with championships, conference tournaments or all-star events hosted by and conducted on the institution's campus;
- (c) Occasional meals to team members provided by the relatives or legal guardians of a student-athlete at any location (e.g., tailgating);
- (d) Telephone calls in emergency situations;
- (e) Reasonable tokens of support and transportation in the event of serious injury, serious illness, or death of a relative or legal guardian and transportation to attend the funeral of any relative or legal guardian;
- (f) Fundraisers for student-athletes (or their family members) under the following conditions:
 - (i) Extreme circumstances should be extraordinary in the result of events beyond the control of the student-athlete;
 - (ii) The proceeds must be designated for a specific purpose;
 - (iii) The proceeds may not be given directly to the beneficiaries, but must be dispersed through or paid directly to another entity, with receipt kept on file by the institution; and
 - (iv) The excess proceeds must be given to a not-for-profit organization with the receipt kept on file by the institution.
- (g) The payment of admission costs or a meal for any student-athlete being honored at a nonathletics ceremony; and
- (h) Apparel to be used for events at which the student-athlete is representing the institution (e.g., community engagement activities, community service activities). (*Revised: 7/22/08*)

16.11.2 Nonpermissible.

16.11.2.1 General Rule. 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 relatives or friends with a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

16.11.2.2 Discounts and Credits. A student-athlete may not receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase (e.g., airline ticket, clothing) or a service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning) from an institutional employee or a representative of its athletics interests.

16.11.2.2.1 Free or Reduced-Cost Services. An athletics representative may not provide a student-athlete with professional services (for which a fee normally would be charged) without charge or at a reduced cost except as permitted elsewhere in this bylaw. Professional services provided at less than the normal rate or at no expense to a student-athlete are considered an extra benefit, unless they are available on the same basis to the general student body.

16.11.2.2.2 Credit Cards. It is not permissible to allow a student-athlete to use a credit card for personal reasons without charge or at a reduced cost. (*Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

16.11.2.2.3 Entertainment Services. A student-athlete may not receive services (e.g., movie tickets, dinners, use of car) from commercial agencies (e.g., movie theaters, restaurants, car dealers) without charge or at reduced rates, or free or reduced-cost admission to professional athletics contests from professional sports organizations, unless such services also are available to the student body in general.

16.11.2.3 Other Prohibited Benefits. 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:

- (a) A loan of money;
- (b) A guarantee of bond;
- (c) An automobile or the use of an automobile;
- (d) Transportation that is not generally available to the institution's students and their friends and relatives [see Bylaws 16.11.1.1 and 16.9-(e)]; or (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (e) Signing or cosigning a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.

16.11.2.4 Camp Concession. 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 Bylaw 13.12.1.5.3.2).

16.11.2.5 Athletics Equipment. A student-athlete may not accept free of charge, or purchase at a discounted or reduced price, athletics equipment, supplies or clothing (e.g., tennis racquets, golf clubs, hockey sticks, balls, shirts) from a manufacturer or commercial enterprise, that is not offered to the general student body. Such items may be provided to the student-athlete's institution, to be used by the institution's team in accordance with accepted practices for issuance and retrieval of athletics equipment. *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

16.11.2.6 Sponsor Families. A member institution shall not permit individuals outside the institution to serve as "sponsors" or "families" for student-athletes who are enrolled in the institution, unless such a sponsorship program exists to provide the same benefits and support services to all students at the institution.

16.11.2.7 Civic-Group Gifts. A member institution shall not permit a civic group to provide a student-athlete a trip to a postseason football game or to pay summer-camp expenses for a student-athlete.

16.11.2.8 Assistance in Payment of Bills. A member institution is not permitted to administer a fund for a student-athlete (even if funds are provided by the student-athlete) in order to assist the student-athlete in making payments for various personal expenses (e.g., utility bills, rent, fees and entertainment expenses), unless the institution provides such a service to all students and formal accounting procedures are used. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

16.12 EXPENSE WAIVERS

16.12.1 Incidental to Participation. The Committee for Legislative Relief may approve a member institution's request to provide additional expenses, which may include reasonable local transportation incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics. *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/10/95, 12/5/06, 10/21/08)*

16.12.1.1 Previously Approved Incidental Expenses. Specific incidental expenses that previously have been approved may be processed by an institution or conference. Documentation of each approval shall be kept on file at the conference office. *(Adopted: 1/10/00, Revised: 10/21/08)*

FIGURE 16-1
Participation Awards

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	\$175	Once per year per sport	Institution	1
Annual Participation — Senior	\$325	Once per year per sport	Institution	1
Senior Scholar-Athlete Award	\$150 (tangible item) \$10,000 (postgraduate scholarship)	Once per year to two graduating seniors	Institution	1
Special Event Participation				
• Participation in postseason conference championship contest or tournament	\$325*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event (may include conference office)	2
• Participation in postseason NCAA championship contest or tournament	Institution — \$325 NCAA — No limit	Once per event	• Institution • NCAA	2
• Participation in all-star game or postseason bowl	\$350**	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2
• Participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition	\$350**	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 \$325.
** Each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate \$350 limit per award.

FIGURE 16-2
Championship Awards

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 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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institution Conference 	2
Most valuable player — special event*	\$325**	Once per event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, Conference academic award)	\$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
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference Outside organization (e.g., local business) 	Unlimited
Hometown award	\$80	Unlimited	Group (other than institution's booster club) located in the student-athlete's home town	Unlimited, other than institution's booster club
Permit an institution or an organization/entity within the institution's community to recognize student-athletes for their community engagement achievements	\$80	Unlimited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institution Organization/Entity in the institution's community 	Unlimited
Conference student-athlete of the year award	\$350	Once per year for one male student-athlete and one female student-athlete	Conference	1
Conference scholar-athlete of the year award	\$350	Once per year for one male student-athlete and one female student-athlete	Conference	1

* 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.

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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 Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2).

17.01.2 Health and Safety Oversight. Preseason practice activities should receive the same institutional health and safety oversight as regular and postseason activities, consistent with the NCAA health and safety principle of student-athlete well-being and the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook guideline. In this regard, a member of the institution's sports medicine staff has the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

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, any member or members of an institution's coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches) and must be counted within the weekly and daily limitations under Bylaws 17.1.6.1 and 17.1.6.2. 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: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/10/05)*

17.02.1.1 Exception—Strength and Conditioning Personnel. Strength and conditioning personnel may monitor voluntary individual workouts (e.g., summer workouts) for safety purposes without considering such supervision as a countable athletically related activity per Bylaw 17.02.1. Although an institution may designate more than one strength and conditioning coach, it is not permissible for an institution to designate a specific strength and conditioning coach for each of the institution's intercollegiate teams. If the strength and conditioning coach is also a coaching staff member for one of the institution's intercollegiate teams, such assistance may be provided only if that staff member performs such duties for all intercollegiate teams. This exception shall apply during and outside the declared playing and practice season (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2). *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 4/15/08, 10/21/08)*

17.02.1.2 Voluntary Athletically Related Activities. In order for any athletically related activity to be considered "voluntary," all of the following conditions must be met: *(Adopted: 1/12/04 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., strength coach, 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 17.1.6.2.1.]

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 outside team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/12/04)*

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 outside team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/12/04)*

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, a member 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 20.10.3.5 for listings of minimum numbers of student-athletes per sport in each division.)

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 occurs when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution: *(Revised: 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; *(Revised: 1/10/91)*
- (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 (see Bylaw 16.11.1.6 for regulations governing the use of equipment during the summer); *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/11/06, 4/17/07)*
- (c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition; or *(Revised: 7/24/07)*
- (d) Competes in outside competition as a member of a club team at a two-year or four-year collegiate institution, provided the institution sponsors the sport on the varsity level. *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

17.02.8.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.3 are exempted from the application of this legislation. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.02.9 Male Student-Athletes Practicing with Women's Teams. A male student-athlete who engages in practice activities with a women's team is subject to all applicable playing and practice seasons regulations set forth in this section (e.g., daily and weekly hour limitations, required days off). *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.02.10 Outside Competition. Outside competition is athletics competition against any other outside athletics team (including an alumni team) that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the same institution. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

17.02.11 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).

17.02.12 Practice Opportunities. In determining the number of practice opportunities to establish the starting date for preseason practice, there shall be counted one for each day beginning with the opening of classes, one for each day classes are not in session in the week of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest and two for each other day in the preseason practice period, except that the institution shall not count any days 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)*

17.02.12.1 Sunday. Sundays are excluded from the counting. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.02.12.2 Week. The "week" of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest is defined as the six days, excluding Sunday, before 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)*

17.02.12.3 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 Tryouts—Enrolled Student-Athlete. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a full-time student currently enrolled at the institution only on its campus or at a site at which the institution normally conducts practice or competition during the regular academic year. If such a tryout occurs outside of the declared playing and practice season, the following conditions apply: *(Adopted: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 1/14/02)*

- (a) No more than one tryout per student per sport shall be permitted during any academic year;
- (b) The student must not have been recruited (see Bylaw 13.02.10.1);
- (c) The student must be in good academic standing;
- (d) Prior to participation in a tryout, a student is required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in the tryout. The medical examination or evaluation may be conducted by an institution's regular team physician or other designated physician as a part of the tryout; *(Revised: 7/24/07 effective 8/1/07)*
- (e) The time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to the length of the institution's normal practice period in the sport but in no event shall it be longer than two hours;
- (f) Competition against the member institution's team is permissible, provided such competition occurs during the academic year and is considered a countable athletically related activity per Bylaw 17.02.1; *(Adopted: 1/14/02)*
- (g) The institution may provide equipment and clothing on an issuance-and-retrieval basis to a student during the period of the tryout; and
- (h) No more than three dates may be used to conduct tryouts in each sport.

17.02.14 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:

- (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 *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (c) It is a sport in which qualified participants receive the institution's official varsity awards.

17.02.14.1 Team Sports. [#] The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw: *(Revised: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

Baseball	Rowing, Women's
Basketball	Rugby, Women's
Field Hockey	Soccer
Football	Softball
Ice Hockey, Men's and Women's	Volleyball
Lacrosse	Water Polo, Men's and Women's

The following Bylaw 17.02.14.1 was revised for Division II January 17, 2009, effective August 1, 2010.

17.02.14.1 Team Sports. [#] The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw: *(Revised: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

Baseball	Rugby, Women's
Basketball	Sand Volleyball <i>(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/10)</i>
Field Hockey	Soccer
Football	Softball
Ice Hockey, Men's and Women's	Volleyball
Lacrosse	Water Polo, Men's and Women's
Rowing, Women's	

17.02.14.2 Individual Sports. [#] The following are classified as individual sports for purposes of this bylaw: *(Revised: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

Bowling, Women's	Skiing
Cross Country	Squash, Women's
Equestrian, Women's	Swimming and Diving <i>(Revised: 8/7/03)</i>
Fencing	Tennis
Golf	Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor
Gymnastics	Wrestling
Rifle	

17.1 GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS

17.1.1 Playing Season. The playing (i.e., 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 (i.e., practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the only time within which a member institution is permitted to conduct countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) except as set forth in Bylaw 17.1.6.2. However, coaching staff members may engage in coaching activities with a student-athlete during the student-athlete's participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.3. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.1.2 Segments of Playing Season. For all sports other than football and basketball, each member 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)*

17.1.3 Declaration of Playing Season. Each member institution shall determine the playing season for each of the sports referenced under Bylaw 17.02.14. Declaration of the institution's playing season in each such sport shall be on file in writing in the department of athletics before the beginning of the institution's playing season for that sport. Changes in the declaration for a particular sport are permissible and also shall be filed in writing in the office of the institution's athletics director. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

17.1.4 Sports Subject to Segment Limitations. Playing-season-segment limitations are applicable to all team sports that are listed in Bylaw 17.02.14.1 and all individual sports listed under Bylaw 17.02.14.2. In those sports for which the National Collegiate Championship is the only NCAA championships opportunity (i.e., men's and women's fencing, men's and women's gymnastics, men's and women's rifle, men's and women's skiing, men's volleyball, men's water polo, women's ice hockey, women's water polo, women's bowling) an institution's playing season shall be limited to the same length as Division I institutions, and this limitation shall be implied in all following legislative references affecting the sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 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 in basketball and football or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception), 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). 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 8/1/07, Revised: 5/23/08)*

17.1.6 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply: *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.6.1 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)*

17.1.6.1.1 Golf Practice—Round Exception. A practice round of golf may exceed the four-hours-per-day limitation, but the weekly limit of 20 hours shall remain in effect. A practice round played on the day before the start of an 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)*

17.1.6.2 Weekly Hour Limitations—Outside of Playing Season. Outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight-training, conditioning, individual skill instruction and, in football, review of game film shall be permitted. 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 individual skill workouts set forth in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1 and, in football, review of game film. All countable athletically related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period through the conclusion of the institution's final examinations. Participation in voluntary individual workouts monitored by strength and conditioning personnel for safety purposes per Bylaw 17.02.1.1 shall not count against the weekly hour limitation. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/15/08)*

17.1.6.2.1 Skill Instruction. In sports other than football, participation by student-athletes in individual skill-related instruction is permitted outside the institution's declared playing season. More than one group of student-athletes from the same team may participate in skill instruction with their same coach(es) in the same facility or in different facilities at the same time, provided there is no co-mingling between the groups. Each group of student-athletes must have a separate coach. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/9/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.1.6.2.1.1 Groups of Student-Athletes. In sports other than football, the following number of student-athletes is permitted in each group for skill instruction. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

- (a) **Individual Sports.** No more than four student-athletes from the same individual sport shall be a part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time.
- (b) **Team Sports with Starting Squad Size of Six or Fewer.** No more than four student-athletes from the same team shall be a part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time.
- (c) **Team Sports with Starting Squad Size of Seven or More.** No more than six student-athletes from the same team shall be part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time.

17.1.6.2.2 Conditioning Activities. Conditioning drills per Bylaw 17.1.6.2 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, provided no equipment other than skates is used. In swimming and diving, a student-athlete may be involved with in-pool conditioning activities and swimming-specific equipment (e.g., starting blocks, kickboards, pull buoys) may be used. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.1.6.2.3 Institutional Vacation Period. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period (e.g., summer, academic year). *(Adopted: 4/15/08)*

17.1.6.2.4 Exception—Alternate Playing Season—Golf and Tennis. In golf and tennis, an institution that conducts its championship segment during the fall term must discontinue practice at the conclusion of its nonchampionship segment (designated 45- or 60-consecutive calendar day period). Such a team may resume practice the day following the conclusion of the institution's final examination period for the applicable academic term or 10-consecutive calendar days before the start of the championship, whichever is earlier, provided the institution has reasonable belief that it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA championship event. (See Bylaws 17.10.5.1 and 17.23.5.1.) *(Adopted: 1/17/09)*

FIGURE 17-1
2009-10 Academic Year

Maximum Numbers of Contests and Dates of Competition for Each Sport

Sport	Contests	Dates of Competition
Baseball	56	
Basketball	27	
Bowling, Women's		26
Cross Country*		7
Equestrian		15
Fencing		11
Field Hockey Championship Segment Other Segment	20	5
Football	11	
Golf		24
Gymnastics		13
Ice Hockey, Men's	32	
Ice Hockey, Women's	34	
Lacrosse, Men's		17
Lacrosse, Women's Championship Segment Other Segment		17 5
Rifle		13
Rowing, Women's		20
Rugby, Women's	11	
Skiing		16 (Alpine) 16 (Nordic)
Soccer Championship Segment Other Segment	20	5
Softball	56	
Squash, Women's		15
Swimming		16
Tennis Overall** Individual Singles and/or Doubles Tournaments		25 7
Track and Field (Indoor and Outdoor)***		18
Volleyball, Men's Championship Segment Other Segment		28 4
Volleyball, Women's Championship Segment Other Segment		28 4
Water Polo, Men's		21
Water Polo, Women's		21
Wrestling		16

* See Bylaw 17.5.5.1.1 for institutions that sponsor men's or women's cross country but do not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field.

** See Bylaw 17.23.7.1 (25 dates of competition, including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments).

*** See Bylaw 17.24.5.1 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

2009-10 Academic Year Playing and Practice Seasons

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date or Date of Competition	End of Regular Playing Season
Basketball	Preseason conditioning: Beginning of institution's academic year On-Court: October 15	November 15 (Exceptions - see Bylaw 17.5.3.1)	NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship game
Bowling, Women's	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	Last day of exams for regular academic year
Equestrian	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	Last day of exams for regular academic year
Football	21 days prior to the first permissible contest date	Thursday preceding August 30	Conclusion of the Division II Football Championship.
Football (Non-championship segment)	February 15	N/A	No later than 7 days prior to the final examination period
Ice Hockey, Men's and Women's	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	Last day of exams for regular academic year
Rugby, Women's	21 opportunities prior to the first permissible contest date	September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday	Last day of exams for regular academic year
Squash, Women's	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	Last day of exams for regular academic year
Water Polo, Men's	Date that permits 21 "practice opportunities" before first date of competition	The first Saturday in September	Last day of exams for regular academic year
Water Polo, Women's	September 7 or first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first Championship or National Women's Collegiate Water Polo Championship	Conclusion of National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship
Other Team Sports Volleyball, Men's	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	NCAA Division II or national collegiate championship game in sport, whichever is applicable
Other Individual Sports Fencing Gymnastics Rifle Skiing Swimming and Diving Track and Field Wrestling	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	NCAA Division II or national collegiate championship, whichever is applicable in gymnastics, tennis and track and field Last day of exams for regular academic year in fencing, rifle, skiing, swimming and wrestling
Fall Sports (Championship segment) Cross Country Field Hockey Soccer Volleyball, Women's	17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition	Thursday preceding August 30	Conclusion of NCAA Championship
(Nonchampionship segment)	February 15	February 15	No later than seven days prior to the final examination period
Spring Sports (Championship segment) Baseball Golf* Lacrosse Rowing Softball, Women's Tennis*	January 10 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	February 1	Conclusion of NCAA Championship
(Nonchampionship segment)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first	November 15*

*An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall may use the exception in Bylaws 17.10.5.1 (Golf) and 17.23.5.1 (Tennis).

17.1.6.3 Computation and Recording of Hour Limitations.

17.1.6.3.1 Definition of Day. A “day” shall be defined as a calendar day (i.e., 12:01 a.m. to midnight). *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.6.3.2 Competition Day. All competition (except exempted scrimmages) and any associated athletically related activities on the day of competition shall count as three hours regardless of the actual duration of these activities. *(Revised: 1/13/03)*

17.1.6.3.2.1 Exempted Scrimmages. Scrimmages exempted (per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside competition shall count as the actual duration of the activity, but may not exceed four hours per day. Activities associated with participation in an exempted scrimmage (e.g., travel, warm-up, breaks between contests, etc.) shall not count against the time limitations on such scrimmages. *(Adopted: 1/13/03)*

17.1.6.3.2.2 Practice Prohibited after Competition. Practice may not be conducted at any time (including vacation periods) after 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)*

17.1.6.3.3 Definition of Week. A “week” shall be defined as any seven consecutive days to be determined at the institution’s discretion. 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)*

17.1.6.3.4 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)*

17.1.6.3.5 Preseason Practice. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during preseason practice before the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.6.3.6 Vacation Periods and between Terms. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during an institution’s 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 17.1.6.4), which may be a vacation day. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.1.6.3.7 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)*

17.1.6.3.8 Multisport Participants. Student-athletes participating in two or more sports are limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week. Playing season and outside of playing season restrictions do not apply separately for multisport participants. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.1.6.4 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 certified 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)*

17.1.6.4.1 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)*

17.1.6.4.2 Canceled Competition. When an institution’s competition is canceled before the start of competition or canceled before 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)*

17.1.6.4.3 Preseason Practice. An institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during preseason practice that occurs before the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

17.1.6.4.4 Vacation Period. It is permissible to use a vacation day to satisfy the day-off-per-week requirement. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

17.1.6.4.5 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 collegiate teams or collegiate competitors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

17.1.6.4.6 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)*

17.1.6.5 Required Days Off—Outside the Playing Season. Outside the playing season, during the academic year, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be prohibited during two calendar days per week. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.1.6.6 Additional Restrictions.

17.1.6.6.1 No Class Time Missed for Practice Activities. No class time shall be missed 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)*

17.1.6.6.2 No Class Time Missed for Competition in Nonchampionship Segment—Team Sports. In team sports (per Bylaw 17.02.14.1) no class time shall be missed for competition, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities), conducted during the nonchampionship segment. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03)*

17.1.6.6.2.1 Exception—National Collegiate Championship. There is no missed class time restriction for competition during the nonchampionship segment in those sports for which the National Collegiate Championship is the only NCAA championship opportunity. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

17.1.7 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

- (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); *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*
- (b) **NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA Championships Participation in Team Sports.** Neither practice nor participation in any NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA championship event (including play-in contests conducted before 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, NCCAA or NAIA 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 championship competition. An institution that is not selected to participate in the championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of that championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season; *(Revised: 4/27/06)*
- (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. See Bylaw 17.1.6.2.4 for application to alternate playing seasons in golf and tennis; *(Revised: 1/17/09)*
- (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 in accordance with Bylaw 20.10.3.4.1 and practice for and competition in the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship is exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation; and *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/12/99, 1/10/05)*
- (g) **Foreign Tours.** Participation by a member institution on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29) need not be included within the institution's declared playing-season limitation in the sport.

17.1.8 Contest and Segment Limitations.

17.1.8.1 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)*

17.1.9 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 BASEBALL

Regulations for computing the baseball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.2.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in baseball shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.2.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in baseball in the championship segment before January 10 or the first day of classes, whichever is earlier. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.2.3 First Date of Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before February 1. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.2.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in baseball in the championship segment by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Baseball Championship. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.2.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.2.5.1 Exception—Alternate Playing Season for Institutions Located in Puerto Rico. An institution located in Puerto Rico that conducts its championship segment in the fall may use the following playing season dates: (*Revised: 7/22/08*)

	Fall (Championship)	Spring (Nonchampionship)
Practice	August 10 or the first day of classes, whichever is earlier	February 15
Competition	The Thursday preceding September 1	February 15
End Date for Practice and Competition	December 31	Seven days prior to final examination period

17.2.6 End Date of Practice and Competition - Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than November 15. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.2.7 Number of Contests.

17.2.7.1 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), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.2.7.3, 17.2.7.4 and 14.7.5. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.2.7.1.1 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.2.7.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 56 baseball 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*)

17.2.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests in baseball shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- Alumni Game.** One contest with an alumni team of the institution;

- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any contests 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in baseball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.2.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests in baseball each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A contest (or both games of a doubleheader) against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible contest date; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.2.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.2.7.4(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.2.7.5 Once-in-Four-Year Exemption—Foreign Tours. 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 in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

17.2.8 Out of Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 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, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.2.5 and 17.2.6. (*Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/13/03*)

17.2.8.1 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.2.9 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*)

17.2.10 Other Restrictions.

17.2.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.2.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate baseball competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate baseball squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a

member of any outside baseball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate baseball season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.2.10.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate baseball who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur baseball team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.2.10.1.2.1 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.2.10.1.2.2 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.

17.2.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing baseball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.2.5. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

17.2.10.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

17.3 BASKETBALL

Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing Season Regulations.

17.3.1 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 17.3.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.3.4). (See Bylaw 17.3.3 for restrictions on first contest date.)

17.3.2 Preseason Practices.

17.3.2.1 On-Court Practice. A member institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before October 15. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/92, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.3.2.1.1 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 before the beginning of the institution's academic year in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2. Such activities shall be limited to eight hours per week. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/92, 1/16/93, 1/11/94)*

17.3.2.1.2 Prohibited Activities. Before the start of on-court preseason basketball practice per Bylaw 17.5.2.1, 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 Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1: *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/92, 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

- (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.

17.3.2.1.2.1 Exception. Team promotional activities (e.g., autograph sessions, fan picture sessions, meeting with fans) per Bylaw 12.5.1 are permissible before the start of on-court preseason basketball practice per Bylaw 17.3.2.1, provided these promotional arrangements do not involve any of the practice activities prohibited under the provisions of Bylaw 17.3.2.1.2. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.3.2.1.2.2 Exception—Officiating Clinic. Before the start of on-court preseason basketball practice per Bylaw 17.3.2.1, 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)*

17.3.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball before November 15, except as provided under Bylaw 17.3.3.1. (*Revised: 1/4/96, 1/9/96, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

17.3.3.1 Exceptions. The following basketball contests (games or scrimmages) are permitted before the first contest dates specified under Bylaw 17.3.3:

- (a) **Scrimmages.** Scrimmage(s) per Bylaw 17.3.5.4-(d) may be conducted between the first permissible date for practice and the conclusion of the basketball season; (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (b) **Preseason Events.** The following basketball games may be played on or after November 1: (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 5/19/08*)
 - (1) The Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic;
 - (2) One game against a foreign team in Canada; and
 - (3) Games in the Division II Tip-Off Classic.
 - (i) Games in the Division II Tip-Off Classic may be played beginning on the Friday immediately preceding November 1 in calendar years when November 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday. (*Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 5/19/08*)
- (c) **USA Basketball and Foreign-Team Games.** The basketball games exempted per Bylaws 17.3.5.4-(a) and 17.3.5.4-(b) may be played on or after November 1. (*Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/11/97*)
- (d) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** Exhibition contests against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution exempted per Bylaw 17.3.5.4-(c) must be played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible contest date. (*Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 8/26/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

17.3.4 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 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship game. (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

17.3.4.1 Exception—Institutions Located in Puerto Rico. An institution located in Puerto Rico may extend its playing season beyond the Division II Men's Basketball Championship game, provided: (*Adopted: 7/22/08*)

- (a) The institution delays its first date of on-court preseason practice and its first contest date the same number of days as its season extends beyond the Division II Men's Basketball Championship game; and
- (b) The institution declares to the NCAA championships staff by mid-September each year whether it will participate (if selected) in the NCAA championship or in any other postseason competition in basketball.

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in basketball in any one year to 27 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.3.5.3, 17.3.5.4, 17.3.5.5 and 17.3.5.6. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92*)

17.3.5.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 27 basketball contests. 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*)

17.3.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One contest with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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);

- (f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in basketball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director;
- (g) **Tip-Off Classic.** Games in the Division II Tip-Off Classic; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.3.5.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests in basketball each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A contest against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests;
- (b) **USA Club Team.** A contest against a "club" member of USA Basketball played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests;
- (c) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible contest date; or
- (d) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.3.5.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.3.5.4-(d), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.3.5.5 Once-in-Three-Years Exemption—Conference Challenge Event. Once every three years, an institution may exempt a maximum of two contests played as part of a conference challenge event. *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

17.3.5.5.1 Conference Challenge Event. A conference challenge event is one in which: *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

- (a) Two or more conferences from the same region organize contests between their members;
- (b) Contests occur on the weekend immediately after the first permissible contest date; and
- (c) Competition may occur at one or more site.

17.3.5.6 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. 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 in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

17.3.5.7 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Contests in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Once every four years, an institution may exempt from its maximum contest limits a maximum of four contests during a single trip to Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member institution located outside the area in question. *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

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 playing season except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.2.1 and 17.1.6.2.2.

17.3.7 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)*

17.3.8 Other Restrictions.

17.3.8.1 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 14.7.5.

17.3.8.2 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:

- (a) State or national multisport events - 2 (during the academic year).
- (b) Foreign tour (outside team or all-star team) - 2.

(c) Olympic and national team development programs and competition - No limitations.

(d) Summer basketball team - No limitations. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

17.3.8.3 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.3.8.4 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing basketball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of preseason practice as specified in Bylaw 17.3.2.1.

17.3.8.4.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of preseason practice is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)

17.3.8.5 Celebrity Sports Activity. A limit of two players 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: (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

(a) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and

(b) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director.

17.4 BOWLING, WOMEN'S

Regulations for computing the bowling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

17.4.1 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 days off per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.4.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in bowling before 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*)

17.4.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in bowling before 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*)

17.4.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in bowling by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/12/04, 1/8/05*)

17.4.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.4.5.1 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 26 dates of competition (games and scrimmages) (including not more than 10 tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.4.5.3.

17.4.5.1.1 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.4.5.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 26 dates of competition in bowling (including not more than 10 tournaments that are counted as single 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).

17.4.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in bowling shall exclude the following: (*Revised: 4/14/08*)

(a) **Conference Championships.** Competition in one conference meet in bowling;

(b) **National Collegiate Bowling Championship.** Competition in the National Collegiate Bowling Championship; (*Revised: 1/12/04, 1/8/05*)

(c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition each year with an alumni team of the institution;

- (d) **Foreign Team in United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any days 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; (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any 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 (*Revised: 1/10/05*)
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in bowling conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided: (*Revised: 4/14/08*)
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director.

17.4.5.4 Foreign Tours. The dates of competition 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 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).

17.4.6 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 in accordance with Bylaw 17.4.1 except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.2.1 and 17.1.6.2.2.

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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. (*Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.4.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.4.7 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 (also see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.4.8 Other Restrictions.

17.4.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.4.8.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition for the remainder of the season in bowling if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate squad or team, she competes or has competed as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers).

17.4.8.1.2 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.

17.4.8.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. (*Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.4.8.1.2.2 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.

17.4.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.5 CROSS COUNTRY

Regulations for computing the cross country playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.5.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in cross country shall be limited by the dates and regu-

lations set forth in the remainder of this section. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)

17.5.1.1 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)

17.5.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in cross country in the championship segment before 17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)

17.5.3 First Date of Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding August 30. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/13/98, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

17.5.3.1 Exception—Exempted Scrimmages. An institution may conduct its scrimmages per Bylaw 17.5.7.4-(c) any time during the permissible playing and practice season. (Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 4/15/03)

17.5.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in the championship segment by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championship. (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)

17.5.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before February 15. (Adopted: 1/14/02 effective: 8/1/02)

17.5.6 End Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examinations. (Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)

17.5.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.5.7.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition 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 17.5.7.3 and 17.5.7.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.5.7.1.1 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 championship segment and five dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

17.5.7.1.2 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.5.7.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 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)

17.5.7.2.1 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 traditional segment in cross country and five dates of competition during the non-traditional segment. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

17.5.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in cross country shall exclude the following: (Adopted: 4/14/08)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;

- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in cross country conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.5.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of cross country dates of competition each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.5.7.4.1 Official Scoring For purposes of Bylaw 17.5.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.5.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.5.5 and 17.5.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition is prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. (*Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/13/03, 1/9/05*)

17.5.8.1 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.5.8.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.5.9 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)*

17.5.10 Other Restrictions.

17.5.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.5.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition for the remainder of the season in cross country if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate cross country squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside cross country team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate cross country season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.5.10.1.2 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. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.5.10.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.5.10.1.2.3 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.

17.5.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.6 EQUESTRIAN, WOMEN'S

Regulations for computing the equestrian playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.6.1 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 days off per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.6.2 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: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

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 equestrian prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.6.4 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: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

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 equestrian during the institution's playing season to 15 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.6.5.3. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

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 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.6.5.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 15 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, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.6.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in equestrian shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 4/14/08)*

- (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 (e.g., American Horse Shows Association, Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association);
- (c) **Alumni Show/Event.** One date of competition in equestrian each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in 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: (*Revised: 4/14/08*)
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director.

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 per Bylaw 17.8.1 except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.2.1. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.6.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facilities (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: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

17.6.8 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: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

17.6.9 Other Restrictions.

17.6.9.1 Noncollegiate Amateur Competition.

17.6.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate equestrian competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of any outside equestrian team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institutions intercollegiate equestrian season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

17.6.9.1.2 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. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

17.6.9.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 4/29/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.6.9.1.2.2 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. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

17.6.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing equestrian equipment and for taking squad pictures following the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day prior to the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.6.2. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

17.6.9.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day prior to the beginning of a segment is Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.7 FENCING

Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.7.1 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 days off per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.7.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in fencing before 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)*

17.7.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in fencing before 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)*

17.7.4 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)*

17.7.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.7.5.1 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 17.7.5.3 and 17.7.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/12/04)*

17.7.5.1.1 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 17.29), 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 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)*

17.7.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in fencing shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/14/08)*

(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 with an alumni team of the institution;

(c) **Foreign Team in United States.** One date of competition in fencing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(d) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any days of competition in fencing 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; *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

(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); *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

(f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's fencing team who participate in local celebrity fencing activities conducted for the purposes of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided: *(Revised: 4/14/08)*

- (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and

- (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (g) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in fencing.

17.7.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemptions—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt from its maximum contest limits all contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Revised: 4/15/03, 4/14/08)*

17.7.6 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 17.7.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.2.1 and 17.1.6.2.2. *(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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.7.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.7.7 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 cannot conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.7.8 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)*

17.7.9 Other Restrictions.

17.7.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.7.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition for the remainder of the season in fencing if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate fencing squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside fencing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate fencing season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.7.9.1.2 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. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.7.9.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.7.9.1.2.2 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.

17.7.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.8 FIELD HOCKEY

Regulations for computing the field hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.8.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in field hockey shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in field hockey in the championship segment before 17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.8.3 First Contest—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding August 30. (*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, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.8.3.1 Exception—Exempted Scrimmages. An institution may conduct its scrimmages per Bylaw 17.8.7.4-(c) any time during the permissible playing and practice season. (*Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 4/15/03*)

17.8.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in the championship segment by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Field Hockey Championship. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.8.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before February 15. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.8.6 End Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examinations. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.8.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.8.7.1 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 17.8.7.3, 17.8.7.4 and 17.8.7.5. (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92*)

17.8.7.1.1 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.8.7.2 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*)

17.8.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition in field hockey shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One contest or date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any contests or dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in field hockey conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One contest or date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.8.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests or dates of competition in field hockey each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A contest or date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest or date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible contest or date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.8.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.8.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.8.7.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. 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 in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

17.8.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the nonchampionship segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.8.5 and 17.8.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition is prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. *(Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/13/03, 1/9/06)*

17.8.8.1 Summer Practice. Field hockey 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.8.9 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)*

17.8.10 Other Restrictions.

17.8.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.8.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate field hockey competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate field hockey squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside field hockey team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate field hockey season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.8.10.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate field hockey who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur field hockey team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.8.10.1.2.1 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.8.10.1.2.2 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.

17.8.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing field hockey equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of the traditional or nontraditional segment as specified in Bylaw 17.8.2. (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

17.8.10.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)

17.9 FOOTBALL

Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.9.1 Length of Playing Season. 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 17.9.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.9.4), except as provided in Bylaw 17.9.8 (out-of-season practice). (See Bylaw 17.9.3 for restrictions on first contest dates.)

17.9.2 Preseason Practice.

17.9.2.1 First Practice Date—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions in the championship segment, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team before 21 days prior to the first permissible date of competition. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

17.9.2.2 Five-Day Acclimatization Period. 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, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

- (a) Institutions may not conduct conditioning, speed, strength or agility tests prior to the start of the five-day acclimatization period.
- (b) Participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day during the five-day acclimatization period. On-field practices shall last no longer than three hours.
 - (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 per day of the acclimatization period, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., footballs, blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session 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. (*Revised: 1/9/06*)
- (c) 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 acclimatization period and on days thereafter, student-athletes may practice in full pads.

17.9.2.2.1 Weightlifting. Weightlifting is not considered an on-field activity per Bylaw 17.9.2.3. (*Adopted: 1/12/04*)

17.9.2.3 Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period. The remaining preseason practice period shall be conducted as follows: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

- (a) Following the five-day acclimatization period, institutions may practice in full pads. However, an institution may not conduct multiple on-field practice sessions (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on consecutive days;
- (b) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities on those days during which one practice is permitted;
- (c) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than five hours of on-field practice activities on those days during which more than one practice is permitted; and

- (d) On days that institutions conduct multiple practice sessions, student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the end of the first practice and the start of the last practice that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other countable 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.

17.9.2.3.1 Exception—"Walk-Through." During the preseason practice period, on-field walk-throughs are not considered an on-field activity under Bylaw 17.9.2.3, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., footballs, blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. The walk-through shall not last longer than one hour and may only be conducted on days in which one practice is permitted. Further, student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the on-field practice and the walk-through. During this recovery time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities, including weightlifting; however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time. (*Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.9.2.3.2 Weightlifting. Weightlifting is not considered an on-field activity per Bylaw 17.9.2.3. (*Adopted: 1/12/04*)

17.9.3 First Contest—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding August 30. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 1/13/98, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.9.4 End of Playing Season—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all competition in the championship segment by the conclusion of the Division II Football Championship. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.9.5 First Date of Practice—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in the nonchampionship segment before February 15. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.9.6 End Date of Practice—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice in the nonchampionship segment no later than seven calendar days prior to the first date of final examinations. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.9.7 Number of Contests.

17.9.7.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. 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 and scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii under Bylaw 17.28.2 and except as provided for all members under Bylaws 17.9.7.3 and 17.9.7.4.

17.9.7.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.9.7.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 11 football contests. 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*)

17.9.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests in football shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One contest with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any contests 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in football conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director;
- (h) **Spring Game.** One contest at the conclusion of the spring practice period provided the contest is against a team comprised of bona fide alumni or students or both;
- (i) **Postseason Bowl Game—Between Representatives of Two Division II Conferences.** Participation in one postseason bowl game between representatives of two Division II conferences. The participating institutions shall be institutions not selected to participate in the Division II Football Championship; and
- (j) **Postseason Bowl Game—Between a Representative of a Division II Conference and an Independent Institution.** Participation in one postseason bowl game between a representative of a Division II conference and an independent institution. For purposes of this legislation, an independent institution is one that is not a member of a conference in football. The participating institutions shall be institutions not selected to participate in the Division II Football Championship.

17.9.7.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. 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 in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

17.9.8 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except for the following:

- (a) **Conditioning Activities.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning activities in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2.
- (b) **Spring Practice.** Fifteen postseason practice sessions (including intrasquad scrimmages) and the spring game 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 and/or review of game film. Practice sessions must meet the following conditions: (*Revised: 1/10/05*)
 - (1) All practice sessions must be conducted within a period of 29 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.
 - (2) Any such practice sessions held during vacation days may not be of longer duration than those normally held when academic classes are in session.
 - (3) Only 12 of the 15 sessions may involve contact, and such contact shall not occur before the third practice session.
 - (4) The noncontact practice sessions may involve headgear as the only piece of protective equipment.
 - (5) Of the 12 permissible contact sessions, eight sessions may involve tackling, and no more than three of the eight tackling sessions may be devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
 - (6) 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.
 - (7) If an institution conducts a "spring game" per Bylaw 17.9.7.3-(h), the game shall be counted as one of the three sessions that can be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
 - (8) A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities, including conditioning activities and review of game film, (see Bylaw 17.02.1) during the spring practice period shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/11/95, 1/9/96, 1/13/98, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/29/04*)
 - (9) All countable athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week.

17.9.9 Other Restrictions.

17.9.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. A student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition in football for the duration of the football season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate football squad or team, the student-athlete competes or has competed as a member of any outside football team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity). (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93*)

17.9.9.1.1 Out-of-Season, Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. It is permissible for only one student-athlete from a member institution's football team to practice or compete as a member of an outside amateur football team outside the playing season, provided no member of the athletics department from

the institution in which such a student-athlete is enrolled is involved with the team in any way (e.g., coach, official, player), except as provided under Bylaw 16.8.1.3.1. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.9.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing football equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the opening of permissible practice as specified in Bylaw 17.9.2.1. *(Revised: 1/10/95)*

17.9.9.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of the opening of permissible practice is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

17.9.9.3 Postseason Football Contests. A member institution shall not participate in any noncollegiate or nonconference-sponsored postseason football game, unless it has been certified by the Championships Committee and satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 18.7.

17.10 GOLF

Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.10.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in golf shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.10.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in golf in the championship segment before January 10 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.10.3 First Date of Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before February 1. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.10.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in golf in the championship segment by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Golf Championships. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective: 8/1/02)*

17.10.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the first day of class, whichever occurs first. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.10.5.1 Exception—Alternate Playing Season. An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall; or an institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3, may use the playing season dates for sports that conduct a fall championship. Multi-day tournaments (up to a maximum of five tournaments) may count as one date of the 24 practice or competition dates, regardless of the number of days of the tournament. Further, an institution that uses this exception and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of 45 consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment. The institution is eligible for the NCAA championship. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

	Fall (Championship)	Spring (Nonchampionship)
Practice	17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition <i>(Revised: 6/10/08)</i>	February 15
Competition	Thursday preceding August 30 <i>(Revised: 1/12/04, 6/10/08)</i>	February 15
End Date for Practice and Competition	November 15	Seven days prior to final examination period

17.10.6 End Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than November 15. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.10.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.10.7.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible golf playing season to 24 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.10.7.3, 17.10.7.4 and 17.10.7.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.10.7.1.1 Tournament Limitations. No tournament including those involving “college-am” fundraisers shall exceed three days. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.10.7.1.2 Determination of Date of Competition. A member institution shall be considered to have used a date of competition in golf, if one or more student-athletes participate on behalf of the institution on a particular date.

17.10.7.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.10.7.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 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*)

17.10.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 4/14/08, Revised: 5/11/09*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution’s athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution’s team who participate in local celebrity activities in golf conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution’s athletics director;
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport;
- (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; and
- (j) **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. (*Adopted: 10/21/08*)

17.10.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution’s maximum number of dates of competition in golf each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible contest date; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.10.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.10.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.10.7.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemptions - Foreign Tours. 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 in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

17.10.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and *(Adopted: 1/14/02)*
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. Multi-day tournaments (up to a maximum of five tournaments) may count as one date of the 24 practice or competition dates, regardless of the number of days of the tournament. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.10.5 and 17.10.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition is prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. *(Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/13/03, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

- (1) **Exception.** A member institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3 and discontinues championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of 45 consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment (See Bylaw 17.10.5.1). *(Adopted: 1/13/01 effective 8/1/03)*

17.10.8.1 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.10.8.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.10.9 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)*

17.10.10 Other Restrictions.

17.10.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.10.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate golf competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate golf squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside golf team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate golf season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

17.10.10.1.2 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. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.10.10.1.2.1 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 golf team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.10.10.1.2.2 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.

17.10.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

17.11 GYMNASTICS

Regulations for computing the gymnastics playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.11.1 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 days off per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 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)*

17.11.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in gymnastics before 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)*

17.11.3 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 before 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)*

17.11.4 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 Championships, whichever is later. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97, 1/8/01)*

17.11.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.11.5.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible gymnastics playing season to 13 dates of competition except for the dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.11.5.3 and 17.11.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 4/15/03)*

17.11.5.1.1 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.11.5.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 13 dates of competition in 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)*

17.11.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in gymnastics shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/29/04, 4/14/08)*

(a) Season-Ending Tournaments.

(1) **Season-Ending Tournaments.** Competition in one season-ending gymnastics tournament (i.e., NCAA championship, the USA Gymnastics Championship, the National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) College Gymnastics Championship or the Women's National Invitational Tournament) after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season; and

(2) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in gymnastics; and

(b) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in gymnastics each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(c) **Foreign Team in United States.** One date of competition in gymnastics each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(d) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any days of competition in gymnastics 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; *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

(e) **Fundraising Activity.** Any gymnastic 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); *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

- (f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's gymnastics team who participate in local celebrity activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (g) **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). (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

17.11.5.4 Once-in-Four-Year Exemptions—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt from its maximum contest limits all contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). (*Revised: 4/15/03, 4/14/08*)

17.11.6 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 17.02.1.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.11.1 except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.2.1 and 17.1.6.2.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.11.6.1 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.11.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.11.7 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 cannot conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.11.8 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*)

17.11.9 Other Restrictions.

17.11.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.11.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition for the remainder of the season in gymnastics if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate gymnastics squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside gymnastics team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate gymnastics season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). (*Revised: 1/16/93*)

17.11.9.1.2 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. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.11.9.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. (*Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.11.9.1.2.2 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.

17.11.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.12 ICE HOCKEY

Regulations for computing the ice hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. Institutions that conduct women's ice hockey shall comply with the same playing and practice season legislation that currently exists for men's ice hockey except as noted in Bylaw 17.12.5. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/15/03*)

17.12.1 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 days off per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 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)*

17.12.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in ice hockey before 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, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.12.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in ice hockey before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

17.12.4 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)*

17.12.5 Number of Contests.

17.12.5.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's ice hockey playing season in women's ice hockey to 34 contests, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.12.5.3, 17.12.5.4 and 17.12.5.5 and in men's ice hockey to 32 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.12.5.3 and 17.12.5.3.1. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/15/03)*

17.12.5.1.1 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.12.5.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 34 contests in women's ice hockey and in 32 contests in men's ice hockey. 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.

17.12.5.3 Annual Exemptions—Men's Ice Hockey. The maximum number of men's ice hockey contests shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One contest with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any contests 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities conducted in men's ice hockey for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.12.5.3.1 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of men's ice hockey contests each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A contest against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests;

- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible contest date; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.12.5.3.1.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.12.5.3.1-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: (*Ad-opted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.12.5.4 Annual Exemptions—Women’s Ice Hockey. The maximum number of women’s ice hockey contests/dates of competition shall exclude the following: (*Revised: 1/12/04, 4/29/04, 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Conference Championships.** 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 the NCAA ice hockey championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournaments.** Competition in one season-ending ice hockey tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, American Women’s Hockey Alliance national championship, NAIA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;
 - (1) **Championships.** Competition in one-season-ending ice hockey tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;
 - (2) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA championship. (*Revised: 2/17/05*)
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One ice hockey contest each year with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Foreign Team in United States or USA Hockey National Team Development Program.** One ice hockey contest each year with a foreign opponent in the United States or alternatively, one ice hockey contest against a team involved in the USA Hockey National Team Development Program; (*Revised: 1/9/06*)
- (f) **U.S. Women’s National Team.** One date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for women’s ice hockey as a U.S. national team (e.g., “Under-21” U.S. national team).
- (g) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition in ice hockey in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, against any active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question.
- (h) **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); and (*Revised: 1/10/05*)
- (i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution’s women’s ice hockey team who participate in local celebrity women’s ice hockey activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided: (*Revised: 4/14/08*)
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution’s athletics director.

17.12.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemptions—Foreign Tours—Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey. An institution may exempt from its maximum contest limits all contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). (*Revised: 4/15/03, 4/14/08*)

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 Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.2.1. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.12.6.1 Summer Practice. Ice hockey 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.12.7 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)*

17.12.8 Other Restrictions.

17.12.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.12.8.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate ice hockey competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate ice hockey squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside ice hockey team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate ice hockey season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.12.8.1.2 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. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.12.8.1.2.1 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.12.8.1.2.2 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.

17.12.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing ice hockey equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.12.2. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

17.12.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

17.13 LACROSSE

Regulations for computing the lacrosse playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.13.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in lacrosse shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.13.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in lacrosse in the championship segment before January 10 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.13.3 First Date of Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before February 1. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.13.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in lacrosse by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Lacrosse Championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02, effective 8/1/02)*

17.13.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the first day of class, whichever occurs first. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.13.6 End Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than November 15. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.13.7 Number and Dates of Competition.

17.13.7.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's lacrosse playing season to 17 dates of competition in men's and women's lacrosse during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of

competition during another segment in women's lacrosse, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.13.7.3, 17.13.7.4 and 17.13.7.5. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/29/04*)

17.13.7.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in lacrosse in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for dates of competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.13.7.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 17 dates of competition in men's lacrosse, and 17 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse. 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, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/29/04*)

17.13.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in lacrosse shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in lacrosse conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.13.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in lacrosse each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.13.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.13.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.13.7.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

17.13.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.13.5 and 17.13.6. *(Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/13/03)*

17.13.8.1 Summer Practice. Lacrosse 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.13.9 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)*

17.13.10 Other Restrictions.

17.13.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.13.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate lacrosse competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate lacrosse squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside lacrosse team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate lacrosse season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.13.10.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate lacrosse who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur lacrosse team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.13.10.1.2.1 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.13.10.1.2.2 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.

17.13.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing lacrosse equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.13.2. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

17.13.10.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

17.14 RIFLE

Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.14.1 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 days off per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 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. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in rifle before 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)*

17.14.3 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 before 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)*

17.14.4 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)*

17.14.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.14.5.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible rifle playing season to 13 dates of competition except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.14.5.3, 17.14.5.4 and 17.14.5.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/12/04)*

17.14.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. 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 17.14.5.2, 17.14.5.3 and 17.14.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.14.5.2 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)*

17.14.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rifle shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/29/04, 4/14/08)*

(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 United States.** One date of competition in rifle each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(d) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any days of competition in rifle 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 an active member located outside the area in question; *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

(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); *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

(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: *(Revised: 4/14/08)*

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(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).

17.14.5.4 Once-in-Four-Year Exemptions—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt from its maximum contest limits all contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Revised: 4/15/03, 4/14/08)*

17.14.6 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 17.14.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.2.1 and 17.1.6.2.2. *(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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.14.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.14.7 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 cannot conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.14.8 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)*

17.14.9 Other Restrictions.

17.14.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.14.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition for the remainder of the season in rifle if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate rifle squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside rifle team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate rifle season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.14.9.1.2 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. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.14.9.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.14.9.1.2.2 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.

17.14.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.15 ROWING, WOMEN'S

Regulations for computing the rowing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) The following regulations apply independently to open and lightweight rowing programs. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.15.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in rowing shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.15.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in rowing in the championship segment before January 10 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.15.3 First Date of Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before February 1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.15.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in rowing in the championship segment by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Rowing Championship. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.15.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the first day of class, whichever occurs first. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.15.6 End Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than November 15. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.15.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.15.7.1 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 17.15.7.3, 15.15.7.4 and 17.15.7.5. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.15.7.1.1 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 17.29), 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)*

17.15.7.2 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)*

17.15.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rowing shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in rowing conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director;
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport; and
- (i) **U.S. Rowing Association Championships.** Competition in the U.S. Rowing Association championships.

17.15.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in rowing each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.15.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.15.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.15.7.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

17.15.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.15.5 and 17.15.6. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03)*
 - (1) **Exception.** For women's rowing, such activity is restricted to a maximum of 45 days that occur within a period of 65 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced on the institution's calendar and days or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 65 calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.15.5 and 17.15.6. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.15.8.1 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.15.8.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.15.9 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 cannot conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.15.10 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)*

17.15.11 Other Restrictions.

17.15.11.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.15.11.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate rowing competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate rowing squad or team, she competes or has competed as a member of any outside rowing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate rowing season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.15.11.1.2 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. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.15.11.1.2.1 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.15.11.1.2.2 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.

17.15.11.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing rowing equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.15.2. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.15.11.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.16 RUGBY, WOMEN'S

Regulations for computing the rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.1 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 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's rugby prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 opportunities (see Bylaw 17.02.12) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest 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. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member 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. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.5 Number of Contests.

17.16.5.1 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 to 11 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.16.5.3 and 17.16.5.4. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.5.1.1 Scrimmage/Exhibition Game. 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 contest during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmage or exhibition game is conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.16.1 and is counted against the maximum number of contests. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in women's rugby 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.5.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 11 rugby 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. *(Adopted: 4/24/07)*

17.16.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests/dates of competition in women's rugby shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/14/08)*

- (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 contest each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in United States.** One contest each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any women's rugby 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 member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition played 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 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); and

(h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in women's rugby conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided: *(Revised: 4/14/08)*

- (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
- (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director.

17.16.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemptions—Foreign Tours. 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 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.6 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 17.16.1 except as permitted by Bylaw 17.1.6.2. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

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 bylaw (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations approved by Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.16.8 Other Restrictions.

17.16.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.16.8.1.1 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 for the remainder of the year and for the next academic year (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waiver). *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective date 8/1/05)*

17.16.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside of 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: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.8.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in rugby may compete outside of an institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 1/10/05 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.

17.16.8.1.2 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 17.16.8.1.1.1 and 17.16.8.1.1.2) *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.8.1.2.1 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 (i.e., during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's rugby team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.5 and 17.29. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.8.1.2.2 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: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

- (a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the development program;
- (b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the development program; and
- (c) The NGB or the selected coaches select the involved participants.

17.16.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing equipment and for taking squad pictures following the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day prior to the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.16.2. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.16.8.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day prior to the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18 SKIING

Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.18.1 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 17.1.6.4 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: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/09/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.18.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in skiing before 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*)

17.18.3 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 before 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*)

17.18.4 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*)

17.18.5 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 skiing during the permissible skiing playing season to 16 dates of competition for alpine events and 16 dates of competition for Nordic events, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.18.5.3 and 17.18.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/12/04, 1/10/05*)

17.18.5.1.1 Skiing Meet. A skiing meet of not more than two days' duration shall be considered a date of competition.

17.18.5.1.2 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.18.5.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in 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*)

17.18.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in skiing shall exclude the following: (*Revised: 1/12/04, 4/14/08*)

(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 competition meet in skiing;

(b) **Alumni Match.** One date of competition in skiing each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(c) **Foreign Team in United States.** One date of competition in skiing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(d) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any days of competition in skiing 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 an active member located outside the area in question; (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

(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); (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

(f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's ski team who participate in local celebrity skiing activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided: (*Revised: 4/14/08*)

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and

- (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (g) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition played 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).

17.18.5.4 Once-in-Four-Year Exemptions—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt from its maximum contest limits all contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (also see Bylaw 17.29). *(Revised: 4/15/03, 4/14/08)*

17.18.6 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 17.1.6.2.2, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.2.1. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.18.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.18.7 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 cannot conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.18.8 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)*

17.18.9 Other Restrictions.

17.18.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.18.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition for the remainder of the season in skiing if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate skiing squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside skiing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate skiing season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.18.9.1.2 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. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.18.9.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.9.1.2.2 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.

17.18.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.19 SOCCER

Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.19.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in soccer shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.19.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in soccer in the championship segment before 17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.19.3 First Date of Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding August 30. *(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, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.19.3.1 Exception—Exempted Scrimmages. An institution may conduct its scrimmages per Bylaw 17.19.7.4-(c) any time during the permissible playing and practice season. *(Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 4/15/03)*

17.19.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in the championship segment by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Soccer Championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.19.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before February 15. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective: 8/1/02)*

17.19.6 End Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examinations. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.19.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.19.7.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition 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 17.19.7.3, 17.19.7.4 and 17.19.7.5. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.19.7.1.1 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.19.7.2 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)*

17.19.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests and dates of competition in soccer shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One contest or date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any contests or dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in soccer conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.19.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests or dates of competition in soccer each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A contest or date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests or dates of competition;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest or date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible contest date or date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.19.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.19.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.19.7.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. 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 in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

17.19.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.19.5 and 17.19.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition is prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03, 1/9/06)*

17.19.8.1 Summer Practice. Soccer 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.19.9 Camps or Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes who may be employed in the same soccer camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92)*

17.19.10 Other Restrictions.

17.19.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.19.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate soccer competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate soccer squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside soccer team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate soccer season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.19.10.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate soccer who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur soccer team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.19.10.1.2.1 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.19.10.1.2.2 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.

17.19.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.19.2. (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

17.19.10.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)

17.20 SOFTBALL

Regulations for computing the softball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.20.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in softball shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.20.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in softball in the championship segment before January 10 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.20.3 First Date of Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before February 1. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.20.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in softball in the championship segment by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Softball Championship. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.20.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the first day of class, whichever occurs first. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.20.6 End Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than November 15. (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)

17.20.7 Number of Contests.

17.20.7.1 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), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.20.7.3, 17.20.7.4 and 17.20.7.5.

17.20.7.1.1 Tournament Dates. Each date of a softball tournament shall be counted as one contest, and not more than 10 tournaments shall be scheduled in an academic year. For purposes of this legislation, a tournament shall be defined as an intercollegiate athletics event in which all of the following conditions are satisfied: (*Revised: 1/10/95*)

- (a) The event is a series of consecutive athletics contests that culminate in the designation of one team champion. Teams may advance through a single-elimination, double-elimination or pool-play bracket structure; (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)
- (b) The event is not longer than five days in duration with a maximum of four contests per team scheduled on any one day. Competition may be held at more than one site; and (*Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)
- (c) Competing teams are selected (and may be seeded according to athletics ability) in advance of the competition. (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)

17.20.7.1.2 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.20.7.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 56 softball 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).

17.20.7.2.1 Tournament Dates. Each date of a softball tournament shall be counted as one contest, and not more than 10 tournaments may be scheduled in an academic year.

17.20.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests in softball shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One contest with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any contests 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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); and
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in softball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director.

17.20.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests in softball each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A contest (or both games of a doubleheader) against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible contest date; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.20.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.20.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.20.7.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. 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 in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

17.20.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.20.5 and 17.20.6. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03)*

17.20.8.1 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.20.9 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)*

17.20.10 Other Restrictions.

17.20.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.20.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate softball competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate softball squad or team, she competes or has competed as a member of any outside softball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate softball season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.20.10.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits to the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate softball who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur softball team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.20.10.1.2.1 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.20.10.1.2.2 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.

17.20.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing softball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.20.2. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

17.20.10.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

17.21 SQUASH, WOMEN'S

Regulations for computing the squash playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.21.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in squash 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 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.21.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in squash before 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)*

17.21.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in squash before 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)*

17.21.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in squash by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.21.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.21.5.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in squash during the institution's playing season to 15 dates of competition (including not more than three tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.21.5.3 and 17.21.5.4.

17.21.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in squash 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 17.29), 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 in each academic year in 15 dates of competition in squash including not more than three tournaments that are counted as single 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.

17.21.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in squash shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference meet in squash;
- (b) **National Governing Body Championship.** Competition in the squash national governing body championship;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition each year with an alumnae team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any days 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 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 *(Revised: 1/10/05)*
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in squash conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided: *(Revised: 4/14/08)*
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director.

17.21.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemptions - Foreign Tours. The dates of competition 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 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).

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 in accordance with Bylaw 17.21.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.2.1.

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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.21.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.21.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in squash 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.

17.21.8 Other Restrictions.

17.21.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.21.8.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition for the remainder of the season in squash if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate squad or team, she competes or has competed as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers).

17.21.8.1.2 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.

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) 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.21.8.1.2.2 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.

17.21.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.22 SWIMMING AND DIVING

Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (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 17.1.6.4 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 student-athlete who is a diver may engage in diving practice sessions beyond the conclusion of the institution's 144-day playing and practice season, provided the student-athlete does not engage in more than a 144-day playing season. *(Adopted: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98)*

17.22.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in swimming and diving before 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 before 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 16 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.22.5.3, 17.22.5.4 and 17.22.5.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 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 17.29), 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 16 swimming and diving 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: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;

- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in swimming and diving conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.22.5.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in swimming and diving each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.22.5.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.22.5.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.22.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

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 per Bylaw 17.22.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.2.1 and 17.1.6.2.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.22.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

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 instruction and skill instruction, but cannot 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. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.22.9 Other Restrictions.

17.22.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.22.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate swimming and diving competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate swimming and diving squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside swimming and diving team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate swimming and diving season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). (*Revised: 1/16/93*)

17.22.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate swimming and diving who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur swimming and diving team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93)*

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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.22.9.1.2.2 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.

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, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.23.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in tennis shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.23.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in tennis in the championship segment before January 10 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.23.3 First Date of Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before February 1. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.23.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in tennis in the championship segment by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Tennis Championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.23.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the first day of class, whichever occurs first. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.23.5.1 Exception—Alternate Playing Season. An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall; or an institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3, may use the playing season dates for sports that conduct a fall championship. Further, an institution that uses this exception and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of 45 consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment. The institution is eligible for the NCAA championship. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/9/06)*

	Fall (Championship)	Spring (Nonchampionship)
Practice	17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition <i>(Revised: 6/10/08)</i>	February 15
Competition	Thursday preceding August 30 <i>(Revised: 10/20/03, 6/10/08)</i>	February 15
End Date for Practice and Competition	November 15	Seven days prior to final examination period

17.23.6 End Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than November 15. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.23.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.23.7.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. In all divisions, a member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition 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 17.23.7.3, 17.23.7.4 and 17.23.7.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.23.7.1.1 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.

17.23.7.1.2 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 17.23.7.1) for those institutions that have more than three student-athletes competing therein, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place.

17.23.7.1.3 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.23.7.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 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*)

17.23.7.2.1 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*)

17.23.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in tennis shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in tennis conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.23.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in tennis each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;

- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.23.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.23.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.23.7.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

17.23.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.23.5 and 17.23.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition is prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03, 1/9/06)*

(1) **Exception—Alternate Playing Season.** A member institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3 and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of 45 consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment (see Bylaw 17.23.5.1). *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/10/05)*

(2) **Exception—Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA).** A student-athlete's practice for or participation in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Small College Championships is not included in the institution's declared nonchampionship segment, provided the student-athlete has qualified for the championship. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

17.23.8.1 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.23.8.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.23.9 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)*

17.23.10 Other Restrictions.

17.23.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.23.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate tennis competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate tennis squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside tennis team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate tennis season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.23.10.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on 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. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.23.10.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.23.10.1.2.2 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.

17.23.10.2 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, General Playing-Season Regulations. (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:

- (a) 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 two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition occurs. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*
- (b) An institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field is limited to a 156-day season for indoor and outdoor track and field combined, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required days off per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition occurs. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02)*

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 before 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 before 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 track and field championships in the institution's division. *(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/outdoor track and field during the permissible indoor/outdoor track and field playing season to 18 dates of competition except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.24.5.3, 17.24.5.4 and 17.24.5.5. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.24.5.1.1 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 17.29), 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/outdoor track and field. 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)*

17.24.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in track and field shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in track and field conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.24.5.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in track and field each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.24.5.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.24.5.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.24.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

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 17.27.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.2.1. *(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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.24.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

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. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but cannot conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

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 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field squad or team, he or she competes or has competed 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) during the institution's intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

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. *(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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.24.9.1.2.2 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.

17.24.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.25 VOLLEYBALL, MEN'S AND WOMEN'S

Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.25.1 Volleyball—Men.

17.25.1.1 Length of Playing Season—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 17.1.6.4 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)*

17.25.1.2 Preseason Practice—Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's volleyball before 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)*

17.25.1.3 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 before 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)*

17.25.1.4 End of Regular Playing Season—Men. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in volleyball by the conclusion of the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship.

17.25.1.5 Number of Dates of Competition—Men.

17.25.1.5.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional—Men. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's men's volleyball 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 17.25.1.5.3 and 17.25.1.5.4. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/12/04)*

17.25.1.5.1.1 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.25.1.5.1.2 Exception—Institutions Located in Puerto Rico. An institution located in Puerto Rico that conducts its championship segment in the fall, shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to not more than 28 dates of competition during the fall and not more than four dates of competition during another segment. (*Adopted: 7/22/08*)

17.25.1.5.2 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*)

17.25.1.5.2.1 Exception—Institutions Located in Puerto Rico. A student-athlete who attends an institution located in Puerto Rico that conducts its championship segment in the fall, may participate each academic year in not more than 28 dates of competition during the fall and not more than four dates of competition during another segment. (*Adopted: 7/22/08*)

17.25.1.5.3 Annual Exemptions—Men. The maximum number of dates of competition in men's volleyball shall exclude the following: (*Revised: 1/12/04*)

17.25.1.5.3.1 Certification Not Required.

- (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 Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending volleyball tournament (i.e., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition in volleyball each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Foreign Team in United States.** One date of competition in volleyball each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (f) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any days of competition in volleyball 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; (*Revised: 1/10/05*)
- (g) **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); (*Revised: 1/10/05*)
- (h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity volleyball activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (i) **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").

17.25.1.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemptions—Foreign Tours—Men. An institution may exempt from its maximum contest limits all contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). (*Revised: 4/15/03, 4/14/08*)

17.25.1.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities—Men. 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 17.28.1.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.2.1 and 17.1.6.2.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.25.1.6.1 Summer Practice—Men. 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.25.1.7 Camps and Clinics—Men. 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)*

17.25.1.8 Other Restrictions—Men.

17.25.1.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition—Men.

17.25.1.8.1.1 In Season—Men. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate volleyball competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate volleyball squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside volleyball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate volleyball season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.25.1.8.1.2 Out of Season—Men. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate volleyball who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur volleyball team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.25.1.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff—Men. 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.25.1.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program—Men. 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.

17.25.1.9 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures—Men. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing volleyball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.25.1.3. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

17.25.1.9.1 Exception for Sundays—Men. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

17.25.2 Volleyball—Women's.

17.25.2.1 Length of Playing Season—Championship and Nonchampionship Segments—Women. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in women's volleyball shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.25.2.2 First Date of Practice—Championship Segment—Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's volleyball in the championship segment before 17 days prior to the first permissible date of competition. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.25.2.3 First Date of Competition—Championship Segment—Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding August 30. *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.25.2.3.1 Exception—Exempted Scrimmages—Women. An institution may conduct its scrimmages per Bylaw 17.25.2.7.4-(c) any time during the permissible playing and practice season. *(Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 4/15/03)*

17.25.2.4 End Date of Practice and Competition—Championship Segment—Women. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in the championship segment by the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championship. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.25.2.5 First Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment—Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before February 15. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.25.2.6 End Date of Practice and Competition—Nonchampionship Segment—Women. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examinations. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.25.2.7 Number of Dates of Competition—Women.

17.25.2.7.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional—Women. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's women's volleyball 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 17.25.2.7.3, 17.25.2.7.4 and 17.25.2.7.5. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.25.2.7.1.1 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.25.2.7.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete—Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in 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)*

17.25.2.7.3 Annual Exemptions—Women. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's volleyball shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or play-off;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in women's volleyball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.25.2.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions—Women. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in women's volleyball each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.25.2.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.25.2.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.25.2.7.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours—Women. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

17.25.2.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities—Women. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) **Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction.** Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and *(Adopted: 1/14/02)*
- (b) **Nonchampionship Segment Activities.** During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.25.2.5 and 17.25.2.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition is prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. *(Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/13/03, 1/9/06)*

17.25.2.8.1 Summer Practice—Women. 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 5/3/06)*

17.25.2.9 Camps and Clinics—Women. There are not 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)*

17.25.2.10 Other Restrictions—Women.

17.25.2.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition—Women.

17.25.2.10.1.1 In Season—Women. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate volleyball competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate volleyball squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside volleyball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate volleyball season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.25.2.10.1.2 Out of Season—Women. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate volleyball who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur volleyball team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.25.2.10.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff—Women. 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 (i.e., 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.25.2.10.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program—Women. 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.

17.25.2.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures—Women. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing volleyball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.25.2.1. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

17.25.2.10.2.1 Exception for Sundays—Women. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)

17.26 WATER POLO

Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

17.26.1 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 days off per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 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*)

17.26.2 Preseason Practice.

- (a) **Men.** A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's water polo before the date that permits a maximum of 21 permissible practice opportunities (see Bylaw 17.02.12) before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (b) **Women.** A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's water polo before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (*Adopted: 1/12/99*)

17.26.3 First Date of Competition.

- (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 before the first Saturday in September. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (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 before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (*Adopted: 1/12/99*)

17.26.4 End of Regular Playing Season.

- (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. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (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 or the National Women's Collegiate Water Polo Championship. (*Adopted: 1/12/99*)

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.26.5.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's water polo playing season to 21 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.5.3 and 17.26.5.4. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/12/04*)

17.26.5.1.1 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.26.5.2 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*)

17.26.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in water polo shall exclude the following: (*Revised: 1/12/04, 4/29/04, 4/14/08*)

- (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 entry in the Women's Collegiate National Water Polo Championship or 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 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) **Alumni Game—Men and Women.** One date of competition in water polo each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (f) **Foreign Team in United States—Men and Women.** One date of competition in water polo each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (g) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico - Men and Women.** For men's and women's water polo, any date of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, against an active member institution located outside the area in question;
- (h) **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); *(Revised: 1/10/05)*
- (i) **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: *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (j) **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").

17.26.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemptions—Men and Women—Foreign Tours. 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 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). *Revised: 4/15/03*

17.26.6 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 17.29.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.2.1 and 17.1.6.2.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.26.6.1 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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.26.7 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)*

17.26.8 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 cannot conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.26.9 Other Restrictions.

17.26.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.26.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition for the remainder of the season in water polo if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate water polo squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside water polo team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate water polo season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.26.9.1.2 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, provided competition on an outside team occurs only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 14.7.5. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

17.26.9.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.26.9.1.2.2 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.

17.26.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing water polo equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.26.2. (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

17.26.9.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures. (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)

17.27 WRESTLING

Regulations for computing the wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.27.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in 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 17.1.6.4 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. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in wrestling before 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*)

17.27.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in wrestling before 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. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

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 during the permissible wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.27.5.3, 17.27.5.4 and 17.27.5.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 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, 1/11/08 effective 8/1/08*)

17.27.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in 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 17.29), 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 16 dates of competition in wrestling, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that 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. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/11/08 effective 8/1/08*)

17.27.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in wrestling shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;
- (b) **Independents Championship.** Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Tournament.** Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). 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;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;

- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition 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 member institution located outside those locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, 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 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in wrestling conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.27.5.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in wrestling each year. An institution may exempt no more than three from this list annually. (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) **Foreign Team in United States.** A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;
- (b) **Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition date of competition against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution played between the first permissible date for practice and the first permissible date of competition; or
- (c) **Scrimmages.** A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.27.5.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.27.5.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies any of the following conditions: (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

- (a) The signing of a scorebook by an official;
- (b) The score is released to the media or other appropriate entities; or
- (c) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.27.5.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29). (*Adopted: 4/14/08*)

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 Bylaws 17.1.6.2, 17.1.6.2.1 and 17.1.6.2.2. (*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 approved by the Management Council. 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 his or her sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.27.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.27.7 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 wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but cannot conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.27.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in 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*)

17.27.9 Other Restrictions.

17.27.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.27.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition for the remainder of the season in wrestling if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate wrestling squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team

invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate wrestling season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers). *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

17.27.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur wrestling team. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

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 wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.27.9.1.2.2 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.

17.27.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.28 EXCEPTIONS FOR MEMBER INSTITUTIONS LOCATED IN ALASKA, HAWAII AND PUERTO RICO

17.28.1 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.

17.28.2 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 17.11.7.1 but otherwise shall conform to the same maximum number of contests and dates of competition permitted other members of the Association.

17.29 FOREIGN TOURS

17.29.1 Institutionally Certified Tours. A member institution may participate in competition in any sport on foreign tours certified by the institution in accordance with procedures set forth under Bylaw 30.7. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.29.1.1 Contest Exclusions. Any contest(s) or date(s) of competition played on a certified foreign tour shall be excluded from the limitations set forth in this bylaw.

17.29.1.2 Tour to U.S. Territory or Commonwealth. A tour to a United States commonwealth (e.g., Puerto Rico) or a United States territory (e.g., Virgin Islands) is not considered a foreign tour.

17.29.2 Sanctioned 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 30.7. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

Baseball.....	4	Gymnastics.....	2	Swimming and Diving.....	5
Basketball.....	2	Ice Hockey.....	4	Tennis.....	2
Cross Country.....	2	Lacrosse.....	5	Track and Field.....	7
Fencing.....	4	Rifle.....	2	Volleyball.....	2
Field Hockey.....	5	Skiing.....	4	Water Polo.....	4
Football.....	5	Soccer.....	5	Wrestling.....	5
Golf.....	2	Softball.....	4		

17.29.2.1 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.

17.30 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.

Championships and Postseason Football

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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 before the end of an institution's regular football schedule on which an institution is not playing a game, or a date approved by the Management 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.

18.02.4 Postseason Football Bowl Game. 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 are certified by the Association per Bylaw 18.7.

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 Championships Committee, the Management Council, the Presidents Council and/or the Executive 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, 10/17/07)*

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 championship in a particular sport may be established by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in Division I or, in Divisions II and III, a simple majority of all members of that division present and voting at an annual Convention 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: 10/21/08)*

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: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, 1/13/03, 10/21/08)*

18.2.4.3 Sponsorship Criteria.

18.2.4.3.1 Minimum Period. 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 before August 1, 1994, shall count toward the minimum one- or two-year sponsorship requirement. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/11/00 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 Bylaws 18.2.3 or 18.2.4. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.10.1 National Collegiate and Division Championships Exception. During the 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 academic years, an existing National Collegiate Championship or division championship shall not be canceled, nor shall transportation and per diem expenses be discontinued, due to that championship's failure to meet the minimum-numerical-sponsorship requirements for maintaining the championship. On the expiration of this legislative exception, if during the 1998-99 period a championship fell below the applicable minimum-numerical-sponsorship requirement set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 or 18.2.4, it shall be discontinued automatically. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

18.2.10.2 Exception—Women's Championships Existing during 1993-94. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship for women that existed during the 1993-94 academic year (per Bylaw 18.2.3) shall continue through the 1998-99 academic year, even if fewer than 40 institutions sponsor the sport. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

18.2.10.3 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, Revised: 12/5/06)*

18.2.10.4 Exception—Men's and Women's Lacrosse. A National Collegiate Championship or division championship in the sports of men's and women's lacrosse shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship requirements of Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4. *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/00)*

18.3 CURRENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Association currently administers 88 national championships. There are 10 National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 27 Division III championships. (See Bylaw 31.02.2 for information about the classification and terminology of championships and see Constitutions 5.3.10.1 and 5.3.10.2 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, 1/14/02)*

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (10).

Men (3)	Men and Women (3)	Women (4)
Gymnastics	Fencing	Bowling <i>(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)</i>
Volleyball	Rifle	Gymnastics
Water Polo	Skiing	Ice Hockey <i>(Adopted: 1/10/00)</i>
		Water Polo <i>(Adopted: 1/10/00)</i>

18.3.2 NCAA Division II Championships (25).

Men (12)	Women (13)
Baseball	Basketball
Basketball	Cross Country
Cross Country	Field Hockey
Football	Golf <i>(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)</i>
Golf	Lacrosse <i>(Revised: 1/7/00 effective 8/1/00)</i>
Lacrosse	Rowing <i>(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)</i>
Soccer	Soccer
Swimming and Diving	Softball
Tennis	Swimming and Diving
Indoor Track and Field	Tennis
Outdoor Track and Field	Indoor Track and Field
Wrestling	Outdoor Track and Field
	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 Bylaw 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 14.11.1.

18.4.1.2 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Authority. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have final authority to determine all matters pertaining to the eligibility of student-athletes competing in the various NCAA championships submitted by member institutions (see Bylaw 14.12). *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

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 31.2.2.3 regarding protests received during a break in the continuity of a championship.)

18.4.1.4 Amateur-Status Certification. If requested by the Championships Committee, the student-athlete shall certify his or her amateur standing under the provisions of Bylaw 12 by signing an affidavit that is administered by the chair of the games committee and taken on a form prescribed by the Championships Committee.

18.4.1.5 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, is found to have used a substance on the list of banned drug classes, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.4, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1. The certifying institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility, if the institution concludes that circumstances warrant restoration. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 4/29/04, 6/3/05)*

18.4.1.5.1 Duration of Ineligibility. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, is found to have used a substance on the list of banned drug classes (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Executive Committee), shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of competition in all sports, if the season of competition has not yet begun for that student-athlete or a minimum of the equivalent of one full season of competition in all sports, if the student-athlete tests positive during his or her season of competition (i.e., the remainder of contests in the current season and contests in the following season up to the period of time in which the student-athlete was declared ineligible during the previous year). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug test and until the student-athlete tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Executive Committee) and the student-athlete's eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. If the student-athlete participates in any contests from the time of collection until the confirmation of the positive result, he or she must be withheld from an equal number of contests after the 365-day period of ineligibility. *(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, 1/8/01, 1/12/04, 10/29/04, 1/11/08)*

18.4.1.5.1.1 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, tampering with sample) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug other than a "street" drug. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*

18.4.1.5.1.2 Testing Positive on More than One Occasion. If the student-athlete, who tested positive for any drug other than a "street drug" as defined in Bylaw 31.2.3.4, tests positive a second time for the use of any drug other than a "street drug," he or she shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If the student-athlete tests positive for the use of a "street drug" after having tested positive for the use of any banned drug, he or she shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of one additional season of competition in all sports and also shall remain ineligible for regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (365 days) after the period of ineligibility for any prior positive drug tests has expired. *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 8/20/08)*

18.4.1.5.1.3 Transfers. If the student-athlete transfers to another NCAA institution while ineligible, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred must notify the institution that the student-athlete is ineligible. If the student-athlete immediately transfers to a non-NCAA institution while ineligible and competes in intercollegiate competition within the 365-day period at a non-NCAA institution, the student-athlete will be ineligible for all NCAA regular season and postseason competition until the student-athlete does not compete in collegiate competition for a 365-day period. Furthermore, the student-athlete must retest negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized

by the Executive Committee) and the student-athlete's eligibility must be restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. (*Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

18.4.1.5.1.4 Appeals. An institution may appeal the duration of ineligibility to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee). In all sports, 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, the student-athlete tests negative and the student-athlete's eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. (*Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, for drug tests conducted on or after 8/1/05*)

18.4.1.5.2 Banned Drugs and Drug-Testing Methods. The Executive Committee shall adopt a list of banned drug classes and shall authorize methods for drug testing of student-athletes on a year-round basis. The list of banned drugs and the procedure for informing member institutions about authorized methods for drug testing are set forth in Bylaws 31.2.3.4 and 31.2.3.6, respectively. (*Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 6/3/05, 3/22/06*)

18.4.1.5.3 Non-NCAA Athletics Organization's Positive Drug Test. The Executive Committee shall authorize methods for drug testing any student-athlete who has disclosed in the student-athlete statement (see Bylaw 14.1.3.1) that he or she has a positive drug test administered by a non-NCAA athletics organization. A student-athlete under a drug-testing suspension from a national or international sports governing body that has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code shall not participate in NCAA intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

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, an institution shall:

- (a) 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) Have paid its membership dues for the current year in accordance with the deadlines set forth in Bylaw 31.2.1.2;
- (c) Designate (in accordance with Bylaw 20) its athletics program as Division I, Division II or Division III for competition and possible eligibility for championships in those intercollegiate sports recognized by the NCAA;
- (d) Certify, through its president or chancellor on a form approved by the Management Council, the institution's compliance with NCAA legislation. The certification shall be completed not later than September 15 (see Bylaw 30.3 for details about information required on the certification form); (*Revised: 1/10/95, 10/3/05*)
- (e) Have confirmed annually its sponsorship of a varsity intercollegiate team in the sport and submitted its race and demographic information by so reporting on the NCAA official information form. In cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field, institutions must meet the minimum contest and participant requirements for sponsorship as set forth in Bylaw 20.10.3.5; (*Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/10/05, 7/24/07*)
- (f) Have submitted its race and demographic information to the NCAA through the official submission process; and (*Adopted: 7/24/07*)
- (g) 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 enforcement procedures that the institution or representative(s) 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 14.12).

18.4.2.1.1 Additional Requirements. Other requirements for institutional eligibility for championships are set forth in Bylaw 31.2.1.

18.4.2.1.2 Petitioning for Division I Classification. A Division II 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 before the effective date of its Division I membership or be ineligible for Division I championships.

18.4.2.2 Championships. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship, a member institution shall, in addition to meeting the general institutional eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2.1:

- (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 14.5.4.3 and 14.5.5.1.
- (b) Be in conformance with the maximum awards provisions in that sport as set forth in Bylaw 15.5.2.
- (c) Report annually to the NCAA through the president or chancellor, on a form approved by the Management Council, the admissions and graduation-rate data specified in Bylaw 30.1. The data shall be received in the national office not later than January 2. Any data received after that date shall appear on a form postmarked not later than December 26. (*Adopted: 1/10/90 effective immediately for data collection and effective 7/1/93 for disclosure, Revised: 1/10/92, 10/3/05*)

18.4.2.2.1 Exemption from Maximum Awards Limitation. A member institution may be exempt from the maximum awards limitation in a sport provided the institution:

- (a) Files a declaration for such an exemption with the national office. The declaration shall be received in the national office not later than June 1 before the academic year for which the exemption is sought. A declaration received after that date shall be postmarked not later than May 25;
- (b) Complies with the appropriate Division I maximum awards limits for that year; and
- (c) Is not eligible for competition in the Division II championship (see Bylaw 20.8.1 for sports that conduct one national collegiate championship).

18.5 AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION BY CONFERENCE

18.5.1 Division Championship. [#] To be eligible for automatic qualification into any Division II Championship, a conference shall meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4. (*Revised: 1/9/06*)

18.5.2 National Collegiate Championship. [#] To be eligible for automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship, a conference shall: (*Adopted: 1/9/06*)

- (a) Have at least six active members that sponsor the applicable sport in any division; and
- (b) Meet all applicable requirements for conference automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship as set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.

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

18.7.1 Permissible Football Games. The only football games in which a member institution may compete are:

- (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 championships for Division I Football Championship Subdivision members, Division II and Division III members; (*Revised: 5/3/07*)
- (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 before the first round of an NCAA football championship date and provided the game is listed on the schedules of all conference members; and
- (f) Certified postseason bowl games that meet all requirements and conditions set forth in Bylaw 30.9.

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19.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

19.01.1 Mission of NCAA Enforcement Program. It shall be the mission of the NCAA enforcement program to eliminate violations of NCAA rules and impose appropriate penalties should violations occur. The program is committed to fairness of procedures and the timely and equitable resolution of infractions cases. The achievement of these objectives is essential to the conduct of a viable and effective enforcement program. Further, an important consideration in imposing penalties is to provide fairness to uninvolved student-athletes, coaches, administrators, competitors and other institutions. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

19.01.2 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.

19.01.3 Responsibility to Cooperate. All representatives of member institutions shall cooperate fully with the NCAA enforcement staff, Committee on Infractions, Infractions Appeals Committee and Management Council to further the objectives of the Association and its enforcement program. The enforcement policies and procedures are an essential part of the intercollegiate athletics program of each member institution and require full and complete disclosure by all institutional representatives of any relevant information requested by the NCAA enforcement staff, Committee on Infractions or Infractions Appeals Committee during the course of an inquiry.

19.01.4 Violations by Institutional Staff Members. Institutional staff members found in violation of NCAA regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in the provisions of the NCAA enforcement procedures, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual's previous employment at another member institution.

19.01.5 Nature of Penalty Structure. As a guiding principle, a penalty imposed under NCAA enforcement policies and procedures should be broad and severe if the violation or violations reflect a general disregard for the governing rules; in those instances in which the violation or violations are isolated and of relative insignificance, then the NCAA penalty shall be specific and limited. Previous violations of NCAA legislation shall be a contributing factor in determining the degree of penalty.

19.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

19.02.1 Show-Cause Order. A show-cause order is one that requires a member institution to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Committee on Infractions (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2) why it should not be subject to a penalty (or additional penalty) for not taking appropriate disciplinary or corrective action against an institutional staff member or representative of the institution's athletics interests identified by the committee as having been involved in a violation of NCAA regulations that has been found by the committee. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04)*

19.02.2 Types of Violations.

19.02.2.1 Violation, Secondary. A secondary violation is a violation that is isolated or inadvertent in nature; provides or is intended to provide only a minimal recruiting, competitive or other advantage; and does not include any significant recruiting inducement or extra benefit. Multiple secondary violations by a member institution may be collectively considered as a major violation. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

19.02.2.2 Violation, Major. All violations other than secondary violations are major violations, specifically including those that provide an extensive recruiting or competitive advantage. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

19.02.3 New Evidence. New evidence is evidence that could not reasonably be ascertained before the Committee on Infractions hearing. *(Adopted: 1/6/96)*

19.1 COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS

The Management Council shall appoint a Committee on Infractions, which shall be responsible for administration of the NCAA enforcement program.

19.1.1 Composition. The Division II Committee on Infractions shall consist of five members, including one member of the Division II Management Council, and one individual from the general public who is not associated with a collegiate institution, conference, professional or similar sports organization, or who represents coaches or athletes in any capacity. One of the members shall serve as chair and one member shall serve as vice-chair. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02)*

19.1.1.1 Term of Office. A member shall serve a three-year term, which shall commence on the first day of September following the member's election. A member may be reappointed but shall not serve more than nine years on the committee. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/1/01)*

19.1.1.2 Quorum. Three members present and voting shall constitute a quorum for conduct of committee business, it being understood that the chair will make a special effort to have full committee attendance when major infractions cases are to be considered.

19.1.2 Authority of Committee. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be effected by members of the Committee on Infractions present and voting at any duly called meeting, provided the call of such a meeting shall have contained notice of the situation presenting the disciplinary problem. Actions of the committee in cases involving major violations, however, shall be subject to review by the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2, on appeal. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/12/04)*

19.1.2.1 Authority of Vice President for Enforcement Services. On review of information developed by the enforcement staff or self-reported by the member institution, the vice president for enforcement services shall identify the charges as involving alleged major or secondary violations, or multiple secondary violations that should be viewed as a major violation. Disciplinary or corrective actions in the case of secondary violations may be effected by the vice president for enforcement services. Said actions shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of the enforcement policies and procedures and shall be subject to review by the committee on appeal. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/12/04)*

19.1.2.1.1 Authority of Conference Commissioners. Selected secondary violations that have been identified by the Division II Committee on Infractions, and for which specific disciplinary or corrective actions have been prescribed by the Division II Committee on Infractions, may be processed by the commissioner of the member institution's conference when such violations occur for the first time in a particular sport. Those violations that temporarily affect the individual eligibility of a prospective or enrolled student-athlete (as indicated on the prescribed penalty schedule) must continue to be handled through the normal eligibility restoration process. The conference commissioner, at his or her discretion, may elect not to process any such violation and, instead forward it to the Division II Committee on Infractions. Any violations processed and penalties imposed by the conference commissioner shall be reported to the Division II Committee on Infractions on a monthly basis. If an institution believes that a case warrants action that is less than the prescribed penalty, it may request further review by the group executive director for enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement. *(Adopted: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98)*

19.1.2.2 Authority of Committee Chair. In the interim between meetings of the committee, the chair shall be empowered to act on behalf of the committee, subject to committee approval at its next meeting. If at any time, at a meeting or between meetings, the chair is unavailable to act as such, the vice chair is empowered to exercise the functions of the chair. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02)*

19.1.2.3 Authority of Infractions Appeals Committee. The Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2 shall hear and act on an institution's or involved individuals' appeal of the findings and/or penalties of major violations by the committee. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/12/04)*

19.1.3 Duties. The committee shall:

- (a) Consider complaints that may be filed with the Association charging the failure of any Division II member to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for membership or the failure of any Division II member to meet the conditions and obligations of membership in the Association;
- (b) Formulate and revise in accordance with the requirements of Bylaw 19.3, a statement of its established operating policies and procedures, including investigative guidelines (see Bylaw 32);
- (c) Determine facts related to alleged violations and find violations of NCAA rules and requirements;
- (d) Impose an appropriate penalty or "show-cause" requirement on a Division II member found to be involved in a major violation (or on appeal on a Division II member found to be involved in a secondary violation) or recommend to the Division II Presidents Council suspension or termination of membership; and
- (e) Carry out any other duties directly related to the administration of the Division II enforcement program. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

19.2 APPEALS COMMITTEES

19.2.1 Authority of Management Council. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of the findings of major violations by the Division II Committee on Infractions.

19.3 ESTABLISHMENT AND REVISION OF ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

19.3.1 Amendment by Committee and Approval by Management Council. The Committee on Infractions may establish or amend the policies and procedures in regard to issues other than those concerning institutional penalties, restitution, and committee duties and structure. A member institution shall be provided notice of alleged NCAA rules violations for which it is charged before any penalty is imposed, as well as the opportunity to appear before the committee and the opportunity to appeal the committee's findings of major violations or penalties (see Bylaws 19.4 and 19.5). The policies and procedures governing the administration of the Association's enforcement program, as set forth in Bylaw 32, are subject to review and approval by the Management Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

19.3.1.1 Notification to Membership. To the extent that the enforcement policies and procedures are revised, any member institution involved in the processing of an infractions case shall be notified immediately of the change and the general membership shall be advised through The NCAA News.

19.3.1.2 Review by Management Council. Policies and procedures established by the Committee on Infractions, per Bylaw 19.3.1, are subject to review and approval in accordance with the legislative process. (*Revised: 1/12/04*)

19.3.2 Amendment to Enforcement Procedures. The enforcement policies and procedures set forth in Bylaw 32 may be amended at any annual or special Convention in accordance with the procedures set forth in Constitution 5.3. (*Revised: 1/12/04*)

19.4 NOTICE OF CHARGES AND OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR

19.4.1 For Major Violations. A member under investigation for major violations shall be given the following:

- (a) Notice of any specific charges against it and the facts upon which such charges are based; and
- (b) An opportunity to appear before the Committee on Infractions (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2) to answer such charges by the production of evidence (see Bylaw 19.6). (*Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 1/12/04*)

19.4.2 For Secondary Violations. A member under investigation for secondary violations shall be given the following:

- (a) Notice of any specific charges against it and the facts on which such charges are based; and
- (b) An opportunity to provide a written response to the vice-president for enforcement services (or to appear before the Committee on Infractions on appeal) to answer such charges by the production of evidence (see Bylaw 19.6).

19.4.3 New Findings. When an institution and involved individual appear before the committee 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 committee from finding any violation resulting from information developed or discussed during the hearing. (*Revised: 1/12/04*)

19.5 PENALTIES

19.5.1 Penalties for Secondary Violations. The vice president for enforcement services, on approval by the chair or another member of the Committee on Infractions designated by the chair, or the committee may determine that no penalty is warranted in a secondary case, that an institutional- or conference-determined penalty is satisfactory or, if appropriate, impose a penalty. Among the disciplinary measures are: (*Revised: 1/11/94*)

- (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, permanent ineligibility to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition (unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement on appeal);
- (b) Forfeit/vacate contests in which an ineligible student-athlete participated. Per Bylaw 18.1 and Administrative Regulation 31.3.3, the Championships Committee shall nullify each contest in which a student-athlete competes while ineligible regardless of whether forfeiture is required; (*Revised: 5/19/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)
- (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; (*Revised: 1/11/94*)

- (d) An institutional fine for each violation, with the monetary penalty up to \$5,000, except when an ineligible student-athlete participates in an NCAA championship or other postseason competition in which case the \$5,000 limit shall not apply; *(Revised: 1/14/02, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*
- (e) A limited 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 NCAA regulations;
- (g) Suspension of the head coach or other staff members for one or more competitions; *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*
- (h) Public reprimand (to be invoked only in situations where the Committee on Infractions or the vice president for enforcement services, on approval by the committee, determines that a penalty, in addition to any institutional- or conference-determined penalty, is warranted); and *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*
- (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 provisions of NCAA legislation while representing another institution, show cause why a penalty or an additional penalty should not be imposed 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. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/9/01)*

19.5.2 Penalties for Major Violations.

19.5.2.1 Presumptive Penalty. The presumptive penalty for a major violation, subject to exceptions authorized by the Committee on Infractions on the basis of specifically stated reasons, shall include all of the following: *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

- (a) A two-year probationary period (including a periodic in-person monitoring system and written institutional reports);
- (b) The reduction in the number of expense-paid recruiting visits to the institution in the involved sport for one recruiting year; *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (c) A requirement that all coaching staff members in the sport be prohibited from engaging in any off-campus recruiting activities for up to one recruiting year; *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (d) A requirement that all institutional staff members determined by the committee knowingly to have engaged in or condoned a major violation be subject to: *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*
 - (1) Termination of employment;
 - (2) Suspension without pay for at least one year;
 - (3) Reassignment of duties within the institution to a position that does not include contact with prospective or enrolled student-athletes or representatives of the institution's athletics interests for at least one year; or
 - (4) Other disciplinary action approved by the committee.
- (e) A reduction in the number of financial aid awards; *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*
- (f) Sanctions precluding postseason competition in the sport, particularly in those cases in which: *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
 - (1) Involved individuals remain active in the program; *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*
 - (2) A significant competitive advantage results from the violation(s); or *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*
 - (3) The violation(s) reflect a lack of institutional control. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*
- (g) Institutional recertification that the current athletics policies and practices conform to all requirements of NCAA regulations.

19.5.2.2 Disciplinary Measures. In addition to those penalties prescribed for secondary violations, among the disciplinary measures, singly or in combination, that may be adopted by the committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2) and imposed against an institution for major violations are: *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/12/04)*

- (a) Public reprimand and censure; *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (b) Probation for at least one year; *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (c) A reduction in the number of financial aid awards (as defined in Bylaw 15.02.4.1) that may be awarded during a specified period;
- (d) Prohibition against the recruitment of prospective student-athletes for a sport or sports for a specified period;
- (e) One or more of the following penalties:
 - (1) Individual records and performances shall be vacated or stricken; *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
 - (2) Team records and performances shall be vacated or stricken; or *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*
 - (3) Individual or team awards shall be returned to the Association.

- (f) A financial penalty;
- (g) Ineligibility for any television programs involving coverage of the institution's intercollegiate athletics team(s) in the sport(s) in which the violations occurred; *(Adopted: 8/20/08)*
- (h) Ineligibility for invitational and postseason meets and tournaments;
- (i) Ineligibility for one or more NCAA championship events;
- (j) Prohibition against an intercollegiate sports team or teams participating against outside competition for a specified period;
- (k) Ineligibility of the member to vote or its personnel to serve on committees of the Association, or both;
- (l) 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 provisions of NCAA legislation while representing another institution, show cause why:
 - (1) A penalty or an additional penalty should not be imposed if, in the opinion of the committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2), it does not take appropriate disciplinary or corrective action against athletics department personnel involved in the infractions case, any other institutional employee, if the circumstances warrant, or representatives of the institution's athletics interests; *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04)*
 - (2) A recommendation should not be made to the membership that the institution's membership in the Association be suspended or terminated if, in the opinion of the committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2), it does not take appropriate disciplinary or corrective action against the head coach of the sport involved, any other institutional employee, if the circumstances warrant, or representatives of the institution's athletics interests; *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04)*
 - (3) "Appropriate disciplinary or corrective action" as specified in subparagraphs (1) and (2) above may include, for example, termination of the coaching contract of the head coach and any assistants involved; suspension or termination of the employment status of any other institutional employee who may be involved; severance of relations with any representative of the institution's athletics interests who may be involved; the debarment of the head or assistant coach from any coaching, recruiting or speaking engagements for a specified period; and the prohibition of all recruiting in a specified sport for a specified period;
 - (4) The nature and extent of such action shall be the determination of the institution after due notice and hearing to the individuals concerned, but the determination of whether or not the action is appropriate in the fulfillment of NCAA policies and principles, and its resulting effect on any institutional penalty, shall be solely that of the committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2); or *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04)*
 - (5) Where this requirement is made, the institution shall show cause or, in the alternative, shall show the appropriate disciplinary or corrective action taken, in writing, to the committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2) within 15 days. The committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2) may, without further hearing, determine on the basis of such writing whether or not in its opinion appropriate disciplinary or corrective action has been taken and may impose a penalty or additional penalty; take no further action; or, by notice to the institution, conduct a further hearing at a later date before making a final determination. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04)*

19.5.2.2.1 Opportunity to Appear. In the event the committee considers additional penalties to be imposed on an institution in accordance with Bylaw 19.5.2.2-(k) above, the involved institution shall be provided the opportunity to appear before the committee; further, the institution shall be provided the opportunity to appeal (per Bylaw 19.6.2) any additional penalty imposed by the committee.

19.5.2.3 Repeat Violators.

19.5.2.3.1 Time Period. An institution shall be considered a "repeat" violator, if the Committee on Infractions finds that a major violation has occurred within five years of the starting date of a major penalty. For this provision to apply, at least one major violation must have occurred within five years after the starting date of the penalties in the previous case. It shall not be necessary that the Committee on Infractions' hearing be conducted or its report issued within the five-year period. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

19.5.2.3.2 Repeat-Violator Penalties. In addition to the penalties identified for a major violation, the minimum penalty for a repeat violator, subject to exceptions authorized by the Committee on Infractions on the basis of specifically stated reasons, may include any or all of the following: *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

- (a) The prohibition of some or all outside competition in the sport involved in the latest major violation for one or two sports seasons and the prohibition of all coaching staff members in that sport from involvement directly or indirectly in any coaching activities at the institution during that period;
- (b) The elimination of all initial grants-in-aid and all recruiting activities in the sport involved in the latest major violation in question for a two-year period;

- (c) The requirement that all institutional staff members serving on the Presidents Council, Management Council, Executive Committee or other committees of the Association resign those positions, it being understood that all institutional representatives shall be ineligible to serve on any NCAA committee for a period of four years; and
- (d) The requirement that the institution relinquish its voting privilege in the Association for a four-year period.

19.5.2.4 Probationary Periods.

19.5.2.4.1 Conditions of Probation. The committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2) may identify possible conditions that an institution must satisfy during a probationary period. Such conditions shall be designed on a case-by-case basis to focus on the institution's administrative weaknesses detected in the case and shall include, but not be limited to, written reports from the institution pertaining to areas of concern to the committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2), in-person reviews of the institution's athletics policies and practices by the NCAA administrator for the Committee on Infractions, implementation of educational or deterrent programs, and audits for specific programs or teams. If the institution fails to satisfy such conditions, the committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2) may reconsider the penalties in the case and may extend the probationary period and/or impose additional sanctions. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04)*

19.5.2.4.2 Review Prior to Restoration of Membership Rights and Privileges. In the event the committee imposes a penalty involving a probationary period, the institution shall be notified that after the penalty becomes effective, the NCAA administrator for the Committee on Infractions will review the athletics policies and practices of the institution before action by the committee to restore the institution to full rights and privileges of membership in the Association. *(Revised: 1/10/95)*

19.5.2.5 Television Appearance Limitations. In some instances, an institution is rendered ineligible to appear on television programs. When an institution is banned from such television programs, the penalty shall specify that the institution may not enter into any contracts or agreements for such appearances until the institution's probationary status has been terminated and it has been restored to full rights and privileges of membership. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

19.5.2.5.1 Closed-Circuit Telecast Exception. The Management Council is authorized to permit a closed-circuit telecast, limited to the campus of the opponent of the ineligible institution, it being understood that no rights fee is to be paid to the ineligible institution.

19.5.2.6 Disassociation of Representatives of Athletics Interests. The disassociation of relations with a representative of an institution's athletics interests may be imposed on a permanent basis, for the duration of the applicable probationary period or for another specified period of time. When an institution is required to show cause why a representative of the institution's athletics interests should not be disassociated from its athletics program, such disassociation shall require that the institution:

- (a) Refrain from accepting any assistance from the individual that would aid in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes or the support of enrolled student-athletes;
- (b) Not accept financial assistance for the institution's athletics program from the individual;
- (c) Ensure that no athletics benefit or privilege be provided to the individual that is not generally available to the public at large; and
- (d) Take 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.

19.5.2.7 Notification to Regional Accrediting Agency. When an institution has been found to be in violation of NCAA requirements, and the report reflects academic violations or questionable academic procedures, the NCAA president shall be authorized to forward a copy of the report to the appropriate regional accrediting agency.

19.5.2.8 Review of Penalty.

19.5.2.8.1 Newly Discovered Evidence or Prejudicial Error. When a penalty has been imposed and publicly announced and the appeal opportunity has been exhausted, there shall be no review of the penalty except on a showing of newly discovered evidence (per Bylaw 19.02.3) that is directly related to the findings in the case or that there was a prejudicial error in the procedure that was followed in the processing of the case by the committee. *(Revised: 1/9/96)*

19.5.2.8.1.1 Review Process. Any institution that initiates such a review shall be required to submit a brief of its appeal to the committee and to furnish sufficient copies of the brief for distribution to all members of the committee. The committee shall review the brief and decide by majority vote whether it shall grant a hearing of the appeal.

19.5.2.8.1.2 Institution or Conference Discipline as New Evidence. Disciplinary measures imposed by the institution or its conference, after the NCAA action, may be considered to be "newly discovered evidence" for the purposes of this section.

19.5.2.8.1.3 No Imposition of New Penalty. If a hearing of the appeal is granted, the committee may reduce or eliminate any penalty but may not impose any new penalty. The committee's decision with respect to the penalty shall be final and conclusive for all purposes.

19.5.2.8.2 Reconsideration of Penalty. The institution shall be notified that should any portion of the penalty in the case be set aside for any reason other than by appropriate action of the Association, the penalty shall be reconsidered by the NCAA. In such cases, any extension or adjustment of a penalty shall be proposed by the Committee on Infractions after notice to the institution and hearing. Any such action by the committee shall be subject to appeal.

19.5.3 Discipline of Affiliated or Corresponding Member.

19.5.3.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any affiliated or corresponding member failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership or failing to support and adhere to the purposes and policies set forth in Constitution 1 may be terminated or suspended or the member otherwise may be disciplined through the following procedure:

- (a) The Executive Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may take such action on its own initiative; or (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)
- (b) The Committee on Infractions, by majority vote, may recommend such action to the Executive Committee, which may adopt the recommendation by a two-thirds vote of its members present and voting; and
- (c) The affiliated or corresponding member shall be advised of the proposed action at least 30 days before any Committee on Infractions or Executive Committee meeting in which such action is considered and shall be provided the opportunity to appear at any such meeting.

19.6 RIGHTS OF MEMBER TO APPEAL

19.6.1 Appeal of Secondary Violations. A member shall have the right to appeal actions taken by the vice president for enforcement services in reference to secondary violations. To appeal, the member must submit a written notice of appeal to the Committee on Infractions. The Committee on Infractions must receive the written notice of appeal and any supporting information within 30 days of the date the institution receives the enforcement staff's decision. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

19.6.2 Appeal of Major Violations. A member shall have the right to give written notice of appeal of the committee's findings of major violations (subject to Bylaw 32.10.1), the penalty, or both to the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2. (*Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 1/12/04*)

19.6.3 Appeal by an Institutional Staff Member. If any current or former institutional staff member participates in a hearing before the Committee on Infractions and is involved in a finding of a violation against that individual, the individual shall be given the opportunity to appeal any of the findings in question (subject to the conditions of Bylaw 32.10.3) or the committee's decision to issue a show-cause order to the Infractions Appeals Committee. Under such circumstances, the individual and personal legal counsel may appear before the appeals committee at the time it considers the pertinent findings. (*Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 1/6/96, 1/12/04*)

19.6.4 Student-Athlete Appeal. If an institution concludes that continued application of the rule(s) would work an injustice on any student-athlete, an appeal shall be submitted to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and promptly reviewed.

19.6.4.1 Obligation of Institution to Take Appropriate Action. When the committee (or the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2) finds that there has been a violation of the constitution or bylaws affecting the eligibility of an individual student-athlete or student-athletes, the institution involved and its conference(s), if any, shall be notified of the violation and the name(s) of the student-athlete(s) involved, it being understood that if the institution fails to take appropriate action, the involved institution shall be cited to show cause under the Association's regular enforcement procedures why it should not be disciplined for a failure to abide by the conditions and obligations of membership (declaration of ineligibility) if it permits the student-athletes to compete. (*Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04*)

19.7 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 Management Council may take any one or more of the following actions against such institution in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing institutions:

- (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 Management Council 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 be assessed a financial penalty as determined by the appropriate divisional Committee on Infractions in that division.

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Division Membership

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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 for certain legislative and competitive purposes. Multidivision classification is permitted under specified circumstances (see Bylaw 20.4).

20.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

20.02.1 Multidivision Classification. Multidivision classification is the procedure in which a member institution may petition to have a certain sport or sports classified in a division other than the division in which it holds membership (see Bylaw 20.4).

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 before the date that the requirement becomes effective; i.e., during the academic year before 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 Probation. Probation is a membership classification status assigned to an institution, which indicates that an institution's membership is not in good standing. The status of probation serves as warning that certain conditions and obligations of membership have not been satisfied and failure to correct such deficiencies shall result in the institution's reclassification to the category of restricted membership. An institution does not lose membership benefits as a result of being placed on probation. *(Adopted: 4/11/06)*

20.02.4 Provisional Membership. Provisional membership is a prerequisite for active membership. It is limited to a four-year period. During the third and fourth years of provisional membership, an institution shall administer its athletics programs in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, for institutions petitioning for provisional membership on or after 8/1/97)*

20.02.5 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). An institution placed in such status indicates the loss of any or all of the following benefits of membership: championships eligibility; voting privileges; enhancement funds (equal distribution part); and committee service. Further, an institution placed in restricted membership status will not count for the premium portion of the conference grant program. The institution has one to three years to comply with the requirement involved. Failure to comply shall result in the institution's reclassification to corresponding membership (see Constitution 3.02.3.6). *(Revised: 4/11/06)*

20.02.6 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women: *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/13/03)*

- (a) **Team Sports:** rugby; and *(Revised: 1/13/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*
- (b) **Individual Sports:** equestrian and squash. *(Revised: 1/12/99, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

The following Bylaw 20.02.6 was revised for Division II January 17, 2009, effective August 1, 2010.

20.02.6 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women: (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/13/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/10*)

- (a) **Team Sports:** rugby and sand volleyball; and (*Revised: 1/13/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/10*)
- (b) **Individual Sports:** equestrian and squash. (*Revised: 1/12/99, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09*)

20.02.6.1 Additional Emerging Sports. The Presidents Council 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: 4/28/05*)

20.02.6.2 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 time period to become a championship sport unless it can be demonstrated that steady growth has occurred during that time. (*Adopted: 1/13/98*)

20.02.7 Mixed Team. A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes. (*Adopted: 5/4/06*)

20.1 DETERMINATION OF DIVISIONS

20.1.1 Designation of Division by Active and Provisional Members. Each active and provisional member institution shall be designated as a member for certain legislative and competitive purposes. (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94*)

20.1.1.1 Men's and Women's Programs in Different Divisions. An institution shall not classify its women's athletics program in a division other than the institution's membership division, unless its women's program was so classified before January 11, 1991; further, for those institutions so classified, the Executive Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may permit the institution's women's athletics program to be classified in a division other than its membership division, provided it determines every three years that unusual circumstances warrant such action. (*Revised: 1/10/91*)

20.1.1.2 Multidivision Classification. A member may request classification and eligibility in more than one division in accordance with provisions permitting multidivision classification, eligibility and voting (see Bylaw 20.4).

20.1.2 Designation of Division by Member Conference. Each member conference shall determine the membership division it desires for legislative and/or competitive purposes. When designating the division, at least 50 percent or a minimum of 25 of the conference's institutions must hold membership in that division. The Executive Committee shall determine the membership division of a member conference not meeting these criteria.

20.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH DIVISION CRITERIA

20.2.1 Adoption of Criteria. The members of each division, by majority vote, 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. Amendments to membership criteria shall be effective the September 1 after adoption or a future September 1.

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 before 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 enforcement procedures.

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 member does not meet the criteria of any division at the end of the "restricted membership" period, the member shall be reclassified as a corresponding member.

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's 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 after 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 be reclassified as a corresponding member. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

20.2.5.1.3 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; and *(Revised: 1/10/03)*
- (d) Ineligible for NCAA championships and postseason football contests. *(Revised: 1/10/03)*

20.2.5.1.4 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.

20.2.5.1.5 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 Waivers of Division Membership Criteria. If an institution applying for multidivision classification or change of division membership, or an institution placed in the "restricted membership" category (per Bylaw 20.2.5.1), does not meet the criteria of its preferred division, or if an active member institution does not meet (or does not expect to meet within the applicable compliance period, if any) new criteria adopted by the membership of its division, it may request a waiver of the criteria from the membership of the preferred division according to the procedures specified below. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94)*

20.2.5.2.1 Submission of Request. The institution shall submit (by mail or wired transmission) its request for a waiver (signed by the institution's president or chancellor) to the Division II Membership Committee, and it shall be received in the national office not later than September 15. Any request received after that date shall be postmarked not later than September 8. The request shall include pertinent information supporting the institution's request. Additionally, the institution shall distribute this information to the president or chancellor, faculty athletics representative, athletics director and senior woman administrator

of athletics programs at each member institution in the preferred division, as well as the executive officer of each member conference of that division, postmarked not later than December 1. *(Revised: 1/10/03)*

20.2.5.2.1.1 Waiver. The Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the September 15 deadline set forth in Bylaw 20.2.5.2.1 due to circumstances beyond an institution's control. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's waiver of the September 15 deadline. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 2/21/08)*

20.2.5.2.2 Voting Requirement. The Membership Committee, by a majority of its members present and voting, shall hear and act on an institution's waiver of the division's criteria. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's waiver of the division's criteria. *(Revised: 1/10/00, 2/21/08)*

20.2.5.2.3 Effective Date of Waiver. If the division votes to admit the institution as a member of that division, such classification shall become effective:

- (a) In accordance with the requirements of Constitution 3.2.3.4 if a new member of the Association is involved;
- (b) September 1 after the Membership Committee meeting at which the institution's waiver was approved if an active member institution is seeking multidivision classification or change of division membership; or *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/03, 1/12/04, 2/21/08)*
- (c) Immediately if the institution receives a waiver of the "restricted membership" classification. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

20.2.5.2.3.1 Maximum Three-Year Waiver Period. If after three years from the effective date of multidivision classification or reclassification (September 1 after the Convention) 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)*

- (a) Shall be assigned to a division for which it qualifies in accordance with Bylaw 20.5; 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.

20.2.5.2.3.2 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 Bylaws 20.4.3 or 20.5.1.

20.2.5.2.4 Rejection of Waiver Request. If the division votes to reject the institution's request, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4):

- (a) Shall be reassigned to a division for which it qualifies; or
- (b) Shall be placed in the "restricted membership" category, if it does not qualify for any division (see Bylaw 20.2.5.1).

20.3 DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

20.3.1 Provisional Membership Eligibility.

20.3.1.1 Types of Institutions. Provisional membership is available to four-year colleges and universities and two-year upper-level collegiate institutions, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and duly elected to provisional membership under the provisions of Constitution 3.6.3 and Bylaw 20.3. *(Revised: 5/4/06)*

20.3.1.2 Conditions and Obligations of Provisional Membership. A provisional member in the provisional period of the membership process shall administer its athletics program in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association. *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, or thereafter, 2/4/08)*

20.3.2 Division II Membership Process—Provisional and Reclassifying Institutions. Institutions seeking to become active members of Division II in all sports must successfully complete all requirements of the Division II membership process, as specified in Bylaw 20.3. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter)*

20.3.2.1 Application and Sponsorship. An institution applying for Division II membership shall complete an application, signed by the president or chancellor, and be received in the national office not later than June 1. An applicant institution must be sponsored by an active member institution or conference. A nonrefundable application fee shall accompany the application form. The amount of the fee will be determined annually by the Membership Committee based on a continual analysis of expenses associated with the membership process. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may establish an annual limit

on the number of eligible institutions that will be selected to begin the membership process. The Membership Committee has the authority to accept or not accept an institution's application to enter the Division II membership process. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter, Revised: 2/4/08, 4/21/09)*

20.3.2.2 Candidacy Period. Once an institution receives notice that it has been accepted to begin the Division II membership process, the institution shall enter the candidacy period. The candidacy period shall be a minimum of two years. At the completion of the two-year period, the institution shall receive an assessment of its readiness to proceed to the provisional period. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter, Revised: 1/23/09)*

20.3.2.2.1 Educational Assessment Program—Candidacy Period. Institutions are required to complete the following educational activities during the candidacy period: *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter, Revised: 1/23/09)*

- (a) **Year One:** *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter)*
 - (1) A visit paid by the institution to an active member institution's campus, as selected by the Membership Committee;
 - (2) A Division II Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG);
 - (3) Demonstrated involvement and commitment of the president or chancellor at the institution in the membership process, as determined by the Membership Committee;
 - (4) An on-campus assessment conducted by an outside group to review the readiness of the institution to become an active member, as measured against a Division II active member's athletics program as selected by the Membership Committee; and
 - (5) An annual report submitted by June 1, which shall include the completed Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) and an athletics department strategic plan.
- (b) **Year Two:** *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter)*
 - (1) An on-campus assessment conducted by the Membership Committee to review progress;
 - (2) An annual report submitted by June 1, including an update on Institutional Self-Study Guide action items and the athletics department strategic plan; and
 - (3) Demonstrated involvement and commitment of the president or chancellor at the institution in the membership process, as determined by the Membership Committee.

20.3.2.3 Provisional Period. After successful completion of the candidacy period, an institution will be invited to enter the provisional period of the membership process. During the provisional period, an institution's readiness to become an active member institution will continue to be evaluated. The length of the provisional period will vary depending on an institution's readiness to become an active member institution; however, in no event shall the provisional period be less than one year. A nonrefundable member education fee will be assessed if an institution is invited to provisional membership. The amount of the fee will be determined annually by the Membership Committee, based on a continual analysis of expenses associated with the new member process. Additionally, a check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see the current annual dues for active members per Constitution 3.7.3) also shall accompany the notice. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may establish an annual limit on the number of eligible institutions that will be invited to begin the provisional period. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter, Revised: 1/23/09)*

20.3.2.3.1 Educational Assessment Program—Provisional Period. Institutions are required to complete the following educational activities during the provisional period: *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter)*

- (a) Demonstrated administration of its athletics program in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association;
- (b) Demonstrated involvement and commitment of the president or chancellor at the institution in the membership process, as determined by the Membership Committee;
- (c) An on-campus assessment conducted by an outside group to review the readiness of the institution to become an active member through the use of a compliance blueprint review and progress since the candidacy period assessment. Based on the reports, the institution may be invited to active membership; and *(Revised: 1/23/09)*
- (d) An annual report submitted by June 1.

20.3.3 Determination of Provisional Membership Standing.

20.3.3.1 Failure to Meet Provisional Membership Requirements. A provisional member failing to meet and maintain the conditions set forth in Bylaw 20.3 and its subsections may be required to complete additional year(s) of the candidacy period or the provisional period, be placed in corresponding membership or have its membership terminated, by a two-thirds vote of the Membership Committee members present and voting. A notice of intention to terminate membership, stating the grounds on which such an action will be based, shall be given in writing to the president or chancellor of the provisional member institution. *(Adopted: 4/15/08, Revised: 1/23/09)*

20.3.3.1.1 Membership Committee Jurisdiction. Decisions made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's standing as a provisional member in the candidacy or provisional period are final. *(Adopted: 4/15/08, Revised: 1/23/09)*

20.3.3.1.1.1 Waiver. An institution may appeal to the Membership Committee for a waiver of the requirements of the Division II membership process based on a failure to meet the requirements due to circumstances beyond the control of the institution. Such an appeal must be filed by June 1 following the academic year for which the institution is seeking relief. *(Adopted: 4/15/08)*

20.3.3.1.1.2 Authority of Management Council. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's or conference's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's standing as a provisional member in the candidacy or provisional period. *(Adopted: 4/15/08, Revised: 1/23/09)*

20.3.3.2 Termination. All rights and privileges of a provisional member shall cease on any termination of provisional membership. Any provisional member whose membership is terminated may reapply for provisional membership after a period of one year. *(Adopted: 4/15/08)*

20.3.3.3 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of a provisional member shall cease on any termination of provisional membership. *(Adopted: 4/15/08)*

20.3.3.4 Discipline of Member Conference. During the Division II membership process, disciplinary or corrective actions other than termination of membership, may be effected on a member conference that contains provisional members that fail to fulfill the requirements of provisional membership set forth in Bylaw 20.3 and its subsections. *(Adopted: 4/15/08)*

20.3.3.5 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. A provisional member whose membership is terminated may reapply for membership after a period of one year. *(Adopted: 4/15/08)*

20.4 MULTIDIVISION CLASSIFICATION

20.4.1 Multidivision-Classification Options. A member institution may have a sport classified in a division other than the one in which it is a member only in the following circumstances:

20.4.1.1 Classification of a Sport in Division I. A member may petition to be classified in Division I in any one men's sport, other than football or basketball, and in any one women's sport, other than basketball, and in any single sport in which the only NCAA championships opportunity is the National Collegiate Championship. In addition, a member may be classified in Division I in a sport in which there is a Division I and a Division III championship, but no Division II championship. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

20.4.1.1.1 Eligibility for Division II Championships. Once an institution begins the first academic year of multiclassification in Division I, the institution shall no longer be eligible to participate in Division II championships in those sports. The institution remains ineligible for Division II championships in those sports for the duration of the multidivision classification process. *(Adopted: 4/15/08)*

20.4.1.2 Women's Multidivision-Classification Limitation. A member institution that has its women's program classified in a division other than its membership division (per Bylaw 20.1.1.1) shall not be eligible to petition for the multidivision-classification opportunities available to a women's program that is classified in the same division as the institution's men's program.

20.4.1.3 National Collegiate Championship. A member institution may petition to be classified in a division other than its membership division in a single sport in which the only NCAA championships opportunity is a National Collegiate Championship for which all divisions are eligible. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/10/92)*

20.4.1.4 Reclassification of a Single Sport from Division I to Division II. A member institution that has a single sport classified as Division I per Bylaw 20.4.1 may petition to reclassify that single sport back to Division II. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

20.4.2 Requesting Reclassification of a Single Sport from Division I to Division II.

20.4.2.1 Membership Committee Jurisdiction. Decisions made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's standing as a reclassified single sport are final. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

20.4.2.1.1 Authority of Management Council. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's standing as a reclassified single sport. *(Adopted: 10/20/03 effective 8/1/04)*

20.4.2.2 Notification Requirement. When petitioning of reclassification on a single sport from Division I to Division II, the institution shall submit its request to the Division II Membership Committee on a form approved by the committee. The form must be received in the national office (by mail or wired transmission) not later than June 1, preceding the year in which the institution will begin complying with the applicable division criteria. *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/29/04)*

20.4.2.3 Reclassification Period. A member reclassifying a single sport from Division I to Division II shall complete a two-year reclassifying period. At the end of the two-year period (unless an institution is required to repeat a year), a member reclassifying a single sport from Division I to Division II shall be eligible for participation in Division II in the sport effective the September 1 that the institution selects as its effective date. *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

20.4.2.4 Rules Compliance Requirements. A member institution reclassifying a single sport from Division I to Division II shall administer its athletics program in that sport in accordance with the Division II constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association for the entire two-year reclassification period. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

20.4.2.5 Annual Review. A member institution reclassifying a single sport from Division I to Division II shall provide, on an annual basis, a written report to be reviewed by the Membership Committee describing the institution's progress in meeting the application of the Division II constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association to its reclassifying single sport. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

20.4.2.6 Waiver. The Membership Committee may waive any of the requirements in Bylaw 20.4.2. An institution reclassifying a single sport from Division I to Division II that requests a waiver of the two-year reclassification period (see Bylaw 20.4.2.3) must provide written documentation to the Membership Committee demonstrating that the institution will satisfy Division II legislation in the sport during the two-year period (e.g., squad lists, schedules, financial aid equivalency information, verification of student-athlete eligibility from the NCAA Eligibility Center). *(Adopted: 1/14/09 effective 8/1/09)*

20.4.3 Championships Eligibility.

20.4.3.1 Reclassifying a Single Sport from Division I to Division II. To be eligible for the NCAA championship in the single sport in Division II on the effective September 1, the institution shall comply with all championships eligibility requirements, as prescribed by Bylaw 31, and otherwise shall be eligible for participation in that championship. In addition, a member that has been approved for reclassification of the single sport from Division I to Division II shall comply with the championships eligibility of Bylaw 18.4.2. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

20.4.4 Waivers.

20.4.4.1 New Division or Subdivision. When the institution's reclassification was the direct result of the creation of a new division or subdivision, the Executive Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the two-year requirement of Bylaw 20.4.2.3 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action.

20.5 CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP (ALL SPORTS)

20.5.1 Reclassification Process. An institution that is currently an active member of Division I or Division III and seeks to reclassify its divisional membership in all sports to Division II, must successfully complete the membership process specified in Bylaw 20.3.2 in order to obtain active member status within Division II. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter)*

20.5.2 Active Division II Membership Subsequent to Reclassification.

20.5.2.1 Three-Year Requirement. Once the change of division membership has been approved, the institution shall remain classified in Division II for a minimum of three years. *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*

20.5.2.2 Waivers.

20.5.2.2.1 Three-Year Requirement. The Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the three-year membership provisions of Bylaw 20.5.2.1 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's waiver of the minimum financial aid requirements for Division II membership. *(Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter, 7/24/07)*

20.5.2.2.2 New Division or Subdivision. When the institution's reclassification was the direct result of the creation of a new division or subdivision, the Executive Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the three-year requirement of Bylaw 20.5.2.1 if it deems

that unusual circumstances warrant such action. (Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, for those institutions entering the membership process on 8/1/07, and thereafter)

20.5.2.3 Championships Eligibility.

20.5.2.3.1 Reclassification into Division II. To be eligible for NCAA championships in Division II on the effective September 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 II shall comply with the provisions of Bylaw 18.4. (Adopted: 1/12/04)

20.5.2.3.2 Reclassification from Division II to Division I or Division III. A member of Division II that is reclassifying to Division I or Division III no longer shall be eligible to participate in any Division II NCAA championships, no longer shall be eligible to receive Division II Enhancement Fund proceeds and shall no longer be eligible to vote at the annual NCAA Convention. An institution remains eligible for Division II championships and/or committee service during the Division I or Division III exploratory period, provided the institution continues to comply with all Division II regulations. However, such eligibility would terminate once the exploratory period ends and the reclassification period to Division I or Division III has officially begun. (Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 4/11/06)

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 another division (see Bylaw 20.4 for multidivision-classification privileges), it shall apply the rules of the other division that govern the sport in question.

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:

Women's bowling	Men's and women's rifle
Men's and women's fencing	Men's and women's skiing
Men's gymnastics	Men's volleyball
Women's gymnastics	Men's and Women's water polo
Women's ice hockey	

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. However, in those sports in which two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring the sport are members of the same division, an institution participating in the championship is required to meet that division's and its own division's institutional and individual eligibility requirements (or the more stringent rule if both divisions' rules address the same issue).

20.8.1.1 Maximum Awards Exception. An institution may exceed the maximum awards limitation in a sport in which only a National Collegiate Championship is conducted and remain eligible for that NCAA event.

20.8.1.1.1 Declaration of Intent to Be Exempt. A member institution that desires to exceed the maximum awards limitation in a given sport (or sports) shall file a declaration of its intent to be exempt from that limitation. The declaration shall be received at the national office (by mail or wired transmission) not later than the June 1 before the academic year for which it seeks the exemption. Any declaration received after that date shall be postmarked not later than May 25. The institution then shall be governed by the appropriate Division I legislation governing maximum awards for that year.

20.8.2 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 Division II championship is conducted. The 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 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 20.8.1.1. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/92)

20.8.2.2 Exception for Maximum Number of Contests or Dates of Competition. A 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.

20.10 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern. *(Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. For this reason, the positioning statement for the division and the emphasis for the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.

Members support the following attributes in the belief that these attributes assist in defining the division's priorities and emphasize the division's position within the Association: Learning; Service; Passion; Sportsmanship; Resourcefulness; and Balance. The positioning statement and the attributes shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs, initiatives and policies by member institutions, conferences and the Division II governance structure.

Furthermore, a member of Division II believes in a set of common features, which assist in defining the division. Such features include exceptional teacher-to-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education, a unique model of staffing in which coaches provide additional services such as teaching and mentoring, and the development of community partnerships and student-athlete participation in community engagement activities. A member of Division II also believes in the following principles, which assist in defining the division: *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

- (a) Promoting the academic success of its student-athletes, measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- (b) That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student-athletes and the entire campus community; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- (c) Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution's mission and philosophy; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- (d) That championships are intended to provide national-level competition among eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions; *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*
- (e) Preparing student-athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- (f) Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- (g) Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit; *(Revised: 1/14/97)*
- (h) Recognizing the need to "balance" the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state); *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- (i) Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*
- (j) That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget and compliance with and self enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- (k) That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II. *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

20.10.1 Financial Aid Limitations.

20.10.1.1 Maximum Limitations. A member 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 bylaws governing financial aid awards limitations (see Bylaw 15.5.). (See Bylaw 20.8.1.1 for exception in a case which no championship is offered in a sport.)

20.10.1.2 Minimum Awards. A member of Division II shall annually provide financial assistance that equals one of the following: *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/05, for those institutions that are Division II active or provisional members as of 8/1/01; immediately for any institution applying for provisional membership after 1/14/02)*

- (a) A minimum of 50 percent of the maximum allowable equivalencies in four separate sports, at least two of which must be women's sports;
- (b) A minimum of 20 total full equivalency grants with at least 10 total full equivalency grants in women's sports; or *(Revised: 10/17/06)*
- (c) A minimum total expenditure of \$250,000 in athletically related financial aid with at least \$125,000 in women's sports. *(Revised: 10/17/06)*

20.10.1.2.1 Counting Financial Aid Awards to Satisfy Minimum Requirement. In counting financial aid awarded to student-athletes to determine if the requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.10.1.2-(a) and -(b) have been satisfied, the institution must satisfy the following: *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/05, for those institutions that are Division II active members as of 8/1/01, Revised: 10/17/06)*

- (a) Only countable financial aid, as set forth on the NCAA financial aid squad list form, may be used to meet the appropriate minimum;
- (b) Countable financial aid awarded to a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility or awarded to a medically exempt student-athlete may be used to meet the appropriate minimum;
- (c) To be included in reaching the appropriate minimum, the financial aid actually must be awarded; and
- (d) Countable aid awarded in emerging sports for women and non-NCAA sports may not be used to meet the appropriate minimum.

20.10.1.2.1.1 Counting Sports Classified as Division I. For purposes of counting financial aid awarded to student-athletes, an institution may use a sport classified as a Division I sport in order to satisfy the minimum financial aid requirements for Division II membership set forth in Bylaw 20.10.1.2. *(Adopted: 1/13/03)*

20.10.1.2.2 Single-Gender Programs. Institutions that sponsor and conduct athletics programs for only one gender must award at least one half of the minimum requirements set forth in 20.10.1.2-(a)-(c). *(Adopted: 1/13/03)*

20.10.1.2.3 Waiver of Minimum Financial Aid Awards. The Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the minimum financial aid awards required for Division II membership based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of the legislation. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's waiver of the minimum financial aid awards. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/05, for those institutions that are Division II active members as of 8/1/01, Revised: 2/21/08)*

20.10.1.2.4 Failure to Meet Minimum Financial Aid Requirement.

20.10.1.2.4.1 One-Year Probationary Period. An institution that fails to meet the minimum financial aid requirement 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 is discovered. An institution shall be afforded the one-year probationary period for failure to comply with minimum financial aid criteria only once in every 10-year period. The 10-year period shall begin September 1 after completion of the academic year in which the membership criterion is not met. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/05, for those institutions that are Division II active members as of 8/1/01)*

20.10.1.2.4.2 Application of Restricted Membership Status. If an institution fails to meet the minimum financial aid requirement 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 period (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 be reclassified as a corresponding member. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/05, for those institutions that are Division II active members as of 8/1/01)*

20.10.2 Regular-Season Eligibility. A member shall conduct its regular-season competition under eligibility rules at least as stringent as those provisions of Bylaw 14 applicable to members (see Bylaw 14.1.1).

20.10.3 Sports Sponsorship. A member of Division II shall sponsor in Division II a minimum of: (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/05, for those institutions that are Division II active or provisional members as of 8/1/01; immediately for any institution applying for provisional membership or declaring its intent to reclassify to Division II on or after 1/14/02*)

- (a) Five varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.10.3.5 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females; and five varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.10.3.5 and involving all-female teams; or
- (b) Four varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirement of Bylaw 20.10.3.5 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females; and six varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.10.3.5 and involving all-female teams.

20.10.3.1 Sport(s) Sponsored in Division I. One men's and one women's sport required in Bylaw 20.10.3-(a) or one men's and one women's sport required in Bylaw 20.10.3-(b) may be sponsored in Division I. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for institutions that are Division II active or provisional members as of 8/1/01; immediately for any institution applying for provisional membership or declaring its intent to reclassify to Division II*)

20.10.3.2 Single-Gender Programs. Institutions that sponsor and conduct athletics programs for only one gender must sponsor a minimum of five varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.10.3.5, for that gender. (*Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/13/03*)

20.10.3.3 Waiver of Minimum Women's Sports Sponsorship Criteria. The Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the Division II minimum women's sports sponsorship requirement in accordance with the procedure listed below: (*Revised: 7/24/07*)

- (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 wired transmission) not later than October 1. Any request received after that date shall be postmarked not later than September 23; (*Revised: 1/10/90, 10/3/05*)
- (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 Membership 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 in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 20.2.5.1. (*Revised: 7/24/07*)
- (e) The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's waiver of the minimum women's sports sponsorship requirement. (*Adopted: 7/24/07*)

20.10.3.4 Acceptable Sports. The sports designated to meet the sports sponsorship criteria shall:

- (a) Be among those in which the Association sponsors a championship; except as provided in Bylaw 20.10.3.4.1 or an emerging sport for women per Bylaw 20.02.6;
- (b) Be recognized by the institution as varsity intercollegiate sports (see Constitution 3.2.4.4);
- (c) Involve all-male teams, mixed teams of males and females or all-female teams; and
- (d) Be among those in which the institution opts to participate only in the NCAA championship (i.e., an institution may not participate in a national championship sponsored by a non-NCAA organization). (*Revised: 1/12/04*)

20.10.3.4.1 Waiver. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve a request 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 in which the Association sponsors a championship to meet the division sports sponsorship criteria. (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

20.10.3.5 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, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable: (*Revised: 1/14/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05 for institutions that are Division II active or provisional members as of 8/1/01; immediately for any institution applying for provisional membership or declaring its intent to reclassify to Division II, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09*)

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Baseball	24	Women's Bowling (Revised: 3/17/06)	8	5
Basketball	22	Cross Country	5	5
Field Hockey	10	Equestrian (Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)	6	12
Football	8	Men's Fencing	6	5
Men's Ice Hockey	20	Women's Fencing	6	5
Women's Ice Hockey (Revised: 3/17/06)	20	Golf	6	5
Lacrosse	8	Men's Gymnastics	6	6
Women's Rowing (Revised: 3/17/06)	6	Women's Gymnastics	6	5
Women's Rugby (Revised: 1/9/06)	20	Rifle	8	4
Soccer	10	Skiing	5	5
Softball	24	Women's Squash (Revised: 3/17/06)	8	9
Volleyball	9	Swimming and Diving	8	11
Men's Water Polo (Revised: 3/17/06)	15	Tennis	10	5
Women's Water Polo (Revised: 3/17/06)	10	Track and Field, Indoor (Revised: 1/10/05)	4	10
		Track and Field, Outdoor (Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)	4	14
		Wrestling	12	7

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.10.3.5.1 through 20.10.3.5.8 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 14 and 17.)

20.10.3.5.1 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.

20.10.3.5.2 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 20.10.3.5 and no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet. (Adopted: 1/11/94)

20.10.3.5.3 Counting Multicontest Events in Team Sports. In the team sports, each game in a double-header, triple-header or tournament shall be counted as one contest.

20.10.3.5.4 Counting Multiteam Events in Individual Sports. In the individual sports, not more than two institution-versus-institution meetings shall be counted as contests in any multiteam competition (e.g., quadrangular track and field 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: 1/11/89 effective 8/1/89)

20.10.3.5.4.1 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 that at least the minimum number of participants per 20.10.3.5 participate on the institution's team.

20.10.3.5.5 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 20.10.3.5, an institution may use the competition as a contest in meeting the minimum-contest requirements. (Adopted: 1/16/93)

20.10.3.5.6 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.

20.10.3.5.7 Contests versus 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.

20.10.3.5.8 Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. Institutions may receive credit for sponsoring both indoor and outdoor track and field provided each team participates in the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants as set forth in Bylaw 20.10.3.5. An institution also may receive credit for sponsoring both indoor and outdoor track and field, provided its team participates in a total of eight indoor and outdoor meets during the year, including at least three indoor and three outdoor meets. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for institutions that are Division II active and provisional members as of 8/1/01; immediately for any institution applying for provisional membership or declaring its intent to reclassify to Division II)*

20.10.3.5.9 Waivers.

20.10.3.5.9.1 Minimum Contests and Participants. The Membership 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 beyond the control of the institution (e.g., weather conditions or disaster preventing completion of a scheduled competition, or verified injury or illness at the site of competition preventing the participation of the required minimum number of individuals). The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's waiver of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests or the minimum number of participants in a contest. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 7/24/07)*

20.10.3.5.9.2 Minimum Contests. The Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve a waiver of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests in a situation in which: *(Revised: 2/21/08)*

- (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 rearrange its schedule to play the appropriate minimum number of contests.

20.10.4 Three-Season Requirement.

20.10.4.1 Five-Sport/Three-Season Requirement. The institution shall conduct or 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 contest and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in that sport as set forth in Bylaw 20.10.3.5 (see Constitution 3.2.4 for details of the member's obligations in meeting this requirement). *(Revised: 5/4/06)*

20.10.4.2 Guidelines for the Five-Sport/Three-Season Requirement. To meet the three-season provision, active member institutions are obligated to comply with the requirements set forth in the following subsections. *(Revised: 5/4/06)*

20.10.4.3 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 winter sport, December through March; to be counted as spring sport, February through May. *(Revised: 5/4/06)*

20.10.4.4 Meeting Three-Season Requirement. An institution may use a sport to meet the three-season requirement only if the institution has met the minimum contest and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in that sport as set forth in Bylaw 20.10.3.5. *(Revised: 5/4/06)*

20.10.4.5 Waiver. The Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the requirements of Bylaw 20.10.4.4 due to circumstances beyond an institution's control. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee in regard to an institution's waiver of the three-season requirement. *(Revised: 5/4/06, 2/21/08)*

20.10.4.6 Mixed Team. A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes. *(Revised: 5/4/06)*

20.10.4.7 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: 5/4/06)*

20.10.4.8 Male-Female Enrollment Ratio Waiver. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers for the sports sponsorship requirement for men or women if the institution provides data to demonstrate that the male-female enrollment ratio prohibits the offering of the required number of sports for one or the other. The institution shall submit its request for a waiver to the Association's president, and it shall be received in the NCAA national office not later than October 1. Any request received after that date shall be postmarked not later than September 23. The request shall include pertinent

information supporting the institution's request and shall be signed by the institution's president or chancellor. *(Revised: 5/4/06)*

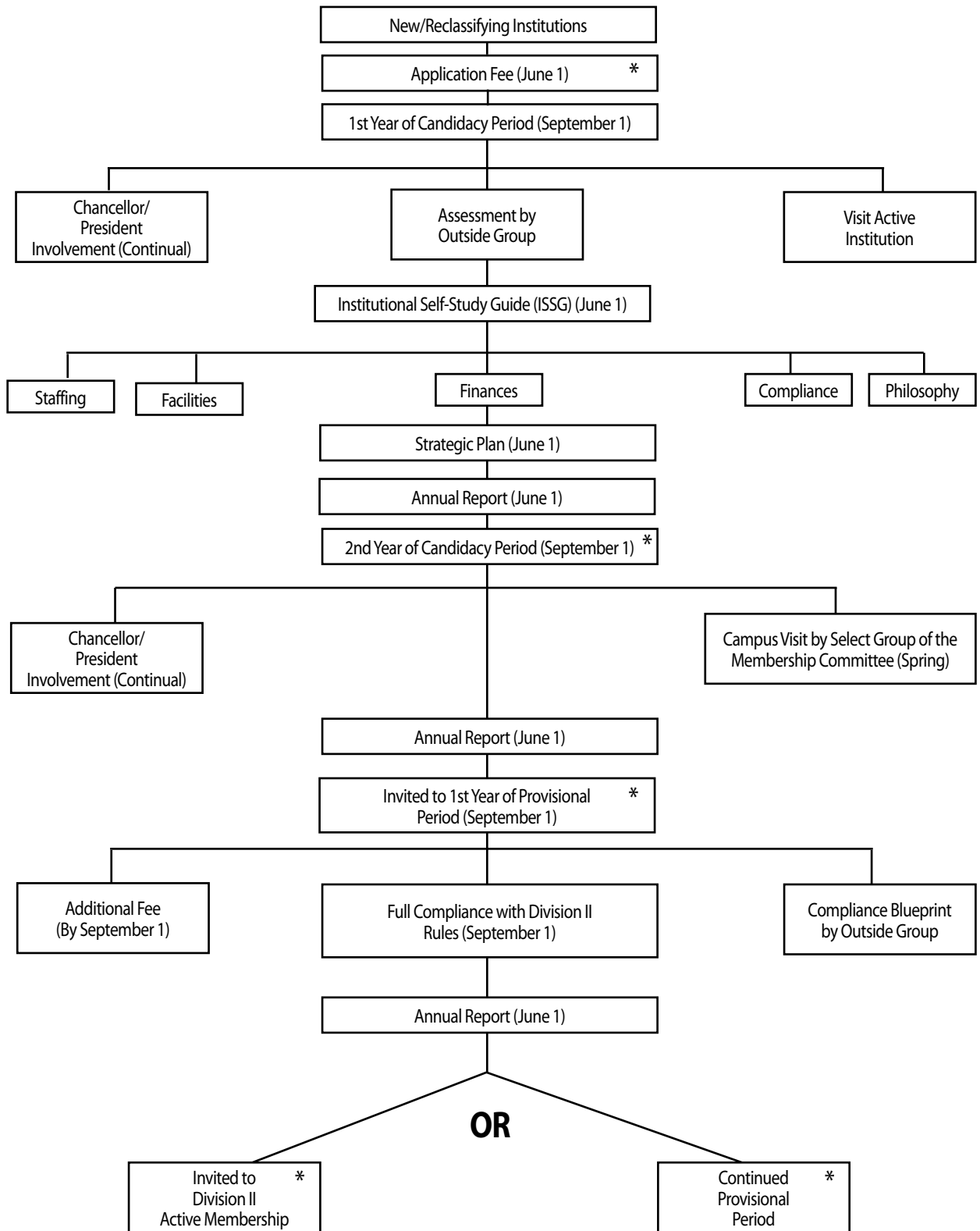
20.10.4.9 Three-Season Sport Waiver. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the requirement that an active member shall conduct at least one sport in every sport season if the institution is precluded by its academic calendar and climatic conditions from conducting a sport in a particular season. *(Revised: 5/4/06)*

20.10.5 Audit of Membership Requirements. If a member institution is placed on probation for failure to fulfill more than one membership requirement during a 10-year period, the Membership Committee shall have the authority to conduct an audit of the institution's fulfillment of membership requirements (see Bylaw 21.8.5.7.2). The committee shall only audit the institution's fulfillment of membership requirements for which the institution has been placed on probation. The committee may impose conditions or penalties that an institution must satisfy during the probationary period. *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

FIGURE 20-1
General Requirements for Division II Membership

	Sports Sponsorship: Number of Sports			Minimum Number of Team Sports	Three-season Requirement	Scheduling Requirement	Financial Aid Requirement
	All-Male or Mixed-Team Sports	OR	All-Female Sports				
Active Division II	5 4	OR	5 6	2-All male/mixed 2-All female	One sport, per gender, per season per Bylaw 20.10.4	Must meet minimum contests and participant requirement per Bylaw 20.10.3.5	Must meet minimum financial aid requirement per Bylaw 20.10.1.2
Provisional members After 8/1/07	5 4	OR	5 6	2-All male/mixed 2-All female	One sport, per gender, per season per Bylaw 20.10.4	Must meet minimum contests and participant requirement during year one of the provisional period per Bylaws 20.3.1.2 and 20.10.3.5	Must meet minimum financial aid requirement during year one of the provisional period per Bylaws 20.3.1.2 and 20.10.1.2

FIGURE 20-2
Division II Membership Process



* The Division II Membership Committee has the ultimate authority to review and approve all applications and reports submitted by institutions.

Committees

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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 ongoing 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: 1/10/05)*

- (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, 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 or 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 Management 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 Web site (ncaa.org) or may be obtained from the NCAA national office. *(Adopted: 1/26/09)*

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: 1/10/05)*

21.1.2 Method of Selection. [#] Three of the six Division I representatives shall be appointed by the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (these members must be current members of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet) 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' Championship 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: 1/10/05)*

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: 1/10/05)*

21.1.3 Term of Office. [#] At-large members of the panel will serve four-year terms. Championships/Sports Management Cabinet and Championships Committee appointments will serve for the duration of their cabinet's or committee's term. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

21.1.4 Duties. [#] The panel shall: *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

- (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 of 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 committee 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; *(Revised: 1/5/07)*
- (f) Review all playing rules changes pertaining to finances, safety and image of the game; and *(Revised: 1/5/07)*
- (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. *(Adopted: 1/5/07)*

21.1.5 Meetings. [#] The Playing Rules Oversight Panel shall meet three times annually (e.g., March, June, August) after the playing rules committees meetings for each season are complete. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

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: 1/10/05)*

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: 1/10/05)*

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 (see Bylaw 21.6). 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, 1/13/03, 6/16/08)*

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. *(Adopted: 6/16/08)*

21.2.1.3 Operation. [#] The Executive Committee 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, 1/13/03, 6/16/08)*

21.2.2 Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Committee on. [#]

21.2.2.1 Composition. [#] The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports shall consist of 20 members, including five positions allocated for men, five allocated for women and 10 unallocated. The membership of the committee shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) Two athletics directors or senior woman administrators, one man and one woman;
- (b) One member who is an active coach;
- (c) One member active in exercise physiology research;
- (d) Three members from the field of medicine, of whom at least one shall be a woman, one shall be a primary-care team physician and one shall be a board certified orthopedic specialist; (*Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/05*)
- (e) One man and one woman, one of whom is responsible for the total athletics training programs at member institutions; (*Revised: 1/10/95*)
- (f) One member representing the field of law;
- (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 Association staff liaison to the Sports Medicine Advisory Board and shall be eligible for reappointment without restriction;
- (i) One member active in sports-medicine research; (*Revised: 1/10/90*)
- (j) One member with expertise in drug testing; (*Adopted: 1/13/03*)
- (k) One member with expertise in the area of drug education; (*Revised: 1/10/00*)
- (l) One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one combined vote) 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 intercollegiate athletics eligibility; and (*Revised: 1/14/02*)
- (m) Two members selected at large.

21.2.2.1.1 Division II Student-Athlete Representation. The Division II student-athlete member of the Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Committee shall also be a member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. (*Adopted: 1/14/02*)

21.2.2.2 Duties. [#] The committee, subject to the direction of the Executive Committee, shall: (*Revised: 1/13/03*)

- (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: 4/11/06*)

21.2.3 Honors Committee. [#]

21.2.3.1 Composition. [#] The Honors Committee shall consist of nine members, including one current or one 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, 10/23/07*)

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: 4/15/08*)

21.2.3.3 Duties. [#] The committee shall receive nominations for the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the Silver Anniversary Awards, the Top VIII Awards, the Award of Valor and the Inspiration Award and shall select the recipients of those awards.

21.2.4 Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [#]

21.2.4.1 Composition. [#] The Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee shall consist of 15 members. There shall be six members from Division I, three members from Division II and three members from Division III. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one combined vote) 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. Committee membership shall include a minimum of eight ethnic minorities, including at least four males and four females. (*Adopted: 1/10/91*)

21.2.4.1.1 Division II Student-Athlete Representation. The Division II student-athlete member of the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee shall also be a member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/02)*

21.2.4.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall review issues related to the interests of ethnic minority student-athletes, NCAA minority programs and NCAA policies that affect ethnic minorities. *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*

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 combined vote) 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 athletic eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/14/02 effective 1/14/02)*

21.2.5.1.1 Division II Student-Athlete Representation. The Division II student-athlete member of the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee shall also be a member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/02)*

21.2.5.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*

- (a) Act as a liaison between the Association, the U.S. Olympic 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, 1/14/02, 10/20/03)*

21.2.7.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall:

- (a) Evaluate, supervise and coordinate the Association's research activities;
- (b) Make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding expenditures of Association funds for research projects; and
- (c) Make recommendations to the Council concerning research topics in intercollegiate athletics.

21.2.8 Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, Committee on. [#]

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 combined vote) 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: 1/14/02)*

21.2.8.1.1 Student-Athlete Representation. A Division II student-athlete shall serve as a member of the committee in an advisory capacity and may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/00)*

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 five members, including one position allocated for a man, one allocated for a woman and three unallocated. *(Adopted: 1/10/90)*

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 Women's Athletics, Committee on. [#]

21.2.10.1 Composition. [#] The Committee on Women's Athletics shall consist of 15 members, including six members from Division I, three members from Division II and three members from Division III. Four positions shall be allocated for men, four allocated for women and four unallocated. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one combined vote) 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, 1/14/02, 1/12/04, 10/21/08)*

21.2.10.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall:

- (a) Study and make policy recommendations concerning opportunities for women in athletics at the institutional, conference and national levels; *(Revised: 1/12/04)*
- (b) Study and make policy recommendations concerning other issues directly affecting women's athletics; and *(Revised: 1/12/04)*
- (c) Appoint and oversee the Woman of the Year selection committee and the process. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

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 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, 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02, 1/13/03, 1/5/07)*

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: 1/13/03, Revised: 1/5/07)*

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)*

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 the Playing Rules Oversight Panel approval. Experimentation in the regular season shall be subject to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel review. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/10/05, 1/15/05)*

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. *(Adopted: 6/16/08)*

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 Executive Committee shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of Association-wide committee meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

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. *(Revised: 1/10/91)*

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 *(Revised: 1/11/89)*
- (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 *(Revised: 1/16/93)*
- (c) One member shall be elected chair. *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

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)*

- (a) Six members shall be from Division I, one member shall be from Division II, 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; *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02)*
- (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: *(Adopted: 1/13/03)*

- (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.

21.3.8 Lacrosse Rules Committee, Women's. The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/10/04 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 Volleyball Rules Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/8/01)*

- (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.

21.4 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, 1/14/02, 1/13/03, 1/5/07)*

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: 1/13/03, Revised: 1/5/07)*

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 (i.e., 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)*

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: 1/13/03)*

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 the 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, 1/10/05, 1/15/05)*

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 Executive Committee shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of common committee meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

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. *(Adopted: 6/16/08)*

21.4.2 Bowling Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Bowling Committee shall consist of six members, including the secretary-rules editor. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

21.4.3 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.

21.4.4 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)*

- (a) Two members shall represent men's skiing interests, two members shall represent women's skiing interests and three unallocated; *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/13/03)*
- (b) One member shall be selected from the West skiing region, two members shall be selected from the East skiing region, three members shall be selected at large and one member shall be secretary-rules editor; and *(Revised: 1/11/89)*
- (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. *(Adopted: 1/14/02)*

21.4.5 Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee shall consist of 19 members and shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) There shall be at least two representatives from Districts 1 and 2; two representatives from District 3; two representatives from District 4; one representative from Districts 5, 6 and 7; and one representative from District 8; *(Revised: 1/10/95)*
- (b) Eight members shall be from Division I and shall compose a Division I subcommittee. Four members of the subcommittee 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;
- (c) Four members shall be from Division II and shall compose a Division II subcommittee. Two members of the subcommittee shall represent men's swimming interests and two members shall represent women's swimming interests, including one position allocated for a man, one allocated for a woman and two unallocated;
- (d) Four members shall be from Division III and shall compose a Division III subcommittee. Two members of the subcommittee shall represent men's swimming and diving interests and two members shall represent women's swimming and diving interests, including one position allocated for a man, one allocated for a woman and two unallocated;
- (e) An additional four members shall represent diving interests, two representing men's diving and two representing women's diving. Two shall be Division I representatives, one shall be a Division II representative and one shall be a Division III representative; and *(Revised: 1/13/98)*
- (f) An additional member shall be secretary-rules editor.

21.4.6 Track and Field Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee shall consist of 25 members and shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) There shall be at least four 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) Twelve members shall be from Division I and shall compose a Division I subcommittee. Six members of the subcommittee shall represent men's track and field interests and six members shall represent women's track and field interests, including four positions allocated for men, four allocated for women and four unallocated;
- (c) Six members shall be from Division II and shall compose a Division II subcommittee. Three members of the subcommittee shall represent men's track and field interests and three members shall represent women's track and field interests, including two positions allocated for men, two allocated for women and two unallocated;
- (d) Six members shall be from Division III and shall compose a Division III subcommittee. Three members of the subcommittee shall represent men's track and field interests and three members shall represent women's track and field interests, including two positions allocated for men, two allocated for women and two unallocated;
- (e) An additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and
- (f) A rules-editing subcommittee shall have five members, including two members appointed by the Division I subcommittee, one member each appointed by the Division II and Division III subcommittees and the secretary-rules editor. The rules-editing subcommittee shall formulate playing rules subject to the approval of the full committee.

21.4.7 Water Polo Committee, Men's. [#] The Men's Water Polo Committee shall consist of six members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/5/07)*

- (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. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 4/20/99)*

21.4.8 Water Polo Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Water Polo Committee shall consist of six members, including the secretary-rules editor. There shall be three members from Division I, one member from Division II, one member from Division III and one member selected at-large. *(Adopted: 1/10/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 8/1/00)*

21.4.9 Wrestling Committee. [#] The Wrestling Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) There shall be at least one representative from District 3 and at least two representatives from each of the following three geographical regions: Districts 1 and 2; 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 and three members shall be from Division III; and
- (c) An additional member shall be secretary-rules editor.

21.5 COMMON COMMITTEES—COMMITTEES WITH ONLY CHAMPIONSHIPS 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, 1/13/03)*

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 Executive Committee. (See Bylaw 31 for committee duties related to the administration of championships.) *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.5.1.3 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. *(Adopted: 6/16/08)*

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 Executive Committee shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of common committee meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.5.2 Ice Hockey Committee, Women's. The Women's Ice Hockey Committee shall consist of four members. There shall be three members from Division I and one member from Division II. *(Adopted: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 8/1/00, 1/14/02, 1/13/03)*

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: 1/13/03)*

21.6.2 Operation. [#] The Executive Committee shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of common committee meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.6.3 International-Student Records Committee. [#]

21.6.3.1 Composition. [#] The committee shall consist of eight members, including two Division I representatives, two Division II representatives, two representatives who may be from either Division I or Division II and two ex-officio members, one of whom shall be the NCAA Eligibility Center's primary international-student records consultant. *(Adopted: 1/11/00, Revised: 1/8/01, 7/21/09)*

21.6.3.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall assist in reviewing initial-eligibility standards for international students. *(Adopted: 1/11/00)*

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: 1/14/02)*

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: 7/24/07)*

- (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 representative from the Division I Academics Cabinet;
- (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 Division 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 Academics Cabinet and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 14.1.2.1.) *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

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 reappointed. Terms of service shall run concurrently with Division I Academics Cabinet and Division II Academic Requirements Committee service for members filling those roles. *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

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: 7/24/07)*

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: 7/24/07)*

- (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 representative from the Division I Academics Cabinet;
- (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 Division 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 review of academic credentials and the determination of the validity of such credentials shall be approved by the Division I Academics Cabinet and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 14.1.2.2.) *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

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 reappointed. Terms of service shall run concurrently with Division I Academics Cabinet and Division II Academic Requirements Committee service for members filling those roles. *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

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: 7/24/07)*

21.8 DIVISION II COMMITTEES

21.8.1 Eligibility for Membership.

21.8.1.1 On The Staff. Individuals serving on Division II committees or as Division II representatives on Association-wide or common committees shall be salaried on a regular basis by a Division II active member 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. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97 Revised: 1/8/07)*

21.8.1.1.1 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 on the committee at the Division II Management Council and Presidents Council meetings immediately after the change in status. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.1.1.2 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)*

21.8.1.1.3 Reclassification from Division II to Division I or III. If a committee member's institution has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its membership classification to Division I or III, that individual shall not be eligible to serve on any Division II committee. *(Adopted: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, for those institutions that begin the reclassification period 9/1/00)*

21.8.1.1.4 Exception—Playing Rules Committees. Institutional staff members from Division II or 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: 1/5/07)*

21.8.1.1.5 Waiver of Replacement Requirement. The Management Council, subject to ratification by the Presidents Council, shall have the authority to waive this provision or to approve a later replacement date if it deems that application of Bylaw 21.8.1.1.1 would be detrimental to the work of the committee involved. *(Adopted: 10/23/07)*

21.8.2 Term of Office.

21.8.2.1 Four-Year Term. Unless otherwise specified, the Division II members of committees shall be appointed or elected for one four-year term. Unless otherwise specified, a member's term of service shall commence on the first day of September after the member's election or appointment. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.2.2 Appointment or Election. Unless otherwise specified, the Division II members of committees will be appointed or elected by the Division II Management Council, subject to ratification by the Division II Presidents Council. Unless otherwise specified, a former committee member may be appointed or elected to an additional term on that committee after three years have elapsed. Unless otherwise specified, an individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member serving more than one-half of a four-year term is ineligible to seek immediate re-election. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.2.2.1 Appointment or Election of Chairs. Unless otherwise specified, chairs of Division II specific committees shall be elected by the committees themselves for a term not to exceed two years. A chair is not eligible for immediate re-election to the position of chair. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.2.3 Appointment to Fill Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy occurs among the members of a Division II committee or among the Division II members of Association-wide or common committees, the Division II Management Council, subject to ratification by the Division II Presidents Council, may fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term by a majority vote of its members present and voting. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.2.3.1 Unexpired Portion of Term. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall be appointed only for the unexpired portion of that term. Members who serve more than one-half of a term in such instances shall be considered to have served a full term. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.2.4 Adjustments to Achieve Staggered Terms. Members may be appointed for less than full terms whenever it is necessary to adjust the membership of a committee to ensure that vacancies occur in proper sequence. Members who serve more than one-half of a term in such instances shall be considered to have served a full term. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.2.5 Division II Management Council Representation. All Division II committees with fewer than seven members that report directly to the Management Council shall include at least one Management Council member, and Division II committees with more than six members that report directly to the Management Council shall include at least two Management Council members. In addition, at least one of the Division II representatives on committees functioning in an Association-wide capacity shall be a member of the Management Council. Management Council members shall serve as the liaisons for each committee to the Management Council. Unless otherwise specified, Management Council members shall serve as voting members of such committees. A Management Council member's term of service shall commence in January after adjournment of the annual Convention and shall be concurrent with his or her term of service on the Management Council. A Management Council member must terminate service on such a committee at the expiration of his or her term on the Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.3 Removal from Committee. The chair of each committee is authorized to recommend to the Division II Management Council that a member be replaced if such member is not discharging the member's duties properly. In addition, a member who is absent from two consecutive meetings without reasons approved by the Management Council shall be removed from the committee. The Management Council shall have authority to appoint a replacement for the unexpired portion of the term. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.4 Meeting Length and Sites. The Management Council, subject to ratification by the Presidents Council, is responsible for developing policies governing the length, sites and expenses related to Division II committee meetings (see Bylaw 31.7.2). Such policies shall be available online on the NCAA Web site. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.5 Division II General Committees. To conduct Division II business in an efficient and orderly fashion, the following Division II committees shall be established and shall report directly to the Division II Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.5.1 Academic Requirements Committee.

21.8.5.1.1 Composition. The Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall consist of 10 members, including two members of the Division II Management Council, one member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and at least one member representing the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/10/05)*

21.8.5.1.2 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) Review and consider those portions of the Association's constitution and bylaws that affect Division II and relate to principles of sound academic requirements;
- (b) Study, create policies and, when appropriate, make legislative recommendations to the Division II Management Council regarding initial-eligibility, progress-toward-degree and transfer requirements; *(Revised: 1/10/05)*
- (c) Review and establish procedures for considering waivers of initial-eligibility and progress-toward-degree requirements; *(Revised: 1/10/05)*
- (d) Monitor procedures for gathering data on membership persistence and graduation rates and report the findings from the study of such rates; *(Revised: 1/10/05)*
- (e) Serve on the NCAA Division II Degree Completion Award Committee; *(Revised: 1/10/05)*
- (f) Interact with Divisions I and III to monitor appropriate application of academic issues; and *(Revised: 1/10/05)*
- (g) Study and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the Division II Management Council concerning relationships between the Association and its members, the secondary-school community and two-year colleges. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

21.8.5.2 Championships Committee.

21.8.5.2.1 Composition. The Division II Championships Committee shall consist of 12 members, including the vice chair and one other member of the Division II Management Council and one member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/10/05)*

21.8.5.2.1.1 Chair. The vice chair of the Division II Management Council shall serve as chair of the Championships Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.5.2.2 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99, 5/1/08)*

- (a) Make budgetary recommendations to the Division II Management Council for the conduct of Division II championships;
- (b) Supervise qualification and/or selection procedures for Division II championships;
- (c) Review and act on recommendations from Division II sports committees regarding the administration of those championships;
- (d) Process other issues related to the administration of the events;
- (e) Act for the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council as the final authority regarding championships matters in Division II that are subject to appeal;
- (f) Maintain responsibility for issues involving college all-star football and basketball contests;
- (g) Select sports committee representatives, subject to ratification by the Division II Management Council; and
- (h) Administer and interpret policies and distribution formula related to the Division II Enhancement Fund.

21.8.5.2.2.1 Recommendations from Division II Sports Committees. All Division II sports committees report directly to the Division II Championships Committee. All sports committee recommendations shall be processed through the Championships Committee, then to the Management Council and are subject to ratification by the Division II Presidents Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.5.3 Committee on Infractions.

21.8.5.3.1 Composition. The Division II Committee on Infractions shall consist of five members, including one member of the Division II Management Council and one individual from the general public who is not associated with a collegiate institution, conference, professional or similar sports organization or who represents coaches or athletes in any capacity. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.5.3.2 Term of Office. A member shall serve a four-year term and shall be eligible for immediate re-election. A member may not serve more than two terms on the committee. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

21.8.5.3.3 Duties. The committee shall: (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

- (a) Consider complaints that may be filed with the Association charging the failure of any Division II member to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for membership or the failure of any Division II member to meet the conditions and obligations of membership in the Association;
- (b) Formulate and revise in accordance with the requirements of Bylaw 19.3, a statement of its established operating policies and procedures, including investigative guidelines (see Bylaw 32);
- (c) Determine facts related to alleged violations and find violations of NCAA rules and requirements;
- (d) Impose an appropriate penalty or “show-cause” requirement on a Division II member found to be involved in a major violation (or on appeal on a Division II member found to be involved in a secondary violation) or recommend to the Division II Presidents Council suspension or termination of membership; and
- (e) Carry out any other duties directly related to the administration of the Division II enforcement program.

21.8.5.3.4 Authority of Committee on Infractions. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be effected during the period between the Division II business session of the annual Convention by members of the Committee on Infractions present and voting at any duly called meeting, provided the call of such a meeting shall have contained notice of the situation presenting the disciplinary problem. Actions of the committee in cases involving major violations, however, shall be subject to review by the Division II Management Council per Bylaw 19.2, on appeal. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

21.8.5.3.5 Authority of Vice President for Enforcement Services. On review of information developed by the enforcement staff or self-reported by the member institution, the vice president for enforcement services shall identify the charges as involving alleged major or secondary violations, or repeated secondary violations that should be viewed as a major violation, subject to approval by the committee chair or another member of the committee designated by the chair. Disciplinary or corrective actions in the case of secondary violations may be effected by the vice president for enforcement services, subject to approval by the committee chair or another member of the committee designated by the chair. Said actions shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of the enforcement policies and procedures and shall be subject to review by the committee on appeal. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

21.8.5.3.6 Authority of Committee Chair. In the interim between meetings of the committee, the chair shall be empowered to act on behalf of the committee, subject to committee approval at its next meeting. If at any time, at a meeting or between meetings, the chair is unavailable to act as such, the member of the committee longest in service who is available is empowered to exercise the functions of the chair. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

21.8.5.3.7 Authority of Management Council. The Management Council per Bylaw 19.2 shall hear and act on an institution’s appeal of the findings of major violations by the committee. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

21.8.5.4 Committee for Legislative Relief (formerly known as Administrative Review Subcommittee).

21.8.5.4.1 Composition. The Division II Committee for Legislative Relief shall consist of five members, including one member of the Division II Management Council. (*Adopted: 4/15/08*)

21.8.5.4.1.1 Term of Office. Members of the Committee for Legislative Relief shall be elected for one three-year term. An individual may be immediately re-elected to a second three-year term. (*Adopted: 4/15/08*)

21.8.5.4.2 Duties. The committee shall review waiver requests for relief from the application of NCAA legislation to a particular situation in which no other committee, subcommittee or conference has the authority to act. The committee shall establish policies and procedures for reviewing such requests. (See Constitution 5.4.1.7.) (*Adopted: 4/15/08*)

21.8.5.4.3 Decision Final. Any decision made by the committee is final. (*Adopted: 4/15/08*)

21.8.5.5 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

21.8.5.5.1 Composition. The Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall consist of six members, including one member of the Division II Management Council, and one member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/9/06*)

21.8.5.5.1.1 Term of Office. Members of the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall be elected for one three-year term. An individual may be immediately re-elected to a second three-year term. (*Adopted: 1/8/01*)

21.8.5.5.2 Duties. The committee shall have the authority under Bylaw 14.12 to determine all matters pertaining to the policies and procedures for the reinstatement of eligibility of a Division II student-athlete who is ineligible for intercollegiate competition as a result of an NCAA rules violation, and for waivers of legislation that the Division II Management Council or membership has authorized the committee to grant. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/13/98)*

21.8.5.5.2.1 Procedures. The procedures for processing such appeals or requests shall be established by the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and approved by the Division II Management Council. The committee may reinstate eligibility immediately, may reinstate eligibility at a future time or may determine that eligibility should not be reinstated. The committee also may impose conditions for reinstatement of eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/13/98)*

21.8.5.5.2.2 Authority of Student-Athlete Reinstatement Staff. Subject to review by the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, the student-athlete reinstatement staff is authorized to apply the Division II eligibility rules. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/13/98)*

21.8.5.5.2.3 Appeals. After the student-athlete reinstatement staff has acted on an eligibility matter, the involved Division II institution may appeal the decision to the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The committee's determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by the Division II Management Council or any other authority. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/13/98)*

21.8.5.6 Legislation Committee.

21.8.5.6.1 Composition. The Division II Legislation Committee shall consist of 12 members, including two members of the Division II Management Council and one member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/10/05)*

21.8.5.6.2 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) Determine interpretations of all Division II-specific legislation;
- (b) Incorporate new legislation and interpretations in the NCAA Manual;
- (c) Review deregulation issues in consultation with other Division II committees;
- (d) Approve the publication of supplementary compilations of interpretations;
- (e) Review and consider legislative issues of those portions of the Association's constitution and bylaws that relate to the principles governing financial aid and amateurism, professional sports relations, recruiting, personnel limitations, and playing and practice seasons; and
- (f) Review and consider issues regarding rules education and compliance resources. *(Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 10/17/06)*

21.8.5.7 Membership Committee.

21.8.5.7.1 Composition. The Division II Membership Committee shall consist of 11 members, including two members of the Division II Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/02, 7/22/08)*

21.8.5.7.2 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) Review and consider issues pertaining to the Division II membership requirements and membership compliance pursuant to Constitution 3 and Bylaw 20; *(Revised: 1/10/05)*
- (b) Handle Convention tasks related to Division II business, which include examining the credentials of Division II delegates, determining (subject to appeal of the Division II membership) the authority of any Division II delegate to vote or otherwise represent a member institution at an annual or special Convention and counting the votes at an annual or special Convention; and *(Revised: 1/10/05)*
- (c) Have the authority to conduct an audit of an institution's fulfillment of membership requirements if the institution is placed on probation for failure to fulfill more than one membership requirement during a 10-year period. (See Bylaw 20.10.5.) *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

21.8.5.8 Nominating Committee.

21.8.5.8.1 Composition. The Division II Nominating Committee shall consist of 11 members, including two members of the Division II Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.5.8.2 Duties.

- (a) Giving due weight to gender and ethnic diversity, as well as diversity by position and conference affiliation, the committee shall present to the Division II Management Council nominations for vacancies on all Division II-specific committees, and for the Division II positions on committees functioning in an Association-wide or multidivisional capacity. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*
- (b) Giving due weight to gender and ethnic diversity, regional representation and conference affiliation, the committee shall present to the Division II Championships Committee nominations for vacancies on all Division II men's and women's sports committees. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/10/05)*

21.8.5.9 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

21.8.5.9.1 Composition. The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Division II multisport voting conferences, one representative of Division II independent institutions, provided there are at least six Division II independent institutions, two at-large positions to enhance efforts to achieve diversity of representation and two members of the Division II Management Council. A student-athlete representative initially must be a full-time undergraduate student at a Division II institution, as defined by the regulations of the institution, and must be a student-athlete or a former student-athlete in a Division II sport. Each conference representative must be initially enrolled as an undergraduate student at a Division II institution in the applicable conference. The two Management Council members shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99, 1/7/00, 1/9/01, 1/14/02, 1/12/04)*

21.8.5.9.1.1 Position Allocated for Independent Institutions. If the total number of independent institutions falls below six, the position allocated for independent institutions shall become an at-large position as soon as the position becomes vacant. *(Adopted: 1/9/01, Revised: 1/14/02)*

21.8.5.9.2 Vacancies. When a vacancy on the committee occurs, the applicable conference shall nominate at least four student-athletes, each from different active member institutions in the conference. Nominations for the independent position and at-large positions will be solicited by the Division II Nominating Committee. Giving due weight to gender and ethnic diversity, as well as diversity by sports participation, student-athlete representatives shall be selected by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee from the slate of nominees, subject to ratification by the Division II Management Council and Presidents Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/02)*

21.8.5.9.2.1 Vacancies Prior to Completion of Term. If a conference representative vacates his or her position prior to the completion of a term, and if the at-large member of the committee is a member of the same conference, the conference vacancy shall be filled by the at-large representative from the same conference and a new at-large representative shall be elected. *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

21.8.5.9.3 Term of Office. At the time of initial appointment to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the student-athlete must have at minimum two years of eligibility remaining. A student-athlete representative shall not serve more than one three-year term on the committee. If the student-athlete resigns from the committee prior to the expiration of the three-year term, his or her replacement shall be appointed to one three-year term on the committee. Student-athletes may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of their intercollegiate athletics eligibility, provided the student-athlete remains active with his or her conference's student-athlete advisory committee. A student-athlete's term of office shall commence in January after the adjournment of the annual Convention. A Management Council representative's term of office shall be concurrent with his or her term of service on the Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/04 for all Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives beginning his/her term of office after the end of the 2004 NCAA Convention)*

21.8.5.9.4 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/04)*

- (a) Identify issues and initiatives affecting Division II institutions; *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*
- (b) Educate conference and campus Student-Athlete Advisory Committees; *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*
- (c) Review and respond to issues raised by other committees; *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*
- (d) Participate in the Division II legislative process through involvement in the annual Convention; *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*
- (e) Distribute and collect conference grids; *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*
- (f) Participate in an annual summit with the Division II Management Council; *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*
- (g) Represent Division II student-athletes on divisional and Association-wide committees; and *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*
- (h) Participate in three in-person meetings per year. *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*

21.8.6 Sports Committees with Only Division II Championships Administration Responsibilities. To conduct Division II championships in an efficient and orderly fashion, Division II sports committees shall be established and will report directly to the Division II Championships Committee (see Bylaw 21.8.6.2). *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.6.1 Selection, Composition and Duties.

21.8.6.1.1 Method of Selection. The members of each Division II sports committee and the Division II representatives on Association-wide and common rules committees shall be nominated by the Division II Nominating Committee and shall be selected by the Division II Championships Committee, subject to ratification by the Division II Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.6.1.1.1 Appointment to Fill Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy occurs among the members of a Division II sports committee, the Division II Championships Committee, subject to ratification by the Division II Management Council, may fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term by a majority vote of its members present and voting. *(Adopted: 1/13/98)*

21.8.6.1.1.2 Unexpired Portion of Term. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall be appointed only for the unexpired portion of that term. Members who serve more than one-half of a term in such instances shall be considered to have served a full term. *(Adopted: 1/13/98)*

21.8.6.1.1.3 Change in Employment Status. If a member of a sports committee accepts employment that results in him/her moving to a region other than the one he/she was originally appointed to represent, that committee member shall not automatically represent the new region. *(Adopted: 1/14/02)*

21.8.6.1.2 Composition Requirements. For sports committees in both team and individual sports that administer Division II championships and for Division II representatives on Association-wide and common rules committees, at least 50 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators (e.g., athletics directors, associate or assistant athletics directors, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, 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). An institutional staff member who performs both coaching and administrative functions may be counted as either an athletics administrator or a coach. Additionally, the sports committees shall be represented by individuals from specific regions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/10/05)*

21.8.6.1.3 Duties. Each Division II sports committee shall be responsible for developing policies, procedures and selection criteria governing the administration and conduct of the NCAA Division II championships under its jurisdiction and shall be responsible for administering such championships (subject to the approval of the Division II Championships Committee and the Division II Management Council, subject to ratification by the Division II Presidents Council) and the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed by Bylaw 31. (See Bylaw 31 for committee duties related to the administration of championships.) *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.6.1.4 Selection Criteria. Each Division II sports committee shall have the authority to establish championships selection criteria (subject to the approval of the Division II Championships Committee and the Division II Management Council, subject to ratification by the Division II Presidents Council) 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)*

21.8.6.1.5 Regional Advisory Committees. Regional advisory committees may be appointed by each sports committee as prescribed by the Division II Championships Committee, as ratified by the Division II Management Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.6.2 Committee Membership. Membership on sports committees in team and individual sports that administer Division II championships shall be limited in number as specified in Figure 21-1. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

21.8.6.3 Appeals Subcommittee. The Appeals Subcommittee shall hear and decide appeals of Division II sports committees' decisions. *(Adopted: 1/9/06, for sports committees' decisions occurring on or after 8/1/04)*

21.8.6.3.1 Composition Requirements. The Appeals Subcommittee shall consist of five members, including two members of the Division II Championships Committee, two members of the Division II Management Council and the chair of the Championships Committee. The chair of the Appeals Subcommittee shall be the same individual who serves as the chair of the Championships Committee and shall vote only in the cases of a tie. *(Adopted: 1/9/06, for sports committees' decisions occurring on or after 8/1/04)*

21.8.6.3.2 Duties. The Appeals Subcommittee shall review and consider appeals of Division II sports committees' decisions, including nullifications. The subcommittee shall not have the authority to hear appeals of selection decisions. *(Adopted: 1/9/06, for sports committees' decisions occurring on or after 8/1/04, Revised: 1/5/07)*

FIGURE 21-1
Sports Committee Membership

Committee	Number of Members
Baseball Committee	8
Basketball Committee, Men's	8
Basketball Committee, Women's	8
Field Hockey Committee	4
Football Committee	8, consisting of two representatives from each of the four Division II football regions and each member shall represent a different member conference or independent institution
Golf Committee, Men's	5
Golf Committee, Women's	4
Lacrosse Committee, Men's	4. Each of the Division II lacrosse regions shall be represented.
Lacrosse Committee, Women's	4, consisting of equal representation from each region
Rowing Committee, Women's	3
Soccer Committee, Men's	8
Soccer Committee, Women's	8
Softball Committee, Women's	8
Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's and Women's	4, consisting of the four Division II representatives to the common Men's and Women's Swimming Committee with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities (see Bylaw 21.4.5)
Tennis Committee, Men's and Women's	8, consisting of three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two unallocated positions
Track and Field Committee, Men's and Women's	8, consisting of the six Division II representatives to the common Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities (see Bylaw 21.4.6) and two additional members*
Volleyball Committee, Women's	8
Wrestling Committee	4, consisting of the three Division II representatives to the common Wrestling Committee with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities and one additional member

*The Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee shall be responsible for the Division II cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field championships. (See Bylaw 31 for committee duties related to the administration of championships).

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30.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLE

Constitution 5.2.3 authorizes the applicable presidential administrative group to adopt or amend administrative regulations. (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97*)

30.1 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 completed and submitted a copy of the Integrated Postsecondary-Education Data System Graduation-Rate Survey (IPEDS GRS-1) to the NCAA national office on or before the applicable deadline established by federal regulations. (See Bylaw 13.3 for additional regulations.) (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/6/91 effective immediately for data collection, 4/15/92, 1/14/97, 10/28/97, 4/13/99, 1/12/04*)

30.1.1 Academic Performance Census—Failure to Submit. If an institution fails to submit its Academic Performance Census by the applicable deadline, in a format approved and administered by the Presidents Council (or a committee designated by the Presidents Council), that institution shall forfeit Division II institutional enhancement funds for the following academic year. (*Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, however, institutions will be required to submit data from the 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years during the first year of disclosure*)

30.1.1.1 Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may grant waivers of Bylaw 30.1.1 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. The Management Council shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Academic Requirements Committee. (*Adopted: 1/15/09*)

30.3 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

A member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship unless its president or chancellor makes an annual institutional eligibility certification [see Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(d)] attesting that the conditions set forth in this section have been satisfied. The certification shall be completed not later than September 15. (*Revised: 1/10/95, 10/3/05*)

30.3.1 NCAA Rules Review. The president or chancellor, 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.

30.3.2 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 or the Management Council, no current member of the institution's coaching staff:

- (a) Shall have been temporarily or permanently suspended from coaching duties by another member institution within the last two years; or
- (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 behalf of it; 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 of an "appropriate

disciplinary action” for the individual in accordance with the show-cause provision of Bylaw 19.5.2.2-(k) of the NCAA enforcement procedures.

30.3.2.1 Period of Suspension or Prohibition. The period of suspension or prohibition established by the Committee on Infractions or the Management Council must be in effect for the provisions set forth in Bylaw 30.3.2 to apply.

30.3.2.2 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.

30.3.3 Certification of Policies, Procedures and Practices. The policies, procedures and practices of the institution, its staff members and representatives of athletics interests are in compliance at the present time with the Association’s legislation insofar as the president or chancellor can determine. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*

30.3.4 Maintenance of Compliance. It is the intention of the institution to maintain such compliance.

30.3.5 Report of NCAA Violation Involving Institution. A current statement has been filed with the president or chancellor, as a part of the institution’s annual certification, which is signed by each athletics department staff member (except for students or student-athletes responsible only for the completion of clerical duties) attesting that the individual has reported any knowledge of an involvement in any violations of NCAA legislation involving the institution. *(Revised: 10/3/05, 1/9/06)*

30.4 CONSORTIUM, ATHLETICS

An athletics consortium (see Constitution 3.1.2) may be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Management Council, provided the criteria specified below are met.

30.4.1 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.

30.4.2 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.

30.4.3 Conference Approval. An institution that belongs to an NCAA member conference first shall receive approval of its conference before instituting a consortium for its intercollegiate athletics program. If more than one institution holds such conference membership, all such conferences shall approve the consortium.

30.4.4 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.

30.4.5 Financial Assistance to Student-Athletes. Within a consortium:

- (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.

30.4.6 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)*

30.4.7 NCAA Division Membership. The institutions may be members of different NCAA divisions but shall select one division for legislative and competitive purposes.

30.4.8 NCAA Member Involvement. At least one of the institutions already shall be a member of the NCAA, and no more than one nonmember institution shall be included.

30.4.9 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.

30.4.10 Prior Academic Consortium Relationship. The institutions shall have had a prior academic consortium relationship.

30.4.11 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.

30.5 DRUG-TESTING PROGRAM

30.5.1 Responsibility of Institution. Each member institution is responsible for ensuring compliance with the following elements of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program: *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

- (a) Complete and forward the drug-testing availability calendars to The National Center for Drug Free Sport by the date specified by the organization; *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*
- (b) Respond to the initial drug-testing notification from The National Center for Drug Free Sport by the date specified by the organization; *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*
- (c) Complete and forward to The National Center for Drug Free Sport a current and accurate institutional squad list (see Bylaw 30.14) by the date specified by the organization; *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*
- (d) Provide adequate and secure drug-testing facilities as specified by The National Center for Drug Free Sport; *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*
- (e) Notify student-athletes who have been randomly selected for drug testing according to the timeline specified by The National Center for Drug Free Sport; and *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*
- (f) Respond to additional requests for assistance in administering the NCAA year-round drug-testing program as specified by The National Center for Drug Free Sport. *(Adopted: 1/10/05)*

30.5.1.1 Effect of Violations. Violations of Bylaw 30.5.1 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 4/29/04)*

30.5.2 Drug-Testing Consent Form. The following procedures shall be used in administering the drug-testing consent form required in Bylaw 14.1.4 (see Constitution 3.2.4.6): *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/8/01, 1/10/05)*

- (a) The consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee each academic year;
- (b) The director of athletics or the director of athletics' 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 and that updates may be found on the NCAA Web site (i.e., www.ncaa.org) and are to be informed of the appropriate athletics department procedures for disseminating updates to the list; and
- (c) The consent forms shall be kept on file by the director of athletics and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

30.5.2.1 Effect of Violations. Violations of Bylaw 30.5.2 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

30.6 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE WAIVER

As authorized in Bylaws 14.2.2.3 and 14.2.3.6, the Management Council, or a Management Council-designated committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the 10-semester/15-quarter rule.

30.6.1 Waiver Criteria. A waiver of the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in four seasons of intercollegiate competition within a 10-semester/15-quarter period. This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence, for reasons that are beyond the control of the student-athlete and the institution, which deprive the student-athlete of the opportunity to participate for more than one season in his/her sport within the 10-semester/15-quarter period. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reserves the right to review requests that do not meet the more-than-one-year criteria detailed in this bylaw for extraordinary circumstances or extreme hardship. *(Revised: 4/17/91, 1/11/94, 8/10/94, 10/12/95, 1/8/01, 10/22/02)*

30.6.1.1 Circumstances Beyond Control. Circumstances considered to be beyond the control of the student-athlete and 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, 10/22/02)*

- (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 that clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation; *(Revised: 10/26/06)*
- (c) Reliance by the student-athlete on 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 that 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; *(Revised: 10/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

- (d) Natural disaster (e.g., earthquakes, floods);
- (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 on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent that 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 on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent. *(Adopted: 10/12/95, Revised: 10/28/97)*

30.6.1.2 Circumstances Within Control. Circumstances that are considered to be within the control of the student-athlete and 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, 10/22/02)*

- (a) A student-athlete's decision to attend an institution that does not sponsor his/her sport, or decides not to participate at an institution that does sponsor his/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; *(Revised: 10/12/95)*
- (c) Reliance by a student-athlete on misinformation from a coaching staff member;
- (d) Redshirt year, unless it meets the exception pursuant to Bylaw 30.6.1.3; *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*
- (e) An inability to participate as a result of a transfer year in 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 10-semester period of eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

30.6.1.3 Exception—Student-Athlete Who Does Not Use Season of Competition During Initial Year of Collegiate Enrollment. For a student-athlete who does not use a season of competition during his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at any institution, a waiver may be granted if all of the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 7/24/07)*

- (a) The student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible and was on the institution's squad list during his or her initial year of collegiate enrollment; *(Revised: 1/9/06)*
- (b) The student-athlete was denied one participation opportunity per Bylaw 30.6.1 following his or her initial year of collegiate enrollment; and
- (c) The institution has filed the waiver prior to the beginning of student-athlete's 11th semester or 16th quarter of full-time enrollment.

30.6.1.3.1 Application of Waiver. If the waiver is granted, it must be used during the next available opportunity [e.g., next semester(s) or quarter(s)] and shall be applied at the institution where the student-athlete exhausted his or her 10th semester or 15th quarter of full-time enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

30.7 FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION

A member institution may participate in a foreign tour in any sport (see Bylaw 17.32), provided the conditions specified below are met. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

30.7.1 Certification of Tour. The institution must certify in writing that the conditions set forth in this section are met and must maintain the certification on file in the athletics department. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

30.7.2 Eligibility of Student-Athletes. The eligibility of student-athletes on the tour shall be governed by the following (see Bylaw 14.2.4.5):

- (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 the academic year immediately following the tour. *(Revised: 1/12/99)*
- (b) If the tour takes place after the academic year has started, the student-athlete shall be regularly enrolled in the institution and eligible for intercollegiate competition.

30.7.2.1 Incoming-Student Participation. It is permissible for an eligible incoming student-athlete to represent the institution only on a foreign tour that begins after the permissible starting practice date in the sport involved or after the first day of classes of his or her first regular term at the institution. *(Revised: 5/17/04)*

30.7.3 Time Lapse between Tours. An institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years. Participation during the summer is counted in the previous academic year. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

30.7.3.1 Additional Basketball Restriction. In basketball, an institution may not engage in an institutionally approved foreign tour in any academic year (or the summer immediately thereafter) in which the institution uses in that year any of the exceptions set forth in Bylaws 17.3.5 and 17.3.6.

30.7.4 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)*

30.7.5 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.

30.7.5.1 Exception—Women’s Rowing. It is permissible for rowing teams representing NCAA member institutions to compete against each other as part of the Henley Royal Regatta. *(Adopted: 1/10/00)*

30.7.6 Practice Limitations. Not more than 10 days of practice are permitted before 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: 10/21/08)*

30.7.6.1 Day Off Not Required. An institution is not required to take one day off per week during the 10-day practice period set forth in Bylaw 30.7.6 or during its participation in a tour. *(Adopted: 10/21/08)*

30.7.7 Timing of Tour. The tour shall be scheduled during the summer-vacation period between the institution’s spring and fall terms or during any other 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)*

30.7.8 Per Diem. An institution may provide a student-athlete \$20 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 for each day of the tour, to a maximum of 21 days. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

30.7.9 Post-Tour Stay. An institution may not provide transportation expenses to return home for a student-athlete who remains in the foreign country after the foreign tour is completed. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

30.7.10 Passports and Visas. An institution may purchase passports and visas for its student-athletes that are required for travel in connection with a foreign tour, and student-athletes may retain ownership of such passports and visas. The institution also may provide student-athletes with reasonable local transportation to obtain such passports and visas. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/21/08)*

30.8 OUTSIDE COMPETITION, NATIONAL TEAM

Student-athletes are prohibited from participating in organized outside competition except as specifically provided in Bylaw 14.7.

30.8.1 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: 12/5/06)*

- (a) It is selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate Group A member of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic 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.

30.11 RECRUITING CALENDARS

30.11.1 Basketball, Men’s. The following contact and evaluation periods shall apply to men’s basketball: *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

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| (a) June 1 through June 14: | Quiet Period |
| (b) June 15 through August 1: | Evaluation Period |
| (c) August 2 through September 6: | Quiet Period |
| (d) September 7 through October 14: | Contact Period |
| (e) October 15 to the date of the prospective student-athlete’s initial high school or two-year college contest: | Quiet Period |

- (f) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period
- (g) The period between the prospective student-athlete's initial and final high school or two-year college contests: Evaluation Period
- (h) March 1 through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period
 - (1) Thursday before the National Collegiate Division I Men's Basketball Championship game to Tuesday noon after the game: Dead Period
 - (2) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period
- (i) During any high school all-star game that occurs within the state in which the member institution is located: *(Adopted: 1/11/94)* Evaluation Period
- (j) During any all-star contest held during the final weekend of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship in the host city. Evaluation Period
- (k) All other dates: Quiet Period

30.11.2 Basketball, Women's. The following contact and evaluation periods shall apply to women's basketball: *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

- (a) June 1 through June 14: Quiet Period
- (b) June 15 through August 1: Evaluation Period
- (c) August 2 through September 6: Quiet Period
- (d) September 7 through October 14: Contact Period
- (e) October 15 to the date of the prospective student-athlete's initial high school or two-year college contest: Quiet Period
- (f) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period
- (g) The period between the prospective student-athlete's initial and final high school or two-year college contests: Evaluation Period
- (h) March 1 through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below]: Contact Period
 - (1) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period
- (i) During four sanctioned Amateur Athletic Union women's events occurring between May 18 and June 14 selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/13/03)* Evaluation Period
- (j) During any high school all-star game that occurs within the state in which the member institution is located: *(Adopted: 1/10/95)* Evaluation Period
- (k) During the Saturday before to the start of the Division I Women's Basketball Championship through Wednesday noon after the championship game: *(Adopted: 1/13/03)* Dead Period
- (l) All other dates: *(Adopted: 1/10/05)* Quiet Period

30.11.3 Football. The following contact and evaluation periods apply to football: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 1/14/02, 1/10/05)*

- (a) June 1 to the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's high school or two-year college football season (as determined by the first regularly scheduled practice immediately preceding the start of the regular season): *(Revised: 1/14/02)* Quiet Period
- (b) During the prospective student-athlete's high school or two-year college football season (as determined by the first regularly scheduled practice immediately preceding the start of the regular season): *(Revised: 1/14/02)* Evaluation Period
- (c) November 1 through November 30 [except for (1) below]: *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)* Evaluation Period

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| (1) For two-year college prospective student-athletes, the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's two-year college football season (i.e., the conclusion of the institution's last regularly scheduled contest rather than the conclusion of the institution's final postseason contest) through November 30: (<i>Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99</i>) | Contact Period |
| (d) December 1 through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below]: | Contact Period |
| (1) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent: | Dead Period |
| (e) The 31st day after the Saturday after the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent through May 31 [except (f) below]: (<i>Revised: 1/14/02, 4/29/04</i>) | Quiet Period |
| (f) April 15 through May 31: (<i>Revised: 1/14/02</i>) | Evaluation Period |
| (1) Four weeks (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics: (<i>Adopted: 1/14/02, Revised: 1/30/04</i>) | |
| (g) Authorized coaching staff members may evaluate a high school football all-star game any time of the year provided the game occurs within the state in which the member institution is located. | |

30.11.4 Dead Periods for Other Sports. There are no specified contact and evaluation periods in sports other than football and basketball except for the following dead periods.

30.11.4.1 National Letter of Intent Signing Date. The period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the date for signing the National Letter of Intent in the applicable sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91, 8/2/91, 8/14/96 effective 8/1/97*)

30.11.4.1.1 Exception—U.S. Diving National Championship. When the dead period for recruiting occurs during the U.S. Diving National Championships, it shall be permissible to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event. (*Adopted: 8/14/96 effective 8/1/97*)

30.11.4.2 Lacrosse, Men's. In addition to the dead period before the National Letter of Intent signing date (see Bylaw 30.11.4.1), the following dead periods shall apply to men's lacrosse: (*Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09*)

- (a) Thursday before the NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship to Tuesday noon after the championship; and
- (b) Wednesday before the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Clinic to Monday noon after the clinic.

30.12 STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) AUTHORIZATION/BUCKLEY AMENDMENT CONSENT FORM—DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

The following procedures shall be used in administering the Student-Athlete HIPAA Authorization/Buckley Amendment Consent Form—Disclosure of Protected Health Information required by Bylaw 14.1.5 (see Constitution 3.2.4.7): (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

- (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. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (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. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- (c) Any signed authorization/consent forms shall be kept on file by the athletics director. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

30.12.1 Effect of Violations. Violations of the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.12 shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

30.13 STUDENT-ATHLETE STATEMENT

The following procedures shall be used in administering the student-athlete statement required in Bylaw 14.1.3: (*Revised: 8/4/89*)

- (a) The statement shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee before the student's participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year;

- (b) The athletics director and head coach in the sport in which the student-athlete participates shall sign the squad list form; *(Revised: 4/11/06)*
- (c) The statement shall be kept on file by the athletics director and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA; and
- (d) The athletics director shall promptly notify in writing the NCAA director of sports sciences regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive drug test administered by any other athletics organization. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

30.14 SQUAD LIST

The following procedures shall be used in regard to the squad list required in Bylaw 15.5.5.2:

- (a) The forms shall be kept on file in the office of the athletics director, and such file shall be available for examination on 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) 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 per Bylaw 14.1.4; *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*
- (c) A supplementary form may be filed to add names of persons not initially on the squad or to indicate a change of status; and
- (d) A student-athlete's name must be on the official institutional form to qualify to represent the institution in intercollegiate athletics.
- (e) The athletics director and head coach in the sport in which the student-athletes participate shall sign the squad list form for that particular sport. *(Adopted: 4/11/06)*

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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 Championships Fields. The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the Championships 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.)

31.01.4 Economy of Operation. Every sports committee (see Figure 21-1) 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 Championships Committee (see Bylaw 31.3.4).

31.02.2 Championships Classification and Terminology.

31.02.2.1 Team Championships. Team championships are those conducted for the team sports (see Bylaw 17.02.14.1). 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 Rowing Championship, Division II Men’s Basketball Championship).

31.02.2.2 Individual-Team Championships. Individual-team championships are those conducted for the individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.14.2). 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 II Women’s Tennis Championships).

31.02.3 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, 10/30/08)*

31.02.4 Nullification. Nullification is a penalty imposed on an institution by the Championships Committee for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to compete in intercollegiate competition. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

31.1 ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

31.1.1 Authority of Championships and Sports Committees. As specified in Bylaw 18.1, all NCAA championships shall be conducted in accordance with the general policies established by the Championships

Committee, the Management Council, the Presidents Council and/or the Executive 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: 11/1/07)*

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 Championships Committee at any time during the championship or 48 hours immediately before 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.

31.1.1.3 Appeal of Nullification Decisions of Championships Committee. An appeal of a nullification will be considered by the Championship Committee, or a subcommittee designated by it, within 72 hours of a nullification decision. During such period, the Championships Committee, or a subcommittee designated by it, shall be the final authority acting on appeals concerning nullification decisions. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

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 Championships Committee the sites and dates for all NCAA championships.

31.1.3.1 Championships Committee Approval. Championships Committee 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 the sports of 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 Championships Committee approval.

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 Championships Committee. The division championships committees may assign specific priorities to these criteria for their respective championships. These shall be specified in the appropriate championships handbooks. A governing sports committee that desires to use additional criteria shall obtain Championships Committee approval before doing so.

31.1.3.2.1 Criteria for Regional Site Determination. The top-seeded team, as determined by the governing sports committee, shall be provided the opportunity to host the regional competition, provided the specific criteria that have been developed by the governing sports committee have been met as well as the following general site selection criteria: *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective beginning with the 1999 championships)*

- (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 Championships Committee); and
- (c) Attendance history and potential.

31.1.3.2.1.1 Team Championships Pairings. Sports committees shall pair teams strictly within their regions. *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective beginning with the 1999 championships)*

31.1.3.2.2 Criteria for National Championship Site Determination. The following criteria are to be used in the evaluation of sites for all national championships: *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective beginning with the 1999 championships)*

- (a) Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;
- (b) Revenue potential (e.g., 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 Championships Committee);
- (c) Attendance history and potential; and
- (d) Geographical location (e.g., a site that minimizes travel expenses).

31.1.3.2.3 Nonpredetermined Site. When 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.

31.1.3.2.4 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*)

31.1.3.2.5 Reconsideration of Host Institution. The Championships 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.

31.1.3.3 Concluding Dates. NCAA championships competition shall be concluded no later than May 31 each year unless later dates are approved by the Championships Committee.

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 Championships Committee and the following regulations are applied. (*Revised: 1/12/99*)

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 inform the NCAA national office prior to 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. (*Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01*)

31.1.4.2 Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (i.e., 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, Emergency or Competitive Development. 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 Division II Championships Committee or the relevant sports committee. (*Revised: 10/22/02*)

31.1.4.4 Noon Start Time. NCAA competition conducted on Sunday may not begin before 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 otherwise cause postponement of the championship.

31.1.4.4.2 Exception—Women's Rowing Championship. In instances where the final day of the women's rowing championship occurs on a Sunday, competition may begin prior to noon. (*Revised: 4/15/03*)

31.1.5 Squad Limits. In any championship where 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 made by the appropriate governing sports committee (see Bylaw 18.6):

- (a) Fencing—U.S. Fencing Association Rules;
- (b) Golf—U.S. Golf Association Rules;
- (c) Gymnastics—International Gymnastics Federation Rules;
- (d) Tennis—U.S. Tennis Association Rules; and
- (e) 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 made by the appropriate governing sports committee (see Bylaw 18.6):

- (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) Rowing—U.S. Rowing Rules; and (*Adopted: 1/14/97*)
- (f) Tennis—U.S. Tennis Association Rules.

31.1.7 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.

31.1.8 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 31.02.3).

31.1.8.1 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 Appeals Subcommittee. *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

31.1.8.2 Misconduct Incident to 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 after this action. Other acts of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sports committee. *(Revised: 8/13/92, 1/9/06)*

31.1.8.3 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 that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice:

- (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 future championships of the sport involved;
- (d) Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individuals involved;
- (e) Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- (f) Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships; *(Revised: 8/13/92)*
- (g) Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and *(Revised: 8/13/92)*
- (h) Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (h) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee. *(Revised: 8/13/92)*

31.1.8.4 Ban from Subsequent Championship. When a student-athlete or institutional representative is banned from participation in a future 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.

31.1.8.5 Review of Action. Any action related to misconduct may be reviewed by the governing sports committee on request of any institution participating in the championship.

31.1.9 Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures.

31.1.9.1 Financial Penalties. 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 Appeals Subcommittee. The institution may be assessed: *(Revised: 1/9/06)*

- (a) One hundred dollars per team or \$50 per individual, up to a \$300 maximum penalty, for failure to adhere to published procedures for the submission of regular-season results, availability questionnaires and/or entry forms;
- (b) One hundred dollars, cancellation of all or a portion of the Association's travel guarantee, or all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution for failure to adhere to published managerial and administrative policies and procedures; *(Revised: 5/7/90)*

- (c) Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship for failure to submit the financial report within 60 days after the competition, as specified in Bylaw 31.4.1.1; (*Revised: 5/7/90*)
- (d) Public or private reprimand of the institution; (*Adopted: 1/8/01*)
- (e) Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as a host institution for one or more NCAA championships;
- (f) Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; or
- (g) Financial or other penalties different from (a), (b) and (c) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee. (*Revised: 5/7/90*)

31.1.9.2 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 Championships Committee.

31.1.10 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 Championships Committee. 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. (*Revised: 10/20/03, 1/9/06*)

31.1.10.1 Additional Awards. An institution may purchase additional standard, participant or commemorative awards for participation in NCAA championships. There is no limit on the number of additional awards an institution may purchase. An institution may provide, at its discretion, the awards to any individual. The NCAA awards form shall be used to purchase additional awards. (*Revised: 1/9/06*)

31.1.10.2 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.

31.1.11 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.

31.1.12 Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities. The following activities are restricted when they occur in conjunction with NCAA championships. Other restrictions are set forth in the championships handbooks.

31.1.12.1 Advertising. Advertising policies of the Association are designed to exclude those advertisements that do not appear to be in the best interests of higher education. The NCAA president shall have the authority to rule in cases where doubt exists concerning acceptable advertisers and advertising copy of game programs, broadcasts and telecasts of NCAA championships; however, the following expressly are prohibited: (*Revised: 8/15/89*)

- (a) Alcoholic beverages (except as specified below);
- (b) Cigarettes and other tobacco products;
- (c) Professional sports organizations or personnel (except as specified in the championships handbooks) in games other than certified postseason football games; and
- (d) Organizations promoting gambling.

31.1.12.1.1 Malt Beverages, Beer and Wine Advertisements. Advertising of malt beverages, beer and wine products that do not exceed six percent alcohol by volume may be used in game programs. Such advertisements, however, shall not compose more than 14 percent of the space in the program devoted to advertising or not more than 60 seconds per hour of any telecast or broadcast (either a single 60-second commercial or two 30-second commercials).

31.1.12.1.2 Sponsorships. A championships activity or promotion may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer or wine companies or by professional sports organizations or teams at any time.

31.1.13 Availability of Alcoholic Beverages. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or otherwise made available for public consumption at any championship event sponsored by or administered by the Association, nor shall any such beverages be brought to the site during the championship (i.e., during 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).

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 17.02.14) and shall meet the institutional requirements set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2 applicable to the division in which the in-

stitution 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)], as well as any additional requirements specified in the applicable championships handbook. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

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:

- (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 before 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 Administrative Committee for a waiver. This waiver is available only in those instances when the institution officially sponsors the sport and fails to list the sport on the NCAA sports sponsorship report prior to the appropriate deadline. If the Administrative Committee, acting for the Championships Committee, grants the appeal, then the institution may be restored to eligibility for NCAA championships. *(Revised: 1/8/01)*

31.2.1.3.1 Penalty for Subsequent Waiver. Such an institution that fails to meet a deadline a future time may be granted a waiver only on payment of a penalty of \$150 for the second offense and \$300 for each additional offense during the five-year period after the last offense. On approval of the Administrative Committee 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.

31.2.1.4 Joint-Declaration Program. The NCAA, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association (NCCAA), respectively, will 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 NCAA and either the NAIA or NCCAA. In such championships, each institution that holds membership in the NCAA and either the NAIA or NCCAA must declare by mid-September each year whether it will participate (if selected) in the NAIA championship or in the NCCAA 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 the NCAA and either the NAIA or NCCAA championships in the particular sport(s) that year. An appeal process exists for such institutions. *(Revised: 4/11/06)*

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 20.8.1) 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 Notification of Ineligibility. 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. ~~Revised: 1/9/06~~ ed

31.2.1.7.2.1 Failure to Report Ineligible Player Prior to Selection. If an institution fails to report an ineligible player before 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.

31.2.1.7.2.2 Discovery of Ineligibility of Player Subsequent to Selection. When an institution fails to report an ineligible player 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 member institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete(s) 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.

31.2.1.7.2.3 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 Championships Committee. The Championships 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.

31.2.1.7.3 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 Student-Athlete Eligibility. To be eligible to enter teams or individual student-athletes in an NCAA championship, an institution shall recognize the sport involved as a varsity intercollegiate sport (see Constitution 3.2.4.4 and Bylaw 17.02.14) and shall meet the institutional requirements 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, as well as any additional requirements specified in the applicable championships handbooks. All student-athletes, must satisfy all general eligibility requirements established for NCAA championships participation. The general and academic eligibility requirements are set forth in detail in Bylaw 14. Other specific requirements for eligibility for NCAA championships are included in other bylaws in this Manual and are applicable and binding for championships participation. (*Revised: 3/5/97, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

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 all eligibility requirements of Bylaw 14. (*Revised: 8/15/89, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

31.2.2.2 Conference Eligibility. 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)]. (*Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

31.2.2.3 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.

31.2.2.4 Participation While Ineligible. When a student-athlete competing as an individual or representing the institution in a team championship is declared ineligible after the competition, or a penalty has been imposed or action taken as set forth in Bylaw 19.5.2.2-(e) or 19.7 of the NCAA enforcement program, the Committee on Infractions may require the following:

- (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 (i.e., 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. (*Revised: 8/15/89*)

- (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.

31.2.2.5 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 may assess a financial penalty.

31.2.3 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. Bylaw 18.4.1.5 provides that a student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, is found to have used a substance on the list of banned drug classes shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition during the time period ending one calendar year after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug test specimen. The student-athlete shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of competition in all sports if the season of competition has not yet begun or a minimum of the equivalent of one full season of competition in all sports if the student-athlete tests positive during his or her season of competition (i.e., the remainder of contests in the current season and contests in the next season up to the period of time in which the student-athlete was declared ineligible during the previous year). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the student-athlete tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Executive Committee) and the student-athlete's eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. If the student-athlete participates in any contests from the time of collection until the confirmation of the positive result, he or she must be withheld from an equal number of contests after the 365-day period of ineligibility. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/8/01, 1/12/04, 1/10/05, 6/3/05, 1/11/08)*

31.2.3.1 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, tampering with sample) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug other than a "street" drug. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

31.2.3.2 Testing Positive on More than One Occasion. If the student-athlete, who tested positive for any drug other than a "street drug" as defined in Bylaw 31.2.3.4, tests positive a second time for the use of any banned drug, other than a "street drug," he or she shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If the student-athlete tests positive for the use of a "street drug" after having tested positive for the use of any banned drug, he or she shall lose a minimum of one additional season of competition in all sports and also shall remain ineligible for regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (365 days) after the period of ineligibility for any prior positive drug tests has expired. Bylaw 18.4.1.5.2 also provides that the Executive Committee shall adopt a list of banned drugs and authorize methods for drug testing of student-athletes on a year-round basis. *(Revised: 1/10/05, 8/20/08)*

31.2.3.3 Appeals. An institution may appeal the duration of ineligibility to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee). In all sports, 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, the student-athlete tests negative and the student-athlete's eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, for those drug tests conducted on or after 8/1/05)*

31.2.3.4 Banned Drugs. The following is the list of banned-drug classes. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee) has the authority to identify banned drugs within the list of classes below. The institution and student-athletes shall be held accountable for all banned drugs. The current list of banned drugs is located on the NCAA Web site (i.e., www.ncaa.org) or may be obtained from the NCAA national office. *(Revised: 1/10/05, 2/10/06)*

- (a) Stimulants;
- (b) Anabolic agents;
- (c) Alcohol and beta blockers (banned for rifle only); *(Revised: 4/28/09)*
- (d) Diuretics and other masking agents; *(Revised: 6/14/07)*
- (e) Street drugs; *(Revised: 1/5/07)*
- (f) Peptide hormones and analogues; *(Revised: 1/5/07)*
- (g) Anti-estrogens; and *(Adopted: 1/5/07 effective 8/1/07)*
- (h) Beta-2 agonists. *(Adopted: 4/28/09)*

31.2.3.4.1 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 guidelines and/or quantities of these substances used: *(Revised: 8/15/89)*

- (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. *(Revised: 8/15/89, 5/4/92)*

- (b) **Local Anesthetics.** The Executive Committee will permit the limited use of local anesthetics under the following conditions:
- (1) That procaine, xylocaine, carbocaine or any other local anesthetic may be used, but not cocaine; (*Revised: 12/9/91, 5/6/93*)
 - (2) That only local or topical injections can be used (i.e., 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.
- (c) **Manipulation of Urine Samples.** The Executive Committee bans the use of substances and methods that alter the integrity and/or validity of urine samples provided during NCAA drug testing. Examples of banned methods are catheterization, urine substitution and/or tampering or modification of renal excretion by the use of diuretics, probenecid, bromantan or related compounds, and epitestosterone administration. (*Revised: 8/15/89, 6/17/92, 7/23/97*)
- (d) **Beta-2 Agonists.** The use of beta-2 agonists is permitted by inhalation only. (*Adopted: 8/13/93*)
- (e) **Additional Analysis.** Drug screening for select nonbanned substances may be conducted for non-punitive purposes. (*Revised: 8/15/89*)

31.2.3.4.2 Positive Drug Test—Non-NCAA Athletics Organization. A student-athlete under a drug-testing suspension from a national or international sports governing body that has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code shall not participate in NCAA intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

31.2.3.5 Medical Exceptions. Exceptions for categories (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), (g) and (h) under Bylaw 31.2.3.4 may be made by the Executive Committee for those student-athletes with a documented medical history demonstrating the need for regular use of such a drug. (*Revised: 1/10/00, 4/11/06, 1/5/07 effective 8/1/07*)

31.2.3.6 Methods for Drug Testing. The methods and any future modifications authorized by the Executive Committee for drug testing of student-athletes shall be summarized in The NCAA News and posted to the NCAA Web site. Copies of the modifications shall be available to member institutions.

31.2.3.7 Events Identified for Drug Tests. The Executive Committee 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.

31.2.3.8 Individual Eligibility—Team Sanctions. Executive 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 before an NCAA team championship or a certified postseason football game and the institution knowingly allows him or her to participate, all team-ineligibility sanctions shall apply (i.e., 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). In the case of certified postseason football contests, the team's and student-athlete's performances shall be deleted from NCAA records. (*Revised: 1/10/90*)

31.3 SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION

A list of the institutions in good standing shall be supplied by the championships staff liaison to the chair of each governing sports committee prior to selection of the championship participants in each Division II championship sport. (*Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

31.3.1 Size of Championships Fields. The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the Championships 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*)

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 Championships Committee approval before doing so:

- (a) Won-lost record;
- (b) Strength of schedule;
- (c) Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships (*Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*); and
- (d) Nullification. (*Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

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 3.2.4.4) of four-year, degree-granting institutions located in Canada and the United States, its territories or possessions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded. *(Revised: 2/4/08)*

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 Unavailable Players on Team. The presence on a varsity squad of one or more players who are unavailable for NCAA championships competition does not necessarily disqualify that team from consideration. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

31.3.3.4 Nullification(s) when a Student-Athlete Participates in Competition while Ineligible for Use of Banned Drugs. Nullifications shall only be imposed when an institution permits a student-athlete to participate in intercollegiate competition after the institution and the student-athlete receive notification of the confirmed positive drug test. *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*

31.3.3.5 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.

31.3.3.5.1 Waiver Opportunity. The conference shall advise the NCAA championships staff in writing by September 1 of each year whether it wishes the selection process set forth in Bylaw 31.3.3.5 to be applied or waived. Once the conference has indicated its intention regarding the application or waiver of this regulation, it may not be changed during that year.

31.3.3.5.1.1 First Waiver. Conferences that fail to meet the deadline may appeal to the Management Council for a waiver of the deadline. Such an appeal must be submitted to the national office not later than October 15. If the Management Council grants the appeal, the conference shall be granted a waiver. *(Revised: 12/4/89)*

31.3.3.5.1.2 Subsequent Waivers. Such a conference that fails to meet the September 1 deadline in a future year may be granted a waiver only on payment of a penalty of \$150 for the second offense and \$300 for each additional offense during the five-year period after the last offense. On approval of the Management Council of such waiver and receipt of the conference's check in the national office, the conference may use the selection process set forth in Bylaw 31.3.3.5, provided it is otherwise eligible to do so.

31.3.3.6 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, no longer shall be eligible to participate in any future NCAA Division II championship. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, for those institutions that begin the reclassification period 9/1/00)*

31.3.4 Automatic Qualification. Each governing sports committee may recommend annually to the Championships Committee those multi-sport voting conferences that should receive automatic qualification for their teams into NCAA championships conducted in team sports as identified in 17.02.14.1. The decision of the Championships Committee shall be final. Before recommending that a conference receive automatic qualification, a governing sports committee shall ensure that the member conference meets the requirements specified in Bylaws 31.3.4.3 through 31.3.4.6. Further, automatic qualification will be considered only in those sports that have a championship bracket of 48 or more teams. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

31.3.4.1 Exception—Men's and Women's Tennis. Automatic qualification may be considered in men's or women's tennis once the championships field includes 48 or more teams. *(Adopted: 1/14/02)*

31.3.4.2 Exception—Men's Golf. Automatic qualification may be considered in men's golf once the championships field includes 48 or more teams. *(Adopted: 1/10/03)*

31.3.4.3 General Requirements—Division Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in any Division II championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements: *(Revised: 1/9/06, 12/5/06)*

- (a) Conference competition conducted in accordance with Constitution 3.3.1 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. *(Revised: 8/13/93, 1/10/03)*

- (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 playoff is held, such competition shall be considered conference competition, not NCAA competition.
- (c) 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. *(Revised: 12/9/91, 10/18/95)*
- (d) 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 player 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.
- (e) Competition in the applicable sport must be of sufficient quality to warrant automatic qualification. The criteria for determining the quality of competition shall be win-loss record and strength of schedule of both the conference as a whole and its individual member institutions.
- (f) All eligible member institutions must agree to participate in the appropriate 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. *(Revised: 1/10/00)*
- (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. *(Adopted: 12/5/94, Revised: 1/7/06)*

31.3.4.3.1 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 the following championships in which a play-in system has been established.)

31.3.4.4 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)*

- (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 cannot 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.

31.3.4.5 Additional Requirements. The conference must have:

- (a) Been a multisport voting member conference of the Association for two consecutive academic years. The Championships Committee may grant a waiver of the two-year waiting period; *(Revised: 12/6/92)*
- (b) Conducted competition in the sport in question for two consecutive years at the time of its application for automatic qualification. The Championships Committee may grant a waiver of the two-year waiting period; and
- (c) Have at least six members that sponsor the sport on a varsity intercollegiate basis in the division in which automatic qualification is sought and that are eligible for the NCAA championship, and have had at least six members that are eligible for the NCAA championship participate in the process that determines the automatic qualifier. *(Revised: 8/15/89)*

31.3.4.5.1 Exception—Multisport Conference. A multisport conference that adds a conference-sponsored sport may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided the conference includes at least six active NCAA Division II institutions that have conducted conference competition to-

gether at the Division II level in the sport the preceding two years and the sport is sponsored by less than 50 percent of the Division II membership. *(Adopted: 1/5/07)*

31.3.4.5.2 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 six institutions, provided the conference maintains at least five active members. *(Adopted: 7/22/08)*

31.3.4.6 Limitations on Automatic-Qualifying Positions. The sports committees must limit the number of automatic-qualifying positions to be awarded in relationship to the size of the championships fields and the number of at-large positions that must remain open for other member institutions. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

31.3.4.7 Earned Access—Football. The Division II Football Committee shall award earned access to the NCAA Division II Football Championship to Division II football-playing conferences for which at least one member institution finishes in the top 10 of the final NCAA Division II football regional ranking. The earned access shall go to the conference's highest-ranked team in the final regional Top 10 poll. *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*

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 Championships Committee.

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 after 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, as well as 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 Championships Committee.

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 Championships 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)*

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 rental charges; 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 Championships Committee.

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: 5/1/89, 5/1/96)*

	TEAM ^(1,2,3)		INDIVIDUAL ^(1,2,3)	
	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

¹ 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 whichever is greater.

² 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, on the recommendation of the sports committee and approval of the Championships Committee.

³ 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 II championships, National Collegiate Championships and individual-team championships shall be determined and provided in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Championships Committee. On an annual basis, the Championships Committee shall determine and announce to the membership the percentage of transportation expense and the per diem allowance to be paid in each championship for the next academic year. *(Revised: 3/16/06, 7/24/07)*

31.4.7 Net Receipts. After payment of game and administrative expenses for each championship, the NCAA president shall place the remaining moneys 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 Championships Committee. *(Revised: 8/14/90)*

31.4.8 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 31.2.2.5). If so, such funds shall be distributed among other member institutions according to a formula prescribed by the Championships Committee. *(Revised: 8/14/90)*

31.4.9 Publication of Championships Financial Summaries. A financial summary of each championship shall be published in the membership reports of the Association.

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:

- (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 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 NCAA president and shall not be less than a comparable shipment to a comparable site of the previous year’s championship. *(Revised: 12/4/89)*
- (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.
- (e) No alcoholic beverages shall be sold or dispensed for public consumption at any event sponsored by or administered by the Association.

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 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 Championships Committee. Negotiations with respect to the awarding of any such rights shall be conducted by the NCAA president, who shall have authority to determine the specific terms and conditions and to execute contracts for the award of such rights in behalf of the Association. Inquiries concerning all such rights should be directed to the 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.

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 award of such rights on behalf of the Association. The NCAA Executive Committee, 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. Each division's presidential administrative group and management council may request a report related to any matter handled by the NCAA president under the authority of this legislation. *(Adopted: 1/8/01)*

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 Championships Committee. Its cost in filming or videotaping an NCAA championship and producing prints or videodubs 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 (i.e., 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.

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 no 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 certified postseason bowl games. *(Revised: 8/15/89)*

31.7 GENERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

31.7.1 General Operating Budget. The Executive Committee shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year before 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.

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 where 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: 1/13/98 effective 2/1/98)*

- (a) **Commercial Airline.** The member must travel either by coach or "super saver," and *(Revised: 8/12/91, 1/13/98 effective 2/1/98, 1/12/99)*
- (b) **Automobile.** The member may claim mileage for the round trip at the NCAA approved rate, based upon the most direct route between the two points. *(Revised: 1/13/98 effective 2/1/98, 1/9/06, 8/20/08)*

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, 1/9/06, 8/20/08)*

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 no 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 Management Council or Executive Committee may authorize reimbursement of actual expenses, if circumstances warrant.

31.7.2.1.4 Meeting Frequency. Payment of expenses for attendance at meetings of an NCAA standing committee shall be limited to three meetings per year unless otherwise authorized by the Management Council, Presidents Council or Executive Committee. *(Revised: 1/10/00, 10/30/08)*

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:

- (a) Committees that meet only once per year are required to meet in the Indianapolis metropolitan area in alternate years; *(Revised: 1/10/98, 1/12/99)*
- (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 *(Revised: 1/10/98, 1/12/99)*
- (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 Management Council or Executive Committee for Association-wide committees.

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 Management Council or Executive Committee for Association-wide committees.

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 Management Council or Executive Committee for Association-wide committees.

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 Management Council, Presidents Council and Executive Committee, by the secretary-treasurer or the NCAA president.

31.7.2.1.10 Waivers. The NCAA president, subject to the approval of the Management Council or Executive Committee for Association-wide issues, may grant such waivers of the committee-expense regulations in particular cases as are deemed advisable to prevent hardship on a committee or an individual committee member.

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: 1/14/02)*

- (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 interests 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;
- (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: 1/14/02)*

- (a) By the NCAA Executive Committee Administrative Subcommittee 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; or *(Revised: 3/11/09)*
- (b) If such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Executive Committee members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or
- (c) By the NCAA president if so delegated by the Executive Committee.

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: 1/14/02)*

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: 1/14/02)*

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: 1/14/02)*

31.7.3.3 Definition of Indemnification. For purposes of this bylaw, indemnification shall consist of payment against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the individual in connection with such action or proceeding. *(Adopted: 1/14/02)*

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 Executive Committee. The NCAA president may employ as many nonadministrative personnel as may be necessary.

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 Executive Committee, shall be followed.

31.8.2 Staff Operations. The national office staff operations shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Among the items to be reviewed by the subcommittee are:

- (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.

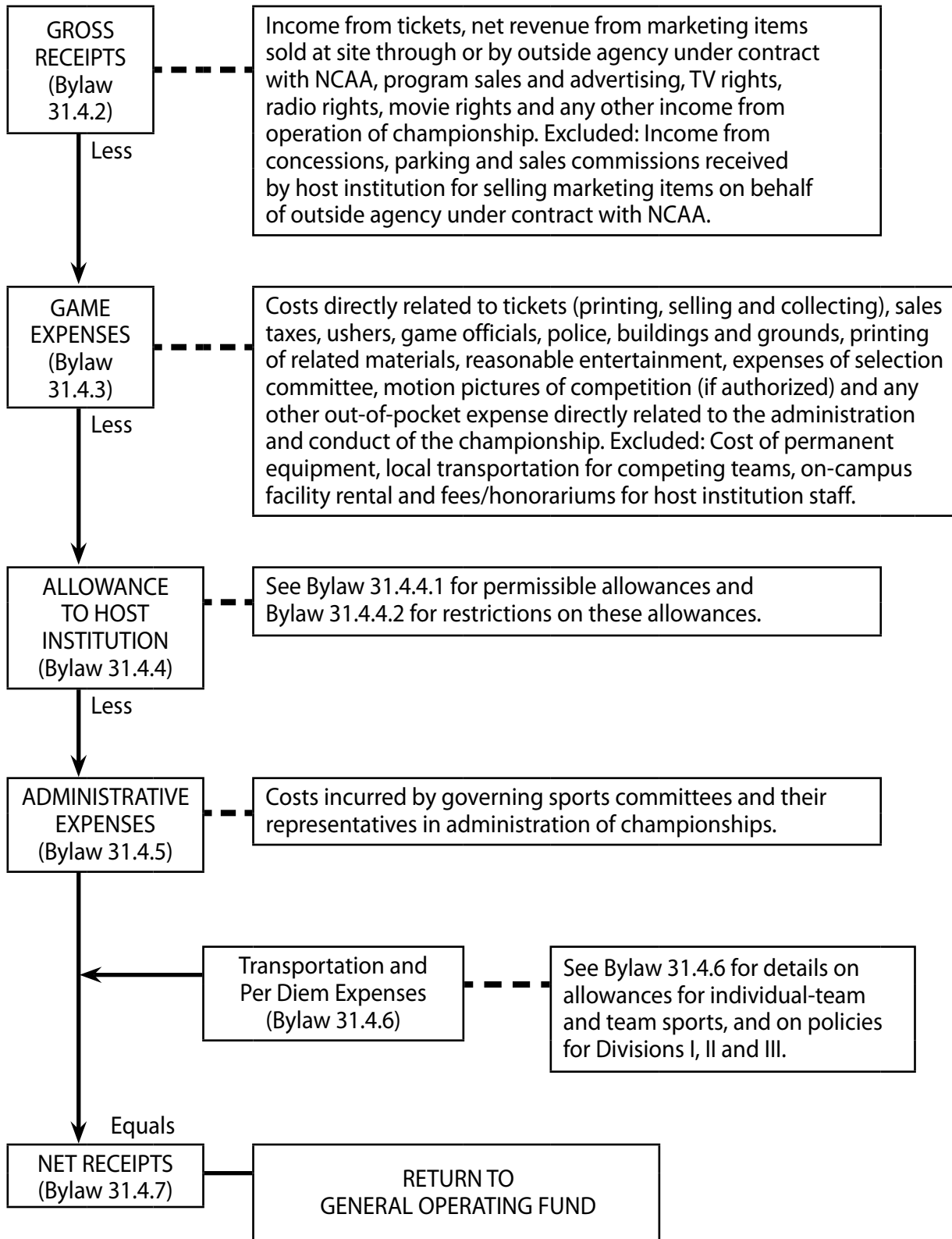
31.8.2.1 Employee Compensation and Benefits. The Executive Committee shall review staff compensation and benefits at least once each year and shall recommend changes to the Executive Committee.

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 Executive Committee.

31.9 NATIONAL STATISTICS PROGRAM

A national statistics program shall be maintained for active member institutions in football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, women's softball and women's volleyball. The Management Council shall oversee the statistics program and approve its policies and procedures. The national statistics program policies and procedures shall be published on the NCAA Web site. *(Revised: 4/14/06, 1/15/09)*

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32.1 COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS—SPECIAL OPERATING RULES

32.1.1 Confidentiality. The Committee on Infractions, the Infractions Appeals Committee and the enforcement staff shall treat all cases before them as confidential, until they have been announced in accordance with the prescribed procedures. In addition, an institution and any individual subject to NCAA rules involved in a case shall treat that case under inquiry by the enforcement staff as confidential until the case has been announced in accordance with prescribed procedures. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*

32.1.2 Public Announcements. The enforcement staff shall not confirm or deny the existence of an infractions case before complete resolution of the case through normal NCAA enforcement and hearing procedures. However, if the involved institution or any person involved in the case (e.g., involved individual, representative of the institution’s athletics interests, interviewee) makes information concerning a case public, the involved institution, enforcement staff and the involved person may confirm, correct or deny the information made public. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*

32.1.3 Conflict of Interest. Any member of the Committee on Infractions or the Infractions Appeals Committee shall neither appear at the hearing nor participate on the committee when the member is directly connected with an institution under investigation or has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that reasonably would result in the appearance of prejudice. It is the responsibility of the committee member or members of the Infractions Appeals Committee per Bylaw 19.2 to remove himself or herself if a conflict exists. Objections to the participation of a committee member or the Infractions Appeals Committee member per Bylaw 19.2 should be raised as soon as recognized, but will not be considered unless raised at least one week in advance of the affected hearing. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/12/04)*

32.1.4 Cooperative Principle. The cooperative principle imposes an affirmative obligation on each institution to assist the enforcement staff in developing full information to determine whether a possible violation of NCAA legislation has occurred and the details of the infraction. An important element of the cooperative principle requires that all individuals who are subject to NCAA rules protect the integrity of the investigation. A failure to do so may be a violation of the principles of ethical conduct. The enforcement staff will usually share information with the institution during an investigation; however, it is understood that the staff, to protect the integrity of the investigation, may not in all instances be able to share information with the institution. *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*

32.1.5 Definition of Involved Individual. Involved individuals are former or current student-athletes and former or current institutional staff members who have received notice of significant involvement in alleged violations through the notice of allegations or summary disposition process. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/17/07)*

32.2 PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF INFORMATION

32.2.1 Enforcement Staff to Receive Complaints and Conduct Investigations. It is the responsibility of the enforcement staff to conduct investigations relative to an institution’s failure to comply with NCAA legislation or to meet the conditions and obligations of membership. Information that an institution failed to meet these obligations shall be provided to the enforcement staff and, if received by the Committee on Infractions or NCAA president, will be channeled to the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.2.1.1 Staff Initiation of Investigation. The enforcement staff may initiate an investigation on its own motion when it receives information that an institution is, has been, or may have been in violation of NCAA legislation. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/11/06)*

32.2.1.2 Self-Disclosure by an Institution. Self-disclosure shall be considered in establishing penalties, and, if an institution uncovers a violation before its being reported to the NCAA and/or its conference, such disclosure shall be considered as a mitigating factor in determining the penalty. *(Revised: 10/12/94)*

32.2.2 Investigative Guidelines. The Committee on Infractions shall provide general guidance to the enforcement staff through approved and established investigative and procedural guidelines.

32.2.2.1 Initial Enforcement Staff Responsibilities. The enforcement staff is responsible for evaluating information reported to the NCAA staff to determine whether the possible violation should be handled by correspondence with the involved institution or its conference, or whether the enforcement staff should conduct its own in-person inquiries.

32.2.2.1.1 Basic Information Gathering. The enforcement staff has a responsibility to gather basic information regarding possible violations and, in doing so, may contact individuals to solicit information. If information indicating a potential NCAA violation believed to be reliable is developed, the procedures provided in Bylaw 32.5 (Notice of Inquiry) are undertaken. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.2.2.1.2 Identification of Major/Secondary Violation. The enforcement staff shall identify information developed by it or self-reported by the institution as alleged major or secondary violations (as defined in Bylaw 19.02.2). The staff shall have the discretion to submit information to the Committee on Infractions, or a designated member of the committee, for an initial determination of how that information should be processed. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/11/06)*

32.2.2.1.3 Matters Handled by Correspondence. Matters that clearly are secondary in nature should be handled promptly by correspondence with the involved institution. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.3 INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES

32.3.1 Conformance with Procedures. Investigations by the enforcement staff shall be conducted in accordance with the operating policies, procedures and investigative guidelines established by the Committee on Infractions, Management Council and membership in accordance with Bylaw 19.

32.3.1.1 Consultation with Committee. If questions arise concerning investigative procedures during the course of an investigation, the chair (or the full Committee on Infractions, if necessary) may be consulted by the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.3.2 Timely Process. The enforcement staff shall make reasonable efforts to process infractions matters in a timely manner. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.3.3 Conflict of Interest. Any enforcement staff member who has or had a personal relationship or institutional affiliation that reasonably would result in the appearance of prejudice should refrain from participating in any manner in the processing of the involved institution's or individual's infractions case. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.3.4 Interviews with Member Institution. The athletics director 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, coaching staff members or other institutional staff members with athletically related responsibilities or oversight who are involved in possible violations at the institution. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.3.4.1 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(s) (as designated by the institution) will be permitted to 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 investigator 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 staff member is employed and would not reasonably affect the student's eligibility or the staff member's employment, the institutional representative shall not be present during that portion of the interview. In such a situation (after the institutional representative has departed), any information inadvertently reported by the student-athlete or the staff member that is related to his or her own institution shall not be used against the student-athlete staff member or that institution. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.3.4.2 Conflict with Academic Schedule. If possible, interviews should be conducted without disrupting the normally scheduled academic activities of the student-athlete. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.3.5 Proper Identification of NCAA Staff Member. In no case shall an enforcement staff member misrepresent the staff member's identity or title.

32.3.6 Representation by Legal Counsel. When an enforcement staff member conducts an interview that may develop information detrimental to the interests of the individual being questioned, that individual may be represented by personal legal counsel throughout the interview.

32.3.7 Notice of Requirements.

32.3.7.1 Disclosure of Purpose of Interview. When an enforcement representative requests information that could be detrimental to the interests of the student-athlete or institutional employee being interviewed,

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 NCAA legislation. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/11/06)*

32.3.7.2 Responsibility to Cooperate. At the beginning of an interview arranged or initiated by the enforcement staff, a current or former student-athlete or 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 legislation (see Bylaw 10.1). *(Adopted: 4/11/06)*

32.3.8 Limited Immunity. At the request of the enforcement staff, the Committee on Infractions may grant limited immunity to a student-athlete who provides information when such individual otherwise might be declared ineligible for intercollegiate competition based on the information that he or she reports and an institutional employee with responsibilities related to athletics when such an individual otherwise would be subject to disciplinary action as described in Bylaws 19.5.1-(i) and 19.5.2.2-(k) based on the information that individual reports. Such immunity shall not apply to the individual's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported or to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the individual or to any actions that an institution imposes. In any case, such immunity shall not be granted unless the individual provides information not otherwise available to the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 10/12/94, 1/12/04)*

32.3.9 Interview Record. *(Revised: 8/2/91, 10/12/94, 1/8/01)*

32.3.9.1 Recordings. It is preferable that an interview conducted by the enforcement staff be recorded through the use of a mechanical device. If an interviewee objects to being recorded, however, or the enforcement staff believes the use of a recording device would have an inhibiting effect on the interviewee, a summary of the information reported shall be prepared per Bylaw 32.3.9.2. *(Revised: 4/24/06, 7/24/07)*

32.3.9.1.1 Access to Recordings and Transcripts. Both the enforcement staff and the interviewee may record the interview or the interviewee may receive a copy of the recording and if prepared by the enforcement staff, the interview transcript, subject to the confidentiality provisions of Bylaws 32.3.9.1.4 and 32.3.9.2.1. Copies of recorded interview summaries and any report prepared by the enforcement staff are confidential and shall only be provided to interviewees (and their institutions), except as set forth in Bylaws 32.3.9.2 and 32.6.4. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/24/06, 7/24/07, 7/22/08)*

32.3.9.1.2 Institutional Recording of an Interview—Access to Recordings and Transcripts. Interviews conducted in accordance with Bylaw 32.3.4.1 or jointly with the enforcement staff at any location, may be recorded by the institution under inquiry. If the institution is unable or chooses not to record such an interview, the institution may receive a copy of the enforcement staff's recording of the interview and/or a copy of the interview transcript if prepared by the enforcement staff. Institutional recordings of NCAA interviews under any other circumstances must be approved by the Committee on Infractions. *(Adopted: 10/12/94, Revised: 7/24/07)*

32.3.9.1.2.1 Access to Recordings and Transcripts by Conference. For interviews conducted in accordance with Bylaw 32.3.4.1 or jointly by the institution and enforcement staff, and upon consent of the institution, a conference may receive a copy of the interview recording and/or transcript, if prepared by the enforcement staff or institution. *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

32.3.9.1.3 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: *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

- (a) Pay the court reporter's fee;
- (b) Provide a copy of the transcript to the enforcement staff at no charge; and
- (c) Agree that confidentiality standards of Bylaw 32.3.9.1.4 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. 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. *(Revised: 5/15/08)*

32.3.9.1.4 Statement of Confidentiality. Individuals and institutional representatives shall be required to agree not to release recording(s) 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 would preclude the individual and institutional representative from recording or transcribing the interview. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/24/06)*

32.3.9.2 Non-Recorded Interviews. When an interview is not recorded or if the recording device malfunctions, the enforcement staff shall prepare a written summary of the information and attempt to obtain a signed affirmation of its accuracy from the interviewee. The interviewee shall be permitted to make additions or corrections to the memorandum before affirming its accuracy. In order to obtain the interviewee's signature, the enforcement staff may provide a copy of the unsigned summary to the interviewee and his or her counsel. After the summary is signed, the interviewee and his or her counsel may receive a signed copy. However, testimony as

to the substance of an unrecorded interview for which a signed affirmation was not obtained may nevertheless be considered by the Committee on Infractions to the extent the committee determines the testimony to be reliable. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/24/06, 7/22/08)*

32.3.9.2.1 Confidentiality of Non-Recorded Interview Documents. Copies of non-recorded interview summaries and any report prepared by the enforcement staff are confidential and shall not be provided to individuals (or their institutions) who may be involved in reporting information during the process of an infractions case except as set forth in Bylaws 32.3.9.2, 32.3.10 and 32.6.4. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 7/22/08)*

32.3.9.3 Handwritten Notes. It shall be permissible for all individuals involved in interviews conducted by the enforcement staff to take handwritten notes of the proceedings.

32.3.10 Enforcement Staff's Responsibility to Maintain Case Information.

32.3.10.1 Case File. The enforcement staff is responsible for maintaining evidentiary materials involved with an infractions case, including copies of recorded interviews, interview summaries and/or interview transcripts and other evidentiary information. Such materials shall be retained on file at the national office. *(Adopted: 1/11/08, for all cases heard by the Committee on Infractions unless not feasible due to security, format or technology issues)*

32.3.10.2 Custodial File. The enforcement staff shall make available copies of recorded interviews, interview summaries and/or interview transcripts and other evidentiary information pertinent to an infractions case. The institution and involved individuals may review such information in the national office or through a secure Web-based custodial site in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 32.6.4. *(Adopted: 1/11/08, for all cases heard by the Committee on Infractions unless not feasible due to security, format or technology issues)*

32.3.11 Failure to Cooperate. In the event that a representative of an institution refuses to submit relevant information to the Committee on Infractions or the enforcement staff on request, a notice of inquiry may be filed with the institution alleging a violation of the cooperative principles of the NCAA bylaws and enforcement procedures. Institutional representatives and the involved individual may be requested to appear before the Committee on Infractions at the time the allegation is considered. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.3.12 Meeting with President or Chancellor. The enforcement staff may meet personally with the president or chancellor or a designated representative of the involved institution to discuss the allegations investigated and information developed by the NCAA in a case that has been terminated. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05, 5/15/08)*

32.4 PROCESSING INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY VIOLATIONS

32.4.1 Authority of Conference Commissioners. Selected secondary violations that have been identified by the Committee on Infractions, and for which specific disciplinary or corrective actions have been prescribed by the committee, may be processed by the commissioner of the institution's conference when such violations occur for the first time in a particular sport. Those violations that temporarily affect the eligibility of a prospective enrolled student-athlete (as indicated on the prescribed penalty schedule) must continue to be handled through the normal eligibility restoration process. The conference commissioner, at his or her discretion, may elect not to process any such violation and instead, forward it to the Committee on Infractions. Any violations processed and penalties imposed by the conference commissioner shall be reported to the Committee on Infractions on a monthly basis. If an institution believes that a case warrants action that is less than the prescribed penalty, it may request further review by the group executive director for enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement. *(Adopted: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98)*

32.4.2 Review of Institutional or Conference Actions or Penalties In Secondary Cases. If the Committee on Infractions or the enforcement staff, after review of institutional or conference action taken in connection with a rules infraction in secondary cases, concludes that the corrective or punitive measures taken by the institution or conference are sufficient, the committee or the enforcement staff, may accept the self-imposed measures and take no further action. Failure to fully implement the self-imposed measures may subject the institution to further disciplinary action by the NCAA. *(Revised: 10/12/94, 1/12/04)*

32.4.2.1 Insufficient Actions. If the institutional or conference actions appear to be insufficient, the enforcement staff shall notify the institution of additional penalties in a secondary case. *(Revised: 10/12/94, 1/12/04)*

32.4.3 Action Taken by Enforcement Staff (Not Institution or Conference). If the enforcement staff, after reviewing the information that has been developed and after consulting with the institution involved, determines that a secondary violation has occurred, the enforcement staff may determine that no penalty is warranted or impose an appropriate penalty (see Bylaw 19.6.1). *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.4.4 Appeal of Secondary Cases. An institution may appeal penalties imposed by the enforcement staff for secondary violations by submitting a written notice of appeal to the Committee on Infractions. The Committee on Infractions must receive written notice of the appeal and any supporting documentation within 30 days of the date the institution receives the enforcement staff's decision. An institution may request the opportunity to appear in person or through participation in a telephone conference call. If no such request is made, or if the request is denied, the Committee on Infractions will review the institution's appeal on the basis of the written record. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

32.5 NOTICE OF INQUIRY

32.5.1 Notice to Institution. If the enforcement staff has developed reasonably reliable information indicating that an institution has been in violation of NCAA legislation that requires further investigation, the enforcement staff shall provide a notice of inquiry in writing to the president or chancellor unless the institution and enforcement staff have agreed to pursue the summary disposition process as set forth in Bylaw 32.7. The notice of inquiry shall advise the president or chancellor that the enforcement staff will engage in an investigation, that the investigation will be conducted under the direction of the vice-president for enforcement services and that members of the enforcement staff, if requested, shall meet in person with the president or chancellor to discuss the nature and details of the investigation, and the type of charges that appear to be involved. The notice of inquiry shall state that if the investigation develops significant information of a possible major violation, a notice of allegations will be produced in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 32.6, or, in the alternative, the institution will be notified that the matter has been concluded. To the extent possible, the notice of inquiry also shall contain the following information: *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05, 4/17/07)*

- (a) The involved sport;
- (b) The approximate time period during which the alleged violations occurred;
- (c) The identity of the involved individuals;
- (d) An approximate time frame for the investigation;
- (e) A statement indicating that the institution and involved individuals may be represented by legal counsel at all stages of the proceedings;
- (f) A statement requesting that the individuals associated with the institution not discuss the case prior to interviews by the enforcement staff and institution except for reasonable campus communications not intended to impede the investigation of the allegations and except for consultation with legal counsel;
- (g) A statement indicating that other facts may be developed during the course of the investigation that may relate to additional violations; and
- (h) A statement regarding the obligation of the institution to cooperate in the case.

32.5.1.1 Status Notification within Six Months. The enforcement staff shall inform the involved institution of the general status of the inquiry within six months of the date after the president or chancellor receives the notice of inquiry from the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05)*

32.5.1.2 Review after One Year. If the inquiry has not been processed to conclusion within one year of the date the president or chancellor receives the notice of inquiry from the enforcement staff, the staff shall review the status of the case with the Committee on Infractions. The Committee on Infractions shall determine whether further investigation is warranted, and its decision shall be forwarded to the involved institution in writing. If the investigation is continued, additional status reports shall be provided to the institution in writing at least every six months thereafter, until the matter is concluded. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05)*

32.5.2 Termination of Investigation. The enforcement staff shall terminate the investigation related to any notice of inquiry in which information is developed that does not appear to be of sufficient substance or reliability to warrant a notice of allegations, it being understood that the committee shall review each such decision. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.6 NOTICE OF ALLEGATIONS

32.6.1 Notice to President or Chancellor. When the enforcement staff determines that there is sufficient information to warrant, it shall issue a cover letter and notice of allegations to the president or chancellor of the institution involved (with copies to the faculty athletics representative and the athletics director and to the executive officer of the conference of which the institution is a member). *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05)*

32.6.1.1 Contents of the Notice of Allegations Cover Letter. The cover letter accompanying each notice of allegations shall: *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

- (a) Inform the president or chancellor of the matter under inquiry and request the cooperation of the institution in obtaining all the pertinent facts and provide specific information on how to investigate the allegation. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (b) Request the president or chancellor to respond to the allegations and to provide all relevant information which 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. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (c) Request the president or chancellor and other institutional staff to appear before the Committee on Infractions at a time and place determined by the committee. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*
- (d) Inform the president or chancellor that if the institution fails to appear after having been requested to do so, it may not appeal the Committee on Infractions' findings of fact and violations, or the resultant penalty. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*

- (e) Direct the institution to provide any involved individual the opportunity to submit in writing any information the individual desires that is relevant to the allegation in question. *(Revised: 9/8/08)*
- (f) Inform the president or chancellor 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. *(Revised: 10/3/05)*

32.6.1.1 Enforcement Staff Basis for Allegation. The enforcement staff shall allege a violation when it believes there is sufficient information to conclude that the Committee on Infractions could make a finding. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.6.1.2 Contents of Notice of Allegations. The notice shall list the NCAA legislation alleged to have been violated, as well as the details of each allegation. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.6.2 Notice to Involved Individuals. The enforcement staff shall notify involved individuals (as defined in Bylaw 32.1.5) of the allegations in a notice of allegations in which they are named. A copy of the notification shall also be forwarded to the president or chancellor of the current institution of the involved individual. All involved individuals shall submit responses to the Committee on Infractions, and the institution under inquiry shall provide a copy of pertinent portions of its response to each involved individual in the case. Involved individuals who have submitted a response must also share their response with the involved institutions or other involved individuals. Failure to submit a response may be viewed by the Committee on Infractions as an admission that the alleged violations occurred. The enforcement staff shall notify those involved individuals named in the notice of allegations who may be subject to the show-cause requirements as outlined in Bylaw 19.5.2.2 if violations are found in which they are named. *(Revised: 4/14/03, 10/3/05, 4/11/06, 7/24/07, 1/15/09)*

32.6.3 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 forwarded 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: *(Revised: 10/12/94, 1/12/04)*

- (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 regulations or that involve an effort to conceal the occurrence of the violation. In such cases, the enforcement staff shall have a one-year 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.

32.6.4 Access to Information in Custodial File. The institution and involved individuals shall have reasonable access to all pertinent evidentiary materials as described in Bylaw 32.3.10.2. Such information shall be made available within 30 days from the date the notice of allegations is sent by the enforcement staff to the institution and involved individuals. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 10/12/94, 1/12/04, 1/11/08, for all cases heard by the Committee on Infractions unless not feasible due to security, format or technology issues)*

32.6.4.1 Additions to Custodial File. Additions made to a custodial file more than 30 days after the notice of allegations is sent to the member institution and involved individuals shall be limited to exculpatory information and/or new information that could not be reasonably ascertained prior to the date the notice of allegations was sent. The enforcement staff shall notify the institution and involved individuals of the availability of the additional information. *(Adopted: 1/11/08, for all cases heard by the Committee on Infractions unless not feasible due to security, format or technology issues)*

32.6.5 Deadline for Responses. Any response to the notice of allegations shall be on file with the Committee on Infractions, the institution, all involved individuals and the enforcement staff not later than 90 days from the date of the notice of allegations, unless the committee 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. An institution or involved individual may not submit additional documentary evidence (in addition to its initial response) without prior authorization from the Committee on Infractions (see Bylaw 32.6.8 for additional instructions regarding information submitted to the Committee on Infractions). *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/12/04, 4/11/06, 1/11/08)*

32.6.6 Prehearing Conference. Within 30 days of an institution's submission of its written response to a notice of allegations, in a case involving an alleged major violation, the enforcement staff shall consult with institutional representatives and other involved individuals who will attend the hearing in order to clarify the issues to be discussed in the case during the hearing, make suggestions regarding additional investigation or interviews that should be conducted by the institution to supplement its response and identify allegations that the staff intends to 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. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 10/12/94, 1/12/04)*

32.6.6.1 Extension. The Committee on Infractions may approve additional time for representatives of the involved individuals and institution and the enforcement staff to conduct such prehearing conferences. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

32.6.7 Enforcement Staff Case Summary. The enforcement staff shall prepare a summary of the case that indicates the status of each allegation and identifies the individuals on whom and the information on which the staff will rely in presenting the case. Within 14 days prior to the hearing, the case summary shall be provided to the members of the Committee on Infractions and to representatives of the institution. Involved individuals will be provided those portions of the summary in which they are identified as at risk. The Committee on Infractions may waive this 14-day period for good cause shown. *(Adopted: 10/12/94, Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.6.8 Deadline for Submission of Written Material. Unless specifically approved by the Committee on Infractions for good cause shown, all written material to be considered by the committee at the infractions hearing must be received by the committee, the enforcement staff, the institution and any involved individuals attending the hearing not later than 10 days prior to the date of the hearing. Evidence may be submitted at the hearing, but subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 32.8.7.4. *(Adopted: 1/9/01, Revised: 1/14/02, 1/12/04)*

32.6.9 Prehearing Procedural Issues. The chair of the Committee on Infractions (or his or her designee) has the authority to resolve procedural matters that arise prior to an infractions hearing. *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*

32.7 SUMMARY DISPOSITION AND EXPEDITED HEARING

32.7.1 Summary Disposition Election. In major infractions cases, institutions, involved individuals and the enforcement staff may elect to process the case through the summary disposition procedures specified below. The enforcement staff, involved individuals, if participating, and the institution must agree to use the summary disposition process. If the institution is subject to the repeat-violator legislation as indicated in Bylaw 19.5.2.3, the summary disposition process shall not be used. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 4/22/98, 7/24/07)*

32.7.1.1 Thorough Investigation. The Committee on Infractions shall determine that a thorough investigation of possible violations of NCAA legislation has been conducted. The investigation may be conducted by the enforcement staff and/or the institution, but the enforcement staff must agree that a complete and thorough investigation has been conducted and that the institution fully cooperated in the process. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

32.7.1.2 Written Report. The institution, involved individuals and the NCAA enforcement staff shall submit a written report setting forth: *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

- (a) The proposed findings of fact;
- (b) A summary of information on which the findings are based;
- (c) A stipulation that the proposed findings are substantially correct;
- (d) The findings that are violations of NCAA legislation; and
- (e) A statement of unresolved issues that are not considered substantial enough to affect the outcome of the case.

32.7.1.3 Proposed Penalties. The institution and involved individuals shall submit proposed penalties within the guidelines set forth in the penalty structure for major violations specified in Bylaw 19.5.2. The institution and involved individuals also may submit a statement regarding mitigating factors. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

32.7.1.4 Committee on Infractions Review. The Committee on Infractions shall consider the case during its next scheduled meeting. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

32.7.1.4.1 Approval of Findings and Penalties. If the agreed-on findings and proposed penalties are approved, the Committee on Infractions shall prepare a written report, forward it to the institution and involved individuals, and publicly announce the resolution of the case under the provisions of Bylaw 32.9. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

32.7.1.4.2 Findings Not Approved. If the Committee on Infractions does not approve the findings, the hearing process set forth in Bylaws 32.8 and 32.9 shall be followed. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/8/01, 7/24/07)*

32.7.1.4.3 Penalties Not Approved. If the Committee on Infractions accepts the agreed-on findings but proposes penalties in addition to those set forth in the summary disposition report, the institution and/or involved individuals may request an expedited hearing on penalties before the Committee on Infractions. The committee shall only consider information relevant to the imposition of penalties during the expedited hearing. At the conclusion of the expedited hearing, the committee shall prepare a written report and provide notification of the committee's actions consistent with Bylaw 32.9. The institution and/or any involved individuals may appeal the additional penalties to the Infractions Appeals Committee in accordance with Bylaws 32.10 and 32.11. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/8/01, 7/24/07, 7/22/08)*

32.7.1.4.4 Additional Information or Clarification. The Committee on Infractions may contact jointly the institution, enforcement staff and involved individuals for additional information or clarification prior to accepting or rejecting the proposed findings. *(Revised: 7/24/07)*

32.7.1.4.5 Authority to Amend Findings. The Committee on Infractions has the authority to make editorial or nonsubstantive changes in the proposed findings as long as these changes do not affect the substance of the findings.

32.8 COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS HEARINGS

32.8.1 Committee Authority. The Committee on Infractions shall hold a hearing to determine the existence of the alleged violation of NCAA regulations and to impose any appropriate penalties. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.2 Determination of Meeting Date. The Committee on Infractions shall set the dates and times for all hearings before the committee. The Committee on Infractions shall notify all relevant parties of the hearing date and site. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.3 Limitations on Presentation of Staff Evidence. In major cases requiring an institutional hearing before the Committee on Infractions or when processing a case through means of a summary disposition, specific information and evidence developed by the staff related to alleged violations of NCAA legislation shall not be presented to the committee prior to the institution's appearance, except as provided in these procedures. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.4 Obligation to Provide Full Information. At any appearance before the Committee on Infractions, the involved institution and the enforcement staff, to the extent reasonably possible, have the obligation to ensure that the committee has benefit of full information concerning each allegation, whether such information corroborates or refutes an allegation. *(Revised: 4/14/03)*

32.8.5 Notification of Hearing Procedures. An institution and involved individuals shall be advised in writing prior to an appearance before the Committee on Infractions of the general procedures to be followed during the hearing. Such notification shall contain a specific reference to Bylaw 32.8 and shall indicate that, as a general rule, the discussion during the hearing will follow the numbering of the allegations in the notice of allegations. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.6 Appearance of Individuals at Hearings.

32.8.6.1 Request for Specific Individuals. Institutional officials, staff members or enrolled student-athletes who are specifically requested to appear before the Committee on Infractions at an institutional hearing are expected to appear in person and may be accompanied by personal legal counsel. The Committee on Infractions also may request that former institutional staff members appear at a hearing. Such individuals also are expected to appear in person and may be accompanied by personal legal counsel. Failure to attend may result in a violation of this bylaw in a show-cause action by the Committee on Infractions.

32.8.6.2 Attendance at Hearings. At the time the institution appears before the Committee on Infractions, its representatives should include the institution's president or chancellor, the head coach of the sport in question, the institution's director of athletics, legal counsel, enrolled student-athletes whose eligibility could be affected by information presented at the hearing and any other representatives whose attendance has been requested by the committee. Additional individuals may be included among the institution's party only if specifically approved to be present by the Committee on Infractions. An individual who appears before the Committee on Infractions may appear with personal legal counsel. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05)*

32.8.6.3 Exclusion of Individuals from Hearings.

32.8.6.3.1 Exclusions Requested by the Institution. At the request of the institution, the Committee on Infractions may exclude an individual from certain portions of the hearing when the matters to be discussed are not those in which the individual is at risk. When an individual is excluded from the hearing room for a period of time, it shall be with the understanding that matters discussed in the hearing during that time will not relate to that individual. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.6.3.2 Limited Attendance of Student-Athletes. Any student-athlete (and personal legal counsel) included among the institution's representatives may attend the hearing only during the discussion of the allegations in which the student-athlete is involved.

32.8.6.4 Representation of Member Conference. The executive officer or other representative of a conference's executive office may attend an institutional hearing involving a conference member. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.6.5 Prohibited Attendee. A member of the Committee on Infractions or the Infractions Appeals Committee who is prohibited under the provisions of Bylaw 32.1.3 from participating in any NCAA proceedings may not attend a Committee on Infractions hearing involving the committee member's institution unless specifically requested by the committee to be present as a witness.

32.8.6.6 Designation of Presentation Coordinators. The chair shall request each institution appearing before the Committee on Infractions to select one person to coordinate institutional responses during the hearing. In addition, one individual from the enforcement staff will be responsible for coordinating the presentation of the enforcement staff.

32.8.7 Hearing Procedures. The exact procedure to be followed in the conduct of the hearing will be determined by the Committee on Infractions.

32.8.7.1 Opening and Closing Statements. At the outset of the hearing, a representative of the institution shall make an opening statement, followed by an opening statement from any involved individual and by a representative of the enforcement staff. The contents of such a statement should not relate to the substance of the specific items contained in the notice of allegations. Statements concerning the nature or theory of the case are encouraged. An institutional representative and involved individuals also may make a closing statement at the conclusion of the hearing, followed by a closing statement by a representative of the enforcement staff. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.7.2 Staff Presentation. During the hearing, the enforcement staff first shall present the information that its investigation has developed.

32.8.7.3 Institutional or Involved Individual's Presentation. The institution and involved individual then will present their explanation of the alleged violations and any other arguments or information deemed appropriate in the Committee on Infractions' consideration of the case. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.7.4 Type of Information. Any oral or documentary information may be received, but the Committee on Infractions may exclude information that it determines to be irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious.

32.8.7.4.1 Information from Confidential Sources. In presenting information and evidence for consideration by the Committee on Infractions during an infractions hearing, 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 Committee on Infractions in making findings of violations. Such confidential sources shall not be identified to either the Committee on Infractions or the institution.

32.8.7.4.2 Information Concerning Mitigating Factors. Institutional, conference and enforcement staff representatives and any involved individuals are encouraged to present all relevant information concerning mitigating or other factors that should be considered in arriving at appropriate penalties. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.7.5 Scope of Inquiry. If an institution appears before the Committee on Infractions to discuss its response to the notice of allegations, the hearing shall be directed toward the allegations set forth in the notice of allegations but shall not preclude the committee from finding any violation resulting from information developed or discussed during the hearing. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.7.6 Committee Questioning. The Committee on Infractions, at the discretion of any of its members, shall question representatives of the institution or the enforcement staff, as well as any involved individuals or other persons appearing before it, in order to determine the facts of the case. Further, under the direction of the Committee on Infractions, questions and information may be exchanged between and among all parties participating in the hearing. *(Revised: 5/15/08)*

32.8.7.7 Recording of Proceedings. The proceedings of infractions hearings shall be recorded by a court reporter (unless otherwise agreed) and shall be recorded by the Committee on Infractions. No additional verbatim recording of these proceedings will be permitted by the Committee on Infractions. The Committee on Infractions shall maintain custody of the recordings and any transcriptions. In the event of an appeal, a transcript of the hearing proceedings shall be reproduced and submitted to the Infractions Appeals Committee and made available for review at the NCAA national office or at custodial sites reasonably near the institution and involved individuals. [Note: Involved individuals will receive only those portions of the hearing transcriptions in which they were in attendance at the hearing.] *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/12/04, 4/24/06)*

32.8.8 Posthearing Committee Deliberations. After all presentations have been made and the hearing has been concluded, the Committee on Infractions shall excuse all others from the hearing, and the committee shall make its determinations of fact and violation in private.

32.8.8.1 Request for New Information. In arriving at its determinations, the Committee on Infractions 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 from the institution, the enforcement staff, or an involved individual to assist the Committee on Infractions, all parties shall be afforded an opportunity to respond at the time such information is provided to the committee. *(Revised: 7/24/07)*

32.8.8.2 Basis of Findings. The Committee on Infractions shall base its findings 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.

32.8.8.3 Imposition of Penalty. If the Committee on Infractions determines that there has been a violation, it shall impose an appropriate penalty (see Bylaw 19.5); or it may recommend to the Management Council suspension or termination of membership in an appropriate case. *(Revised: 1/12/04)*

32.8.8.4 Voting Requirements. The finding of a violation or the imposition of a penalty or recommended action shall be by majority vote of the members of the committee present and voting. If fewer than five members are present, any committee action requires a favorable vote of at least three committee members. *(Revised: 10/12/94, 1/10/98, 7/22/08)*

32.9 NOTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTION

32.9.1 Infractions Report. The Committee on Infractions, without prior public announcement, shall be obligated to submit promptly an infractions report to the president or chancellor of the institution (with copies to those individuals receiving copies of the notice of allegations) and to all involved individuals as defined in Bylaw 32.1.5. The following procedures shall apply to the infractions report: *(Revised: 1/12/04, 10/3/05, 1/11/08)*

- (a) After an institutional hearing, the Committee on Infractions shall prepare and approve the final infractions report; *(Revised: 10/12/94)*
- (b) The infractions report(s) of the Committee on Infractions and the Infractions Appeals Committee shall contain a consolidated statement of all findings and penalties, corrective actions, requirements, and other conditions and obligations of membership imposed on a member institution found in violation of NCAA legislation. The statement of such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the penalties imposed upon the institution, eligibility rules to be applied, applicable executive regulations, the adjustment of individual and team standings in NCAA championship events, and the request for the return of any awards and net receipts received for participation in an NCAA championship; and *(Revised: 10/12/94, 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*
- (c) The Committee on Infractions' report shall be sent to the president or chancellor of the involved institution and any involved individuals under the chair's signature or under the signature of a committee member selected to act for the chair. In addition, the committee will notify all involved individuals directly of the appeal opportunities outlined in Bylaws 32.9 and 32.10. The report shall be sent by overnight mail service, and the committee's administrator shall confirm receipt by the institution and involved individuals in order that the 15-day appeal period applicable to this report may be established. *(Revised: 10/12/94, 10/3/05, 1/11/08)*

32.9.2 Release to Media. Once the infractions report has been received by the institution and involved individuals, the report, with names of individuals deleted, shall be made available to the national wire services and other media outlets. *(Revised: 1/11/08)*

32.9.2.1 Public Comment Prior to Release. The Committee on Infractions' public announcement related to an infractions case shall be made available to the national wire services and other media outlets. In this regard, the involved institution and/or any involved individuals shall be advised of the text of the announcement before its release and shall be requested not to comment publicly concerning the case before the time the NCAA's public announcement is released. *(Revised: 4/14/03)*

32.9.2.2 Public Announcement and Comment at Release. The chair or a member of the Committee on Infractions shall make the committee's public announcement related to major infractions when the committee determines that an announcement is warranted in addition to distribution of the written report. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

32.9.3 Report to Infractions Appeals Committee. The Committee on Infractions shall forward a copy of the report, with names of individuals deleted, to the Infractions Appeals Committee at the time of the public announcement. *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*

32.10 APPEAL PROCEDURE

32.10.1 Notice of Intent to Appeal. A notice of intent to appeal must be presented in writing to the Infractions Appeals Committee not later than 15 calendar days from the date of the public release of the Committee on Infractions' public infractions report. The notice of intent to appeal shall contain a statement identifying the date of the public release of the Committee on Infractions' report and a statement indicating whether the appealing party desires to submit its appeal in writing only or requests an in-person hearing before the Infractions Appeals Committee. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 4/26/95, 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*

32.10.1.1 Appeal by Institution. The institution may appeal the Committee on Infractions' findings and penalties, corrective actions, requirements and/or other conditions and obligations of membership imposed for violations of NCAA legislation. An institution may not request an in-person hearing before the Infractions Appeals Committee unless the institution has made an in-person appearance before the Committee on Infractions. *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*

32.10.1.2 Appeal by Involved Individual. An involved individual may appeal the Committee on Infractions' findings and/or show cause order imposed for violations of NCAA legislation in which he or she is named. An involved individual may not request an in-person hearing before the Infractions Appeals Committee unless the involved individual has made an in-person appearance before the Committee on Infractions. *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*

32.10.2 Committee on Infractions' Response to an Appeal. The Committee on Infractions shall submit a response to the Infraction Appeals Committee on each case that has been appealed. This response shall include: *(Revised: 1/16/93, 10/12/94, 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*

- (a) A statement of the origin of the case;
- (b) The violations of the NCAA Constitution and bylaws, as determined by the Committee on Infractions; *(Revised: 10/12/94)*

- (c) Disciplinary or corrective actions taken by the institution or conference or any other agency involved in the particular incident;
- (d) A statement of the Committee on Infractions' penalties, corrective actions, requirements and other conditions and obligations of membership imposed for violations of NCAA legislation; *(Revised: 1/11/08)*
- (e) The issues raised in the appeal;
- (f) The Committee on Infractions' response to the issues raised in the appeal; and
- (g) A transcript of any hearing conducted by the Committee on Infractions (submitted as an attachment to the response). *(Adopted: 10/12/94, Revised: 1/11/08)*

32.10.3 Enforcement Staff Information. The enforcement staff may provide written information to the Infractions Appeals Committee regarding perceived new information, errors, misstatements and omissions relating to the written appeal, Committee on Infractions' response and/or rebuttal documents, as long as any such written information is received by the Infractions Appeals Committee not later than 10 calendar days from notification from the Infractions Appeals Committee of whether rebuttal materials have been submitted as established under the policies and procedures of the Infractions Appeals Committee. *(Adopted: 1/11/08, Revised: 1/23/09)*

32.10.4 Basis for Granting an Appeal.

32.10.4.1 Penalties. A penalty determined by the Committee on Infractions shall not be set aside on appeal except on a showing by the appealing party that the penalty is excessive such that it constitutes an abuse of discretion. *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*

32.10.4.2 Findings. Findings of violations made by the Committee on Infractions shall not be set aside on appeal, except on a showing by the appealing party that: *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*

- (a) A finding is clearly contrary to the evidence presented to the Committee on Infractions;
- (b) The facts found by the Committee on Infractions do not constitute a violation of the Association's rules; or
- (c) There was a procedural error and but for the error, the Committee on Infractions would not have made the finding of violation.

32.10.5 New Evidence. In making a determination pursuant to Bylaw 32.10.4, the Infractions Appeals Committee shall consider only the information contained in the record(s) of proceedings before the Committee on Infractions and the record on appeal. If an institution or involved individual seeks to introduce information during the appeals process that was not presented to the Committee on Infractions for its consideration, the Infractions Appeals Committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/6/96, Revised: 1/11/08)*

- (a) Determine whether the information is "new evidence" per Bylaw 19.02.3. If the Infractions Appeals Committee determines that the information meets the definition of "new evidence" per Bylaws 19.02.3, the Infractions Appeals Committee, after input from a Committee on Infractions' designee, shall determine whether the "new evidence" could have materially affected any decision made by the Committee on Infractions, and if so, the case shall be referred back to the Committee on Infractions for its review. If the information does not meet the definition of "new evidence" per Bylaw 19.02.3 or if the "new evidence" would not have materially affected a decision made by the Committee on Infractions, the information shall not be included in the record on appeal and shall not be considered by the Infractions Appeals Committee; and *(Revised: 1/11/08)*
- (b) Enter findings in the record on appeal regarding all decisions made pursuant to Bylaw 32.10.5-(a). *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*

32.10.6 Infractions Appeals Committee—Determination of Appeal Procedure. The specific procedures to be followed during the written appeals process will be determined by the Infractions Appeals Committee. *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*

32.11 APPEAL HEARINGS

32.11.1 Hearing Procedures. An institution or involved individual may appeal the Committee on Infractions' findings of violations and penalties, corrective actions, requirements and other conditions and obligations of membership imposed by the Committee on Infractions for violations of NCAA legislation. Should one or more of the parties request a hearing, the hearing will be conducted according to the following procedures: *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*

- (a) Consistent with the requirements of Bylaw 32.10.1, if the institution and/or involved individual elects to be represented in person before the Infractions Appeals Committee, the institution and/or involved individual shall be permitted a reasonable time to make its oral presentation to supplement the written appeal. The coordinator of appeals or another member of the Committee on Infractions then shall be permitted a reasonable time to make its oral presentation. The period of time for the presentation by the institution, involved individual and the Committee on Infractions shall be left to the discretion of the chair of the Infractions Appeals Committee; *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*

- (b) The enforcement staff may elect to be represented in person, by a maximum of three persons, and may participate during the hearing. Any participation by the enforcement staff shall be limited to the opportunity to provide information regarding perceived new information, errors, misstatements and omissions; *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*
- (c) 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, by a maximum of three persons, as a silent observer during the hearing before the Infractions Appeals Committee; *(Adopted: 1/11/08)*
- (d) If the institution or involved individual elects to appeal in writing only, the Committee on Infractions' written response specific to that written appeal shall be considered without an in-person appearance by a Committee on Infractions representative; and *(Revised: 1/11/08)*
- (e) Consistent with Bylaw 32.10.2, the Infractions Appeals Committee then shall act on the institution's and/or involved individual's appeal, by majority vote of the members of the Infractions Appeals Committee present and voting, and may affirm, reverse or vacate and remand the Committee on Infractions' findings of violations and/or penalties, corrective actions, requirements and/or other conditions and obligations of membership imposed by the Committee on Infractions for violations of NCAA legislation. *(Revised: 8/2/91, 1/10/95, 1/6/96, 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*

32.11.2 Consideration by Infractions Appeals Committee. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall consider the statements and evidence presented and, at the discretion of any of its members, may question representatives of the institution, 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. Further, under the direction of the Infractions Appeals Committee, questions and information may be exchanged between and among those individuals present and participating in the hearing. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*

32.11.3 Infractions Appeals Committee—Determination of Hearing Procedures. The procedure to be followed in the conduct of the hearing will be determined by the Infractions Appeals Committee but shall be consistent with the operating policies and procedures that apply to hearings conducted by the Committee on Infractions. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 1/12/04, 1/11/08)*

32.11.4 Decision Final. Any decision in an infractions case by the Infractions Appeals Committee shall be considered final. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 1/12/04)*

32.11.5 No Further Review. Determinations of fact and violations arrived at in the foregoing manner by the Committee on Infractions or by the Infractions Appeals Committee, on appeal, shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by the Management Council or any other authority. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 1/12/04)*

FIGURE 32-1

Processing of a Typical NCAA Infractions Case

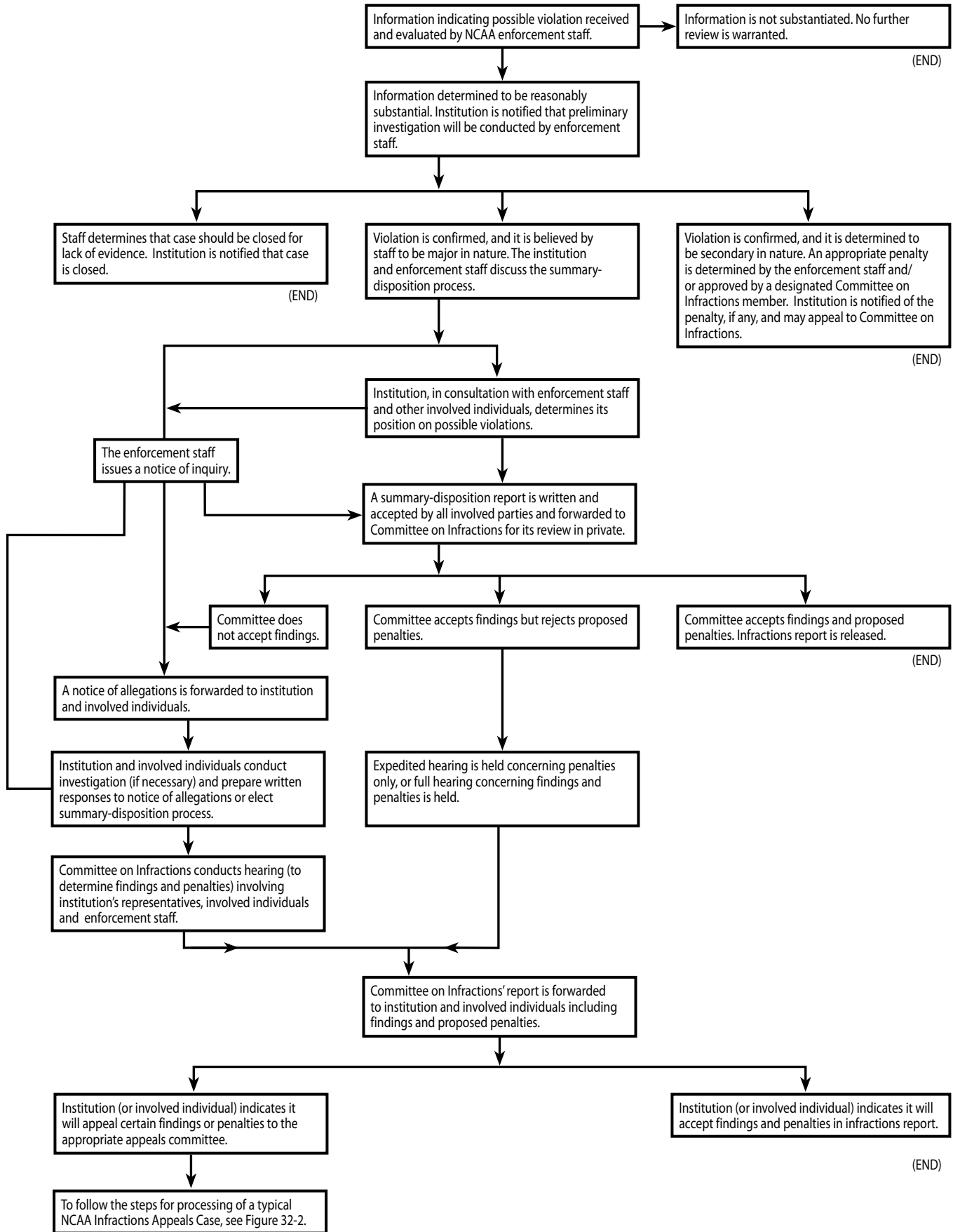
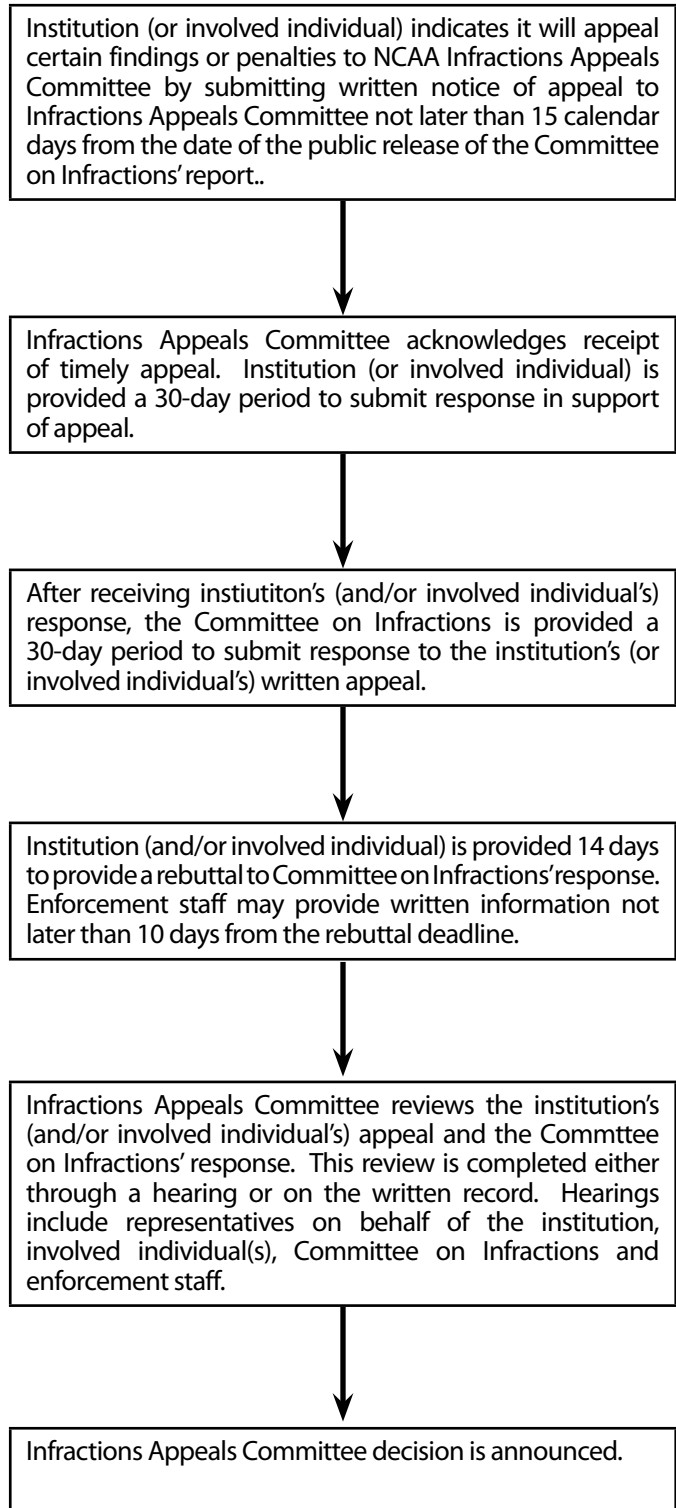


FIGURE 32-2

Processing of a Typical NCAA Infractions Appeals Case



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Instructions for Online Manual (Bylaw) Search

An index is included in the 2009-10 NCAA Division II Manual. The legislation included in this Manual is available online via the NCAA Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) at www.ncaa.org. By using LSDBi to search for legislation in the manner a user would typically have used an index, the user is not bound by the limitations associated with a printed index. Due to the legislative process, the printed Manual cannot serve as a stand-alone publication. The LSDBi manual is updated throughout the year with any legislative proposals adopted by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council or NCAA Division II Management Council at one of their four scheduled meetings. In addition, the LSDBi manual is updated throughout the year to reflect any adopted modifications of wording, incorporations of interpretations or editorial revisions. The LSDBi manual is updated within two weeks following each Presidents Council and Management Council meeting. 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.

In order to access LSDBi from the NCAA homepage, run the mouse over “Legislation and Governance” and click “LSDBi.” On the top menu bar, select “Search,” then select “Legislation.” The information included below provides directions related to using the Manual (Bylaw) search function.

For more information, contact the NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs staff at 317/917-6222.

Manual (Bylaw) Search

The Manual (Bylaw) Search screen is provided to allow the LSDBi user to search the NCAA Division II Manual. To perform a search, enter data into the fields and click on the “Go Search” button. This will list all bylaws that match the search criteria. The following information will describe each search-criteria field and explain its use in detail:

That Reference — This field allows the user to select which manual to search (Divisions I, II or III).



— Click on the reminder Icon to set the Division default.

Article # — This field allows the user to select and search any one article or all articles. All matching occurrences of the search terms within the selected article are returned. The default for this field is “all.” Unless the user is searching for a specific bylaw, it is recommended that the default setting be used.

Specified Legislative Cite — This allows the user to input any specific bylaw number. All matching occurrences of the search terms with the selected bylaw and “sub bylaws” are retrieved. For example, if “13.2” is entered, NCAA Bylaws 13.2, 13.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.2.2.1, 13.2.3 and so forth will be searched and/or returned depending on any additional search criteria.

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Select the radio button before “**Article #**” or “**Specified Legislative Cite**” to identify which of the two criteria will be used in the search.

Include adopted — Select this check box to include bylaws that are adopted but not yet effective. The box is checked by default. Deselect the box to exclude bylaws that are adopted but not yet effective.

Word List Search Fields — The word list search field allows the user to search for specific words or phrases in the legislation in a similar manner as one would look for specific words or phrases in a printed index. If no words or phrases are included in a blank word list, it will not be used in the search.

The following information provides an explanation of the fields in the search rows:

Word List Usage — The first pull-down list (from the left) has three possible entries:

- **At Least One of the Words** — If any one of the words in the word list is in the bylaw text or a bylaw title (as specified by the location field explained below), the bylaw will be returned. A space between words in the word list serves as an “or.”
- **All of the Words** — All of the words in the word list must be in the bylaw text or a bylaw title (as specified by the location field explained below) for the bylaw to be returned. A space between words in the word list serves as an “and.”
- **The Phrase** — The entire word list must match, verbatim, text in either the bylaw or bylaw title (as specified by the location field explained below) for the bylaw to be returned.

Word List — The text entry field allows the user to enter words to be searched. Multiple words may be entered separated by a space or spaces.

Location — The location pull-down list allows the user to select where the words in the word list will be searched.

- **Text** — The word list items must appear in the bylaw text. The title is not searched.
- **Title** — The word list items must appear in the bylaw title. The text is not searched.
- **Both** — The word list items must appear in both the bylaw text and bylaw title.
- **Either** — The word list items may appear in either the bylaw text or bylaw title.

Multiple Word Lists — Multiple word lists can be specified by selecting the “Advanced Search” link in the upper right corner of the “Legislation Search” title bar. Use the word list operators to combine word lists.

Word List Operator — This field allows the user to specify how the word list usage items will be combined to conduct a search.

- **And** — Both the word list in the same row and the word list in the row below it must be present for the bylaw to be returned.
- **Or** — Either the word list in the current row or the word list in the row below it must be present for the bylaw to be returned.

Example:

This example will search the “Division II” manual within “All” article numbers for the following: The word “member” must appear in the title and either the word “college” or the word “university” must appear in the text and the phrase “four-year” also must appear in the text.



Other Buttons

Use Last Search Values — This button will re-display the search input page with all of the search criteria from the last search. The user may then make changes and perform another search by clicking on the “Go Search” button.

Reset for New Search — This button will clear all search fields and return the search page to its default settings.

Additional Search Features and Help

For LSDBi help and to view LSDBi tools and tips, click the “Resources” tab at the top of the search page.

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