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## COUNCIL AND BOARD ACT ON 2007 LEGISLATION

The Division I Board of Directors ("Board") meeting at the 2007 NCAA Convention took action to adopt several proposals for legislative changes that were submitted for the 2006-07 cycle. The Management Council ("Council") formally reviewed all of the proposals for the first time during its January meetings. Both bodies received reports and acted on other non-legislative matters including the continuing development of the Academic Performance Program.

### Academic Performance Program

The Board approved a recommendation from the Committee on Academic Performance to establish a two-tiered approach to Occasion-Two Historical Penalties, which are imposed on teams that have failed for the second time to achieve the minimum expected level of academic success and which can include restrictions on financial aid, recruiting, and playing and practice seasons. Specifically, the changes establish a first tier of penalties that apply to teams that demonstrate significant improvement but do not meet the minimums. Such teams would be subject to: (1) a reduction of five percent in the amount of financial aid awarded in the sport or the total number of contemporaneous penalties earned (which can be imposed when student-athletes fail to remain eligible and return from one year to the next), whichever is greater, and (2) a reduction of four hours of permissible practice time per week, which must be replaced by four hours of additional academic-support activities. The second tier of penalties would apply to teams that do not demonstrate significant improvement. Those teams would be subject to: (1) a 10 percent reduction in the amount of financial aid awarded or the total number of contemporaneous penalties earned, whichever is greater, and (2) a reduction of permissible practice time by one full day per week with that time replaced with academic-related activities.

A recommendation to establish the Division I Academic Performance Program Supplemental Support Fund, intended to support student-athlete academic success at "limited-resource" institutions, was reviewed by the Board but action was tabled until the April 2007 meeting to permit more time to receive feedback from constituent groups. The recommendation was to establish the fund by reallocating the 4.25 percent annual incremental increase in the Academic Enhancement Fund to create the program and award annual grants. Monies not awarded would be returned to the Academic Enhancement Fund for general distribution. Recipients of the Supplemental Support Fund would be selected through an applicant process. Successful applicants would be expected to identify "innovative solutions to barriers preventing student-athletes' retention and progress toward degree completion" and progress would be measured by improvement in academic performance statistics.

This edition of the *Collegiate Sports Practice Group Newsletter* features a compilation of the actions taken by the NCAA Division I Management Council at its January 5 and 7, 2007, meetings and the Board of Directors at its January 8, 2007, meeting. The Newsletter is published quarterly, following each Board meeting to assist campus chief executive officers, athletics administrators, compliance coordinators, general counsel offices and others interested in NCAA governance activity. We have formatted the Newsletter to summarize the key actions and issues in the Division I governance structure and to serve as a convenient, quick reference for any legislation adopted. This format should aid individuals responsible for disseminating such information to other institutional staff members. The brief summaries of the actions and legislation are not a substitute for reading reports and minutes of the bodies and the actual legislation, nor do they constitute legal advice or opinion about any action. To review the specific language of a Board or Council action, new legislation or an interpretation, please consult with the person designated on your campus to provide legislative interpretations.



## Division I Governance Changes

The Council received an update on the continuing work of its Governance Subcommittee, which expects to have completed its work in time for review by the Council and Board in April and discussion by the Division I membership at spring conference meetings. Among the recommendations is the replacement of the current Management Council with separate Legislative and Leadership Councils. It is anticipated that the Legislative Council would be responsible for considering each of the proposals in the annual legislative cycle, subject to Board oversight and that the Leadership Council would be responsible for examining issues on the horizon for intercollegiate athletics and assisting the Board in setting the Division I agenda.

Other tentative recommendations include an effort to ensure that the governance structure has the flexibility to attract a diverse group of experienced Division I leaders through applying the required compositional requirements of the current Council and Cabinets on a combined basis to the aggregate membership of the new councils and cabinets, with the Board overseeing the appointments. In its oversight efforts, the Board would be asked to ensure that those serving at the council and cabinet levels represent a variety of perspectives reflective of the diversity of the Division I membership and that administrators and academicians have leadership opportunities.

