**PROPOSAL 2020-1: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, FINANCIAL AID, AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN – ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING**

**Intent:** To add acrobatics and tumbling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020.

**Source:** Presidents Council [Management Council (NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics)].

**Rationale:**
- The sport’s potential for growth and support from the sport’s national governing body supports this recommendation.
- Acrobatics and tumbling leadership demonstrated and articulated how the experience of an acrobatics and tumbling student-athlete is comparable to the experience of an NCAA sport student-athlete and how acrobatics and tumbling student-athletes are fully integrated into athletics departments.
- The existing organizational structure and bylaws supports efforts to integrate NCAA values and legislation into current operations.
- There is a commitment at the collegiate level to providing robust participation opportunities during the regular season and post season, including the national championship.
- Recommended as a spring season sport.

**FARA Position:** SUPPORT

**RATIONALE:** On most campuses, women are still underrepresented when we look at University athletics participation. This proposal expands the opportunity for women to participate in NCAA athletics.

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**PROPOSAL 2020-2: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, RECRUITING, ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID, AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN – WOMEN’S WRESTLING**

**Intent:** To add women’s wrestling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to recruiting, eligibility, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020.

**Source:** Presidents Council [Management Council (NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics)].

**Rationale:**
- The continued growth in high school girls wrestling and the number of collegiate institutions sponsoring the sport support this recommendation.
- The sport is relatively inexpensive to sponsor.
- There is a commitment at the collegiate level to increase participation opportunities for a more diverse population of student-athletes (e.g., race and ethnicity, nationality, socio-economic status and body size and type), as well as to increase coaching opportunities for a more diverse population of female coaches in intercollegiate women’s wrestling.
- Recommended as a winter sport.

**FARA Position:** SUPPORT

**RATIONALE:** On most campuses, women are still underrepresented when we look at University athletics participation. This proposal expands the opportunity for women to participate in NCAA athletics.

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**PROPOSAL 2020-3: ORGANIZATION – DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – ELECTION/TERM OF OFFICE – SIX-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE AND THREE-YEAR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TERM LIMIT**

**Intent:** To specify that a member of the Division II Presidents Council shall serve one six-year term with no immediate re-election; further, to specify that the chair and vice chair of the Division II Presidents Council shall serve for a period of not more than three years with no immediate re-election.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020, for members serving on the Presidents Council on or after August 1, 2020.

**Source:** Presidents Council.

**Rationale:**
- Division II Presidents Council members currently serve four-year terms.
- Allowing Council members to serve a six-year term will bring greater continuity and stability of service to the Presidents Council.
- Given the duties of the Presidents Council, including establishing the strategic direction of the division, longevity of service and historical memory will benefit the division overall.
Further, with the increase of service terms for Council members, the service term for the chair and vice chair should also be increased.

Increased continuity for the leadership of the Council will aid in continuity for the Division II representatives on the NCAA Board of Governors and the leadership of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

**FARA Position: NO POSITION**

**RATIONALE:** The Legislation Review Committee determined that this proposal had no significant impact on institutional control, academic integrity, or student-athlete well being.

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**PROPOSAL 2020-4: NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- ATHLETICS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION DESIGNEE**

**Intent:** To specify that the president or chancellor of an active member institution, and an active member conference, shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee)].

**Rationale:**
- The designation of an athletics diversity and inclusion designee represents the Association's recognition of inclusion as a core value.
- Designee will receive valuable NCAA resources and programming to support the membership's efforts toward creating and maintaining inclusive environments.
- The baseline expectation is that this individual clearly and effectively communicates with the athletics department and relevant campus leaders about NCAA information, resources and opportunities related to diversity, equity and inclusion.
- The staff member given the designation may be either internal or external to the athletics department; however, it would be beneficial if this is a person in a leadership role, or a person who is given regular access to high-level leaders to discuss equity, diversity and inclusion matters and initiatives.
- MOIC doesn't recommend this individual be the director of athletics.
- The contact information for the designated staff member will be entered on the institution's or conference's NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Form.

**FARA Position: SUPPORT**

**RATIONALE:** This proposal if adopted ensures that the current and future NCAA policies regarding diversity and inclusion will have a champion within the athletics department. Additionally, since the liaison does not have to be a part of the athletics department (similar to the role of the FAR) it can lead to both more integration of current campus diversity and inclusion activities without increasing the workload on current athletics department staff.

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**PROPOSAL 2020-5: NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- COMPOSITION OF ACTIVE CONFERENCES -- REQUIREMENT FOR CURRENT CONFERENCES**

**Intent:** To require that a current active Division II member conference maintain a minimum of eight active member institutions.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2022.

**Source:** East Coast Conference, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Conference Carolinas, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Gulf South Conference, Northeast-10 Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

**Rationale:**
- In 2012, the membership adopted legislation to require that existing and new conferences have a minimum of 10 members by 2022. The aim was to ensure long term stability of leagues.
- While there has been some membership growth, there has also been increased instability within conferences.
- Maintaining the eight-institution requirement for active Division II conferences will allow current conferences who may be unable to locate new members due to attrition, location or other factors to continue to provide services to their membership.
- This proposal does not impact the current requirements for new conferences to have 10 active members.

**Committee Positions:**
- Membership Committee: no position.
FARA Position: SUPPORT
RATIONALE: This proposal if adopted will continue the current minimum conference size of eight. The original legislation choice of ten members was somewhat arbitrary. There has been some instability in membership for our conferences trying to attain 10 members. This proposal would alleviate some of the stress on established conferences should current members transition out of the conference, leaving them with less than 10 members.

PROPOSAL 2020-6: RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER

Intent: To replace "permission to contact" legislation related to four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification of transfer" model; further, to specify that an institution must place a student-athlete's written request for transfer into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven consecutive calendar days of receipt of written notification of transfer.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for any four-year college student-athlete transferring during the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter.

Source: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and East Coast Conference.

Rationale:
- This proposal presents a notification-based alternative to replace the existing permission to contact model and improve the recruiting environment associated with four-year college transfer student-athletes.
- A student-athlete would be permitted to explore transfer opportunities at another institution once written notification is provided.
- Once a notification of transfer has been submitted, the student-athlete would be entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal, providing more transparency for coaches and student-athletes.
- Separating access to athletics aid from a permission to contact or notification model enhances student-athlete well-being.

Committee Positions:
- Legislation Committee: no position.
- Management Council: support.
- President's Council: oppose.

FARA Position: SUPPORT
RATIONALE: This replaces “Permission to Contact” legislation with a “Notification of Transfer” model and an institution must place a student-athlete’s written request for transfer into the NCAA Transfer Portal within 7 calendar days of receipt of written notification of transfer. This provides more transparency to coaches and student-athletes. This would separate access to athletics’ aid from permission to contact.

PROPOSAL 2020-7: RECRUITING -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- ELIMINATION OF CURRENT TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENT

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a current transcript must be provided to an institution prior to issuing a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid.

Effective Date: Immediate.

Source: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northeast-10 Conference.

Rationale:
- This proposal helps ease the burden of compliance for prospective student-athletes, high school counselors, coaches and compliance administrators.
- The current academic transcript requirement adds more paperwork and bureaucracy that does not have a significant positive impact on the recruiting process.

Committee Positions:
- Academic Requirements Committee: oppose.
- Legislation Committee: support.
- Management Council: no position.
- President’s Council: oppose.

FARA Position: OPPOSE
RATIONALE: While the burden of paperwork for compliance is mentioned, we believe that the transcript is important. It gives a current GPA and lists the core courses required for an incoming freshman to be academically certified. Without a transcript, institutions could offer a scholarship to a prospect who is missing core courses and has a GPA below that required for a qualifier.

PROPOSAL 2020-8: RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES -- LENGTH OF TRYOUT ACTIVITIES FOR GOLF

**Intent:** In golf, to increase the permissible length of tryout activities for a prospective student-athlete to five hours.

**Effective Date:** Immediate.

**Source:** Peach Belt Conference and Gulf South Conference.

**Rationale:**
- It takes approximately five hours to complete a round of golf, which exceeds the two-hour maximum time limitation on a tryout for a prospective student-athlete.
- Due to the nature of the sport, it is necessary for a coach to observe a prospective student-athlete for an entire round to effectively evaluate a PSA’s ability to manage the mental and physical requirements of the sport.
- This change would align the tryout legislation with other areas of the legislation like the daily and weekly hour limitations where golf has been provided extended time for activities due to the time required to complete a round of golf.
- The immediate effective date will allow golf prospective student-athletes to participate in an extended tryout during the spring and summer of 2020.

**Committee Positions:**
- Championships Committee: support.
- Men’s and Women’s Golf Committees: support.
- Legislation Committee: support.
- Management Council: support.
- President’s Council: support.

**FARA Position: NO POSITION**

RATIONALE: The Legislation Review Committee determined that this proposal had no significant impact on institutional control, academic integrity, or student-athlete well being.

PROPOSAL 2020-9: RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN’S BASKETBALL -- SPRING CONTACT PERIOD AND ELIMINATION OF THE MAY 18 TO JUNE 14 EVALUATION PERIOD

**Intent:** In women's basketball, to amend the recruiting calendar as follows: (1) To extend the spring contact period through the third weekend in May; and (2) To eliminate the May 18 to June 14 evaluation period.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020.

**Source:** Bentley University, American International College, Assumption College, East Stroudsburg University, Franklin Pierce University, Le Moyne College, Pace University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Michael’s College, Southern Connecticut State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Stonehill College, The College of Saint Rose, Thomas Jefferson University and University of New Haven.

**Rationale:**
- With Life in the Balance serving as Division II's philosophy, this proposal seeks to provide balance for both prospective student-athletes, their families and current head and assistant women's basketball coaches.
- Establishing a quiet period following the third weekend in May through June 14 will allow coaches to have these weekends free from recruiting obligations, providing for balance in their personal and professional lives.
- Eliminating this evaluation period will create consistency with Division I men's basketball and would also effectively align this portion of the spring recruiting calendar with Division I Women's Basketball.
- This proposal supports responsible use of time, staffing and resources across Division II.

**Committee Positions:**
- Women’s Basketball Committee: support.
- Legislation Committee: support.
- Management Council: support.
- President’s Council: support.

**FARA Position: SUPPORT**
RATIONALE: This legislation supports the principal of “Life in the Balance” for coaches, and also aligns the calendar with other divisional recruiting calendars.

PROPOSAL 2020-10: ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- TRANSFER FROM A NON-DIVISION II INSTITUTION

Intent: To specify that a transfer student-athlete from a non-Division II institution is subject to the legislation applicable to the division or association of which the previous institution was a member during the student-athlete's term(s) of participation; further, to specify that a Division III student-athlete who is charged with a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation will not be charged with a season of competition upon transfer to a Division II institution.

Effective Date: Immediate, for a student-athlete who transferred to a Division II institution during the 2018-19 academic year and thereafter.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and Legislation Committee)].

RATIONALE:
◦ Current Division II legislation requires institutions to reassess a transfer student-athlete’s participation history prior to his or her enrollment at the Division II institution to determine if the transfer student-athlete used a season of competition based on Division II legislation.
◦ A transfer student-athlete’s participation should be assessed based on the legislation of the institution where participation occurred because the student-athlete made the decision based on their understanding of the rules applicable to them at the time when the competition occurred.
◦ Establishing an exception for a Division III transfer who is charged a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation allows that individual to transfer and not be charged with use of the season(s) in Division II. This maintains the current application for Division III transfers to Division II.

FARA Position: SUPPORT

RATIONALE: Current D-II legislation requiring institutions to reassess a transfer student athlete’s participation history is burdensome, unnecessary and not always correctly applied. Legislating that eligibility rules, as they apply to the division that the previous institution was a member during the student-athlete’s term(s) of participation, creates consistency across Division II and alleviates the unnecessary and sometimes unclear burden placed on compliance to reassess a transfer student athlete’s participation history.

PROPOSAL 2020-11: ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- CRITERIA FOR HARDSHIP WAIVER CALCULATION -- PERCENT CALCULATION -- INCLUSION OF CONFERENCE CHALLENGE CONTESTS IN THE PERCENT CALCULATION AND FIRST HALF OF SEASON CALCULATION

Intent: In basketball, to include contests played as part of a conference challenge event in both the numerator and denominator and the first-half-of-season calculation for a hardship waiver.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for any incapacitating injury or illness, or other extenuating circumstance occurring on or after August 1, 2020.

Source: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northeast-10 Conference.

RATIONALE:
◦ Basketball student-athletes are currently at a disadvantage when determining the percent calculation, as well as the first-half-of-season calculation.
◦ For the percent calculation, conference challenge event contests are included in the numerator but not in the denominator. The first-half-of-season calculation is also based on the maximum permissible number of contests for basketball, which doesn't include conference challenge event contests.
◦ Conference challenge contests should be included in these calculations because they count toward regional and national rankings.

Committee Positions:
◦ Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement: oppose.
◦ Management Council: support.
President’s Council: support.
FARA Position: SUPPORT
RATIONALE: By increasing the denominator for those basketball student athletes that participate in the conference challenge events, this proposal could help an injured student athlete meet the 30% requirement in 14.2.5(c).

PROPOSAL 2020-12: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS - OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- FALL CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS -- FOURTH DAY OF CLASSES
Intent: In fall championship sports, to specify that an institution shall not commence weight training, conditioning and/or team activities before the institution's fourth day of classes for the institution's second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester).
Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
Source: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northeast-10 Conference.
RATIONALE:
- Current legislation requires that spring championship sports wait until September 7, or the fourth day of classes in the fall semester, before spring sports begin countable athletically-related activities outside of the playing season.
- The same restriction does not apply during the spring semester for fall championship sports.
- Supports student-athlete well-being and academic success by allowing them to acclimate to classes before beginning out-of-season workouts.
- Provides a three-day period for compliance administrators to focus on any certification issues for sports in their championship season before addressing out-of-season student-athletes.
Committee Positions:
- Legislation Committee: no position.
- Management Council: support.
- President's Council: support.
FARA Position: SUPPORT
RATIONALE: Just as the Spring semester teams are prohibited from practice to allow Directors of Compliance to focus on the Fall sports, the Fall sports should be restricted to focus on the Spring sports. Although in many cases the Spring sports have been certified in the fall, for many schools there are many more Spring sports than Fall sports, and invariably there are changes because of academic performance and additions to the rosters.

Intent: To specify that in years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition in men’s and women’s soccer before the Thursday preceding August 30.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020.

Source: Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee)].

Rationale:
◦ Under current legislation and due to recent changes in the soccer championship date formula, soccer loses a week of its competitive season during years in which the festival occurs in the fall, due to the timing of the festival.
◦ The loss of a week results in less time for student-athletes to recover between matches.
◦ The compacted season also reduces the opportunity for nonconference, in-region play, which is essential to the ranking and selection of teams for the postseason.
◦ This exception will provide student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in Division II’s marquee championship event without having to experience the negative impact of a shortened season.
◦ A similar proposal was previously adopted for women’s volleyball at the 2018 NCAA Convention.

FARA Position: SUPPORT

RATIONALE: Once every four years the Soccer season is shortened by one week because of the timing of the Fall Division II National Championships Festival. However, the teams are still allowed the same number of contests leading up to these championships. Should this legislation not be adopted we believe that it will lead to more midweek contests, which will lead to more missed class time – especially for those conferences which are geographically dispersed.