The Governance Subcommittee observed that the current legislative process appears to be working "fairly well" after years of adjustments. Accordingly, it intends that any recommendations for change be easily understood by the membership and necessary for the efficient management of the division. The subcommittee also is continuing to develop communications plans among the elements of the structure to assure that various bodies have the benefit of the work of others.

## Override Votes

During the Division I Business Session at the Convention, two proposals on which the Board had acted during 2006 were the subject of votes because a sufficient number of member institutions had filed written requests to have the membership decide whether the Board's actions should be overridden. The two legislative items were Proposal No. 2005-04, which had been adopted by the Board, and Proposal No. 2005-128, which had been defeated by the Board. At least a five-eighths vote of the Division I members present and voting is required to override a Board action.

Proposal No. 2005-54 permitted a student-athlete who is enrolled in a specific graduate degree program at an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree to participate immediately in intercollegiate athletics regardless of any previous transfer. The membership voted to override the Board's action and repeal the legislation. Accordingly, such transfer student-athletes who enroll in graduate programs at a different institution will be subject to transfer-eligibility requirements. The change in the legislation does not impact the eligibility during the 2006-07 academic year of those individuals who transferred and became eligible under the legislation now rescinded.

Proposal No. 2005-128, which applied only to Division I-AA (now championship subdivision) football and which would have permitted 12 regular-season football contests annually, was defeated by the Board. Accordingly, the override request was to permit a membership vote on whether to adopt the legislation. The override vote was defeated by the membership, which sustained the Board action and left the legislation unchanged.

## Other Actions

1. **NCAA Research Studies on Student-Athlete Experiences**. The Council received reports on two major NCAA research efforts entitled the "Growth, Opportunity, Aspirations and Learning of Students in College Study" ("GOALS") and the "Study of College Outcomes and Recent Experiences" ("SCORES") and requested more detailed presentations at the April meeting. The GOALS information is based on responses from 20,000 current student-athletes to questions about academics, athletics, social-health and respect issues. The SCORES data is from the response of 8,000 former student-athletes with regard to questions about how they perceived their college experiences and how their lives are progressing. The results of the studies can provide guidance in evaluating the potential impact of Division I programs and legislative proposals.

2. **Amateurism Certification.** The amateurism certification section of the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse is now receiving registrations from prospective student-athletes. Each prospect is asked to answer questions regarding his or her sports participation history for use in determining eligibility under NCAA amateur rules. Amateur status certifications will be made at the end of a prospect's senior year of high school, and the certifying collegiate institution will be responsible for monitoring the prospect's status from that point forward and will be responsible for determining amateur status in areas not covered by the Clearinghouse. The issues addressed through the Clearinghouse part of the process include contracts, tryouts, practice or competition with teams considered "professional" under NCAA rules; play with professionals; compensation for participating in athletics; prize money above expenses; "organized competition" rules; and agreements to be represented by or benefits from an agent or prospective agent.

3. **Baseball Enhancement Working Group.** The Board received a report on the working group's efforts to address Board concerns regarding academic performance among baseball student-athletes. The group was asked to review the impact of such factors as the one-time transfer exception, financial aid limits, playing and practice season limits and the overall culture of the sport. Preliminary findings by the group appear to show that baseball student-athletes have fairly strong academic backgrounds but make slow progress toward degrees and have a tendency to change schools and to leave college early. The Board will receive a report in April concerning options being explored by the group to address specific concerns, including those identified regarding student-athlete movement, credit-hour productivity and two-year college transfer issues.

## Legislative Actions

### Adopted by Board

The Board adopted the following 37 items of legislation at its January 8, 2007, meeting:

#### Academic Performance Program

##### **No. 2006-104 – Academic Performance Program – Penalties and Rewards – Progression of Penalties – Preseason Competition**

Eliminates the preseason competition restriction from the academic performance program historical-penalty structure.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

#### Administrative Regulations

##### **No. 2006-106 – Administrative Regulations – Foreign Tours and Competition – Timing of Tour**

Specifies that an institutional foreign tour may not occur during the period beginning 30 days before the first permissible practice date until the first permissible date for a contest or date of competition in the championship segment of the institution's playing and practice season in the applicable sport.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

##### **No. 2006-108-A – Administrative Regulations – Summer Basketball Event Certification – Men's and Women's Basketball – Additional Criteria**

Specifies that the following additional criteria be satisfied in order for a men's or women's basketball event to be certified for coaches to attend: (1) qualified medical personnel must be present at summer events; (2) athletically related activities are precluded from beginning prior to 8 a.m. and the last athletically related activity may not begin later than 10 p.m.; (3) prospective student-athletes may participate in no more than five games over a rolling two-day period and in no more than three games on any one day; and (4) the price of event packets must be listed on the event certification application and the price must be made available to coaches prior to their arrival at the event.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

### **Athletics Certification**

#### **No. 2006-101 – Athletics Certification – Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance**

Clarifies the athletics certification program standards in the area of governance and commitment to rules compliance.

Effective Date: August 1, 2008, beginning with the third athletics certification cycle

#### **No. 2006-102 – Athletics Certification – Academic Integrity**

Clarifies the athletics certification program standards in the area of academic integrity.

Effective Date: August 1, 2008, beginning with the third athletics certification cycle

#### **No. 2006-103 – Athletics Certification – Gender, Diversity and Student-Athlete Well-Being**

Clarifies the athletics certification program standards in the area of gender, diversity and student-athlete well-being.

Effective Date: August 1, 2008, beginning with the third athletics certification cycle

### **Awards and Benefits**

#### **No. 2006-74 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Complimentary Admissions and Ticket Benefits – Complimentary Admissions to an Institution’s Home Contest Honoring a Student-Athlete**

Increases, from three to four, the number of complimentary admissions that an institution may provide to a student-athlete for an institution’s game or event during which the student-athlete is being honored but not participating, provided such complimentary admissions are used by the student-athlete’s parents, legal guardians and/or spouse.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

#### **No. 2006-76-B – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Permissible Housing and Meals – Vacation Period Meals – Outside the Academic Year**

Permits an institution to provide an additional meal, at its discretion, to student-athletes during each day of any vacation period, including outside the regular academic year, provided the student-athletes are required to remain on campus to be involved in practice or competition.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

#### **No. 2006-77 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition – Other Competition – National Team Tryout Competition**

Permits an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses related to a student-athlete’s participation in one national team tryout competition event per academic year (or in the following summer) from which participants are selected for the team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

### **Committees**

#### **No. 2006-95 – Committees – Common Committees – Committees With Playing Rules and Championships Administration Responsibilities – Men’s Water Polo Committee**

Specifies that the composition of the men’s water polo committee shall consist of two representatives from the East region, two representatives from the West region and one at-large representative, and that an additional member shall be designated secretary-rules editor.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007) [Representation shall be achieved through normal attrition]

### **No. 2006-96 – Committees – Division I Cabinets and Committees – Eligibility for Membership – On the Staff – Single or Multisport Conference**

Permits a staff member employed at a single-sport conference receiving automatic qualification to serve on a Division I cabinet or committee, or as a Division I representative on an Association-wide or common committee, provided the individual is nominated by a multisport conference.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

### **No. 2006-97 – Committees – Eligibility for Membership – On the Staff – Exception – Playing Rules Committees**

Specifies that an institutional staff member from a Division II or III institution that sponsors 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 sponsoring the sport are Division II or III institutions.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

### **No. 2006-125 – Common Committees – Committees With Governance Administration Responsibilities – High School Review Committee and Student Records Review Committee**

Establishes the High School Review Committee, which shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the academic review of high schools and to determine the academic validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) for use by a prospective student-athlete for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements; further, establishes the Student Records Review Committee, which 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.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007) [Adopted as "emergency" legislation]

### ***Eligibility***

### **No. 2006-61 – Eligibility – General Eligibility Requirements – Change in Eligibility Status – Eligibility for Postseason Competition Between Terms – Less Than Full-Time Enrollment**

Specifies that a student-athlete who is in his or her final season of competition in the applicable sport and is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, but is enrolled in at least six hours, shall have satisfactorily completed six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular term in order to be eligible to participate in postseason competition occurring between terms; and specifies that a student-athlete who is in his or her final season of competition in the applicable sport and is enrolled in less than six hours, shall have satisfactorily completed the number of semester or quarter hours of academic credit in which he or she was enrolled during the preceding regular academic term in order to be eligible to participate in postseason competition occurring between terms.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

### **No. 2006-69 – Eligibility – Four-Year College Transfers – Eligibility for Institutional Athletically Related Financial Aid – 4-2-4 College Transfer**

Specifies that a student-athlete who transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year institution and then to the certifying institution shall have completed at least one regular academic term of enrollment at the two-year institution in order to be eligible for athletically related financial aid at the certifying institution.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Ethical Conduct****No. 2006-18 – Ethical Conduct and Amateurism – Unethical Conduct and Validity of Amateur Status – Institutional Responsibility**

Specifies that unethical conduct shall include the failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse or the institution's athletics department regarding an individual's amateur status; further, specifies that an institution is responsible for promptly reporting all discrepancies in information related to a student-athlete's amateurism certification to the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**Financial Aid****No. 2006-70 – Financial Aid – Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Institutional Financial Aid – NCAA Degree-Completion Award**

Permits an institution to provide athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete who is also selected for an NCAA Degree-Completion Award.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-124 – Financial Aid – Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund – Athletic Development Opportunities**

Specifies that the NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund may not be used to fund outside athletic development opportunities for student-athletes (e.g., participation in a sports camp or clinic, private sports-related instruction, greens fees, batting cage rental, outside foreign tour expenses).

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007) [Adopted as “noncontroversial” legislation]

**Membership****No. 2006-90 – Division Membership – Provisional Members, Reclassifying Members and Multidivisional Reclassification – Application of Infractions and Reinstatement Processes**

Specifies that reclassifying and provisional Division I members, including members seeking multidivisional reclassification, shall process institutional and individual student-athlete violations through the infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes; further, specifies that such institutions shall report all violations to the Division I Management Council Membership Subcommittee as part of the required annual report.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**No. 2006-91 – Division Membership – Provisional Membership Process – Second Year – Compliance With NCAA Rules**

Specifies that during the second year of provisional membership a provisional Division I member must be in full compliance with all Division I legislation.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-92 – Division Membership – Provisional Membership Process and Requesting Reclassification – Exploratory Year – Sports Sponsorship and Financial Aid Requirements**

Specifies that Division I provisional and reclassifying members shall satisfy minimum sports sponsorship and financial aid requirements during the exploratory year of the applicable membership process.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007, for those institutions entering the exploratory year on or after August 1, 2007

**Personnel****No. 2006-19 – Personnel – Graduate Assistant Coach – Minimum Enrollment – Exception for Midyear Replacement – Bowl Subdivision Football and Women’s Rowing**

Specifies in bowl subdivision football and women’s rowing that an institution may appoint a midyear replacement graduate assistant coach who is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution’s minimum regular graduate program of studies, provided the graduate assistant coach has been accepted for enrollment in a graduate program beginning with the next regular academic term.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-21 – Personnel – Volunteer Coach – Women’s Equestrian – One Coach for Each Riding Discipline**

Specifies in women’s equestrian that an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach for the hunt-seat riding discipline and one volunteer coach for the western riding discipline.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Playing and Practice Seasons****No. 2006-79 (as amended) – Playing and Practice Seasons and Recruiting – Mandatory Medical Examinations**

Requires prospective student-athletes and student-athletes in all sports to undergo a medical examination administered or supervised by a physician prior to initial participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning and requires an updated medical history each year. In the applicable sports, requires prospective student-athletes to undergo a medical examination administered or supervised by a physician prior to participation in any voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception. In football and basketball, requires prospective student-athletes to undergo a medical examination administered or supervised by a physician prior to voluntary summer conditioning activities.

Effective Date: May 1, 2007

**No. 2006-84 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Number of Dates of Competition – Maximum Limitations – Women’s Equestrian**

Specifies in equestrian that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution’s playing season to 15 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), which may include not more than five two-day competitions, which shall each count as a single date of competition.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-88 – Playing and Practice Seasons – First Contest or Date of Competition – Men’s Soccer**

Specifies in men’s soccer that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition until September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, except that an alumni contest may be played the weekend prior to September 1 when September 1 does not fall on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Recruiting****No. 2006-28-B – Recruiting – Recruiting-Person Days – Women’s Basketball – 100 Days**

Increases in women’s basketball the permissible number of recruiting person-days from 85 to 100.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-31 – Recruiting – Telephone Calls to Prospective Student-Athletes – Exception – Football – One Telephone Call April 15 Through May 31**

Specifies in football that an institution may make one telephone call to each prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians from April 15 through May 31 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**No. 2006-37 – Recruiting – Limitations on Number of Evaluations – Evaluation Days – Women's Volleyball**

Specifies in women's volleyball that the observation of prospective student-athletes participating in high school volleyball competition shall be included in the permissible 80 evaluation days.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-39 – Recruiting – Printed Recruiting Materials – Institutional Note Cards**

Specifies that institutional note cards may not exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches when opened in full and may contain only the institution's name and logo or an athletics logo on the outside and may not include any preprinted information on the inside.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-43 – Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Video/Audio Materials – Computer Recruiting Presentation**

Permits an institution to produce a computer recruiting presentation to show to a prospective student-athlete during an in-home visit or an official or unofficial visit.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**No. 2006-44 – Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Advertisements and Promotions – Interview to Recruiting Publication**

Eliminates the restriction that precludes an institutional coaching staff member from providing an interview for an article that will appear in a recruiting publication or newsletter.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**No. 2006-48 – Recruiting – Unofficial or Official Visits – Professional Tryout or Workout Activities**

Specifies that during any official or unofficial visit a prospective student-athlete may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**No. 2006-51 – Recruiting – Sports Camps and Clinics – Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics – Location – Football**

Specifies in football that an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus, within the state in which the institution is located or, if outside the state, within a 50-mile radius of the institution's campus.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**No. 2006-52 – Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Men's Basketball – March Contact Period**

Establishes in men's basketball a contact period of March 16 through 22.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**No. 2006-53 – Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Men’s Basketball – Championship Dead Period**

Specifies in men’s basketball that the dead period surrounding the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship shall be from Thursday prior to the championship game until noon on Thursday following the championship game.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**No. 2006-56 (as amended) – Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Women’s Lacrosse**

Specifies in women’s lacrosse that evaluations may occur at one event conducted during the weekend of the NCAA Division I Women’s Lacrosse Championship, provided it is conducted on a day in which no championship competition occurs and within a 100-mile radius of the site of the championship.

Effective Date: Immediately (January 8, 2007)

**Initial Approval by Council**

The Council gave initial approval to the following 37 items of legislation at its January 5 and 7, 2007, meetings and circulated them to the membership for comment in advance of final action on the proposals at the April 2007 meetings of the Council and Board.

**Amateurism****No. 2006-22 – Amateurism – Involvement With Professional Teams – Tryout After Enrollment – Receipt of Expenses – Any Time**

Would specify that after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who has eligibility remaining may try out with a professional athletics team (or participate in a combine including that team) at any time, provided the individual does not miss class; further, would specify that an individual may receive actual and necessary expenses in conjunction with one 48-hour tryout per professional team (or a combine including that team) and that a self-financed tryout may be for any length of time.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-24 – Amateurism – Involvement With Professional Teams – Draft and Inquiry – Draft List – Sports Other Than Basketball and Football**

Would specify in sports other than basketball and football that an enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league’s draft one time during his or her collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted and within 72 hours following the draft he or she declares his or her intention to resume participation in intercollegiate athletics.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-27 – Amateurism – Financial Donations From Outside Organizations – Professional Sports Organizations – Reciprocal Marketing Agreement – Football and Men’s Basketball**

Would permit an institution in football and men’s basketball to enter into a reciprocal marketing agreement with a professional sports organization for the purpose of marketing and promotions.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Awards and Benefits****No. 2006-73 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Conference Awards – Athlete of the Year Trophy**

Would specify that a conference may provide a trophy in conjunction with its “athlete of the year” award and that the maximum value of the trophy is \$1,500.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-75 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Training-Table Meals – Cost to Student-Athlete Not Receiving Board Scholarship**

Would specify that a student-athlete who does not receive institutional athletically related financial aid covering the full cost of board, including a walk-on or partial scholarship recipient, may purchase one training-table meal per day at the same rate that the institution deducts from the board allowance of student-athletes who receive athletically related financial aid covering board costs.

Effective Date: Immediate

**No. 2006-78 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Benefits, Gifts and Services – Summer Use of Institutional Horse – Women's Equestrian**

Would permit in women's equestrian a student-athlete to retain and use an institutional horse during the summer vacation period.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

***Eligibility*****No. 2006-60 – Eligibility – General Eligibility Requirements – Change in Eligibility Status – Eligibility for Postseason Competition Between Terms**

Would specify that in order for a student-athlete to be eligible to compete in postseason competition occurring between regular terms, an institution shall certify that he or she has satisfactorily completed six semester-hours or six quarter-hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-62 – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition – Tennis and Swimming and Diving – Exception – Mandatory Military Service**

Would specify in tennis and swimming and diving that a student-athlete's participation in organized events while serving a mandatory military obligation is exempt from the application of the legislation governing the use of seasons of competition prior to initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution and residency on enrollment.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007, for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I institution on or after August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-63-A – Eligibility – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Tennis and Swimming and Diving – Participation in Elite Events**

Would specify in tennis and swimming and diving that a student-athlete's participation in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games is exempt from application of the legislation governing seasons of competition and residency in those sports.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-63-B – Eligibility – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Tennis and Swimming and Diving – Participation in Elite Events – Olympic Games**

Would specify in tennis and swimming and diving that a student-athlete's participation in the Olympic Games is exempt from application of the legislation governing seasons of competition and residency in those sports.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-64 – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition – Hardship Waiver – Maximum Number of Contests or Dates of Competition**

Would increase the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition in which a student-athlete may participate in a season and remain eligible for a hardship waiver to three scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition, whichever is greater.

Effective Date: Immediate, for student-athletes who initially enrolled full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2003

**No. 2006-65-A – Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements – Core-Curriculum Time Limitation**

Would specify that a prospective student-athlete must complete his or her core-curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of the prospect's class [as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility]; however, if the prospect graduates from high school within the described time-frame, he or she may use one core course completed in the year after graduation (summer or academic year), but not later than the end of the academic year immediately after the high school graduation date of the prospect's class.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007, for individuals who initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-65-B – Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements – Core-Curriculum Time Limitation – No Exception After Graduation**

Would specify that a prospective student-athlete must complete his or her core-curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of the prospect's class [as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility].

Effective Date: August 1, 2007, for individuals who initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2007

**Ethical Conduct****No. 2006-17-A – Ethical Conduct – Sports Wagering Activities**

Would specify and clarify prohibited sports wagering activities and the individuals to whom the prohibitions apply.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-17-B – Ethical Conduct – Sports Wagering Activities – Pools and Fantasy Leagues**

Would specify and clarify prohibited sports wagering activities and the individuals to whom the prohibitions apply and would specify that sports wagering includes participation in a pool or fantasy league in which there is an opportunity to win a prize.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Executive Regulations****No. 2006-112 – Executive Regulations – Automatic Qualification – Women's Rowing**

Would specify that women's rowing shall be included in the team sports grouping for purposes of evaluating criteria for automatic qualification for the NCAA championship.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-113 – Executive Regulations – Automatic Qualifications – Sports Groupings for Automatic Qualification - Exception**

Would specify that, subject to the approval of the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet, a sport committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement for team sports that are sponsored by less than 30 percent of the membership, provided the conference previously included six teams that sponsored the sport.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Financial Aid****No. 2006-71 – Financial Aid and Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Training-Table Meals – One Meal Per Day During Championship Segment – Student-Athletes Not Receiving Full Board**

Would permit an institution, during the championship segment of the playing and practice season of each sport, to provide one training-table meal per day to a student-athlete who does not receive athletically related institutional aid that covers full board costs without the provision of the meal being considered financial aid.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-72 – Financial Aid – Midyear Graduate Replacement – Women’s Gymnastics and Women’s Tennis**

Would specify in women’s gymnastics and women’s tennis that the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear with eligibility remaining and who does not return to the institution for the following academic term may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of the academic year.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Personnel****No. 2006-20 – Personnel – Limitation on Number of Off-Campus Recruiters – Fencing, Golf, Men’s Gymnastics, Rifle, Men’s Tennis and Men’s Water Polo**

Would increase in fencing, golf, men’s gymnastics, rifle, men’s tennis and men’s water polo, from one to two, the number of coaches who may contact or evaluate prospects off-campus at any one time.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Playing and Practice Seasons****No. 2006-81 – Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations – Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities – Skill Instruction – Baseball**

Would specify in baseball that individual skill-related instruction outside the playing season is permitted during an institution’s vacation period from January 15 to the first day of classes of the institution’s second academic term; further, would specify that more than four student-athletes from the team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches from September 15 through one week prior to final examination period for the fall term and from January 15 to April 15, and that no more than four student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coach(es) at any one time in any facility prior to September 15, between the opening day of classes for the second academic term and January 15, and after April 15.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-82 – Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – No Missed Class or Final Exam Time During Nonchampionship Segment – Field Hockey, Women’s Lacrosse, Soccer and Volleyball**

Would specify in field hockey, women’s lacrosse, soccer and volleyball that no class time or final examinations shall be missed for competition conducted during the nonchampionship segment; further, would specify violations of this provision shall be institutional violations; however, they shall not affect the eligibility of student-athletes.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-83 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Location of Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event – Basketball**

Would specify in basketball that a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event may occur in Canada or Mexico.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-85 (Football Championship Subdivision only) – Playing and Practice Seasons – Preseason Practice – Limit on Number of Participants – Football Championship Subdivision**

Would increase in championship subdivision football the number of participants who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution’s first day of classes or the institution’s first contest, from 90 to 105.

Effective Date: Immediate

**No. 2006-87 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Number of Dates of Competition – Maximum Limitations – Golf**

Would permit in golf an institution to participate in a total of nine three-day tournaments (with a maximum of 54 holes per tournament) or 24 dates of competition.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-89 (as amended) – Playing and Practice Seasons – Number of Contests – Tournament Dates and Nonchampionship Contests – Softball**

Would specify in softball that each contest of a tournament in which an institution participates shall count as one contest toward the institutional and student-athlete maximum contest limitations; further, would specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA Championship is conducted and eight contests (games and scrimmages) during another segment, provided no class time is missed for competition during the nonchampionship segment, including activities associated with competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities) conducted during the nonchampionship segment.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Recruiting****No. 2006-30 – Recruiting – Limitations on Number of Evaluations – Fall Contact Period and Spring Evaluation Weekend – Women’s Basketball**

Would specify in women’s basketball that evaluations at nonscholastic events may occur during the last full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period.

Effective Date: Immediate

**No. 2006-32 – Recruiting – Telephone Calls and Recruiting Materials – Exceptions – Men’s Ice Hockey**

Would permit in men’s ice hockey, an institution: (1) to make one telephone call per month to a prospective student-athlete on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete’s sophomore year in high school through July 31 after the prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school; (2) to make one telephone call per week to a prospect beginning August 1 prior to the prospective student-athlete’s senior year in high school; and (3) to provide recruiting materials (including general correspondence related to athletics) on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the prospective student athlete’s sophomore year in high school.

Effective Date: Immediate

**No. 2006-38 – Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Attachments to General Correspondence**

Would specify that attachments to general correspondence may include any materials printed on one or both sides of a single sheet of 8 1/2 by 11 inches plain white paper with black ink.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-40 – Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Electronic Transmissions**

Would specify that electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-42 – Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Other Recruiting Materials**

Would permit an institution to print and provide other recruiting information that is posted on the institution’s Web site to prospective student-athletes via regular mail as attachments to general correspondence or during official or unofficial visits.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-45 – Recruiting – Advertisements and Promotions – Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives**

Would permit a conference office to coordinate sportsmanship initiatives that may involve prospective student-athletes and their educational institutions, as specified.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-46-A – Recruiting – Official Visit Requirements and Written Offers of Athletically Related Financial Aid – Registration With Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and Institutional Request List**

Would specify that an institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete until he or she registers with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and is placed on the institutional request list (IRL); further, would specify that an institution shall not provide a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has registered with the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and the institution places the prospective student-athlete on the IRL with the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-47 – Recruiting – Official Visit – Length of Official Visit – Exception for Extenuating Circumstances**

Would establish an exception to the 48-hour official visit for reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution and would specify that in such instances, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the details of the circumstances.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-55 – Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Softball**

Would specify in softball that evaluations are not permissible (contact only) from the day after Labor Day through Thanksgiving day, except from the second Friday in October through the first Sunday in November (contact/evaluation period); further, would specify that in those states that play the high school softball season in the fall, evaluations shall be permissible during the season, except during dead periods.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-57 – Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Women’s Soccer**

Would establish a recruiting calendar in the sport of women’s soccer.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**No. 2006-58 – Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Cross Country and Track and Field**

Would establish a recruiting calendar for cross country and track and field.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Proposals Deferred by the Board**

After the following two proposals were approved by the Council and forwarded to the Board for adoption, the Board deferred action on the proposals until its April meeting.

**Administrative Regulations****No. 2006-107 – Administrative Regulations – Contest Exemptions/Certification – Sports Other Than Basketball and Football – Elimination of Certification Program**

Would eliminate, in sports other than basketball and football, the event certification program.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Committees****No. 2006-100 – Committees – Division I Presidential Advisory Group – Duties and Authority – NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Legislation**

Would specify that members of the Division I Presidential Advisory Group who represent NCAA football championship subdivision conferences shall have the authority to act on behalf of the football championship subdivision members of the Board of Directors on legislative issues specific to championship subdivision football.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

**Proposals Not Approved****Defeated**

The following 18 proposals were defeated during the January 5 and 7, 2007, meetings of the Council.

**Proposal No. Title**

2006-16 (as amended) Institutional Control – Campus Athletics Boards

2006-23 Amateurism – Involvement With Professional Teams – Tryout After Enrollment – Receipt of Expenses – Summer or Not Full Time

2006-28-A	Recruiting – Recruiting-Person Days – Women’s Basketball – 130 Days
2006-34	Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Recruiting Opportunities – Women’s Basketball – Seven Opportunities
2006-35	Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites – Practice or Competition Site – Contact En Route or in the Locale of Competition
2006-41	Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Computer Mediated Communication – Time Periods
2006-46-B	Recruiting – Official Visit Requirements and Written Offers of Athletically Related Financial Aid – Registration With Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, Institutional Request List and Official Transcript
2006-49	Recruiting – Tryouts – Nonscholastic-Based Basketball – Noncoaching Staff Members With Basketball-Specific Duties
2006-50	Recruiting – Tryout Exceptions – State, Regional, National or International Training Programs – Women’s Soccer
2006-66	Eligibility – Two-Year College Transfers – Nonqualifiers – Transferable English and Math
2006-67	Eligibility – Four-Year College Transfers – Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception – Canceled or Suspended Sport
2006-68	Eligibility – Four-Year College Transfers – One-Time Transfer Exception – Transfers from Division III Only
2006-76-A	Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Permissible Housing and Meals – Vacation Period Meals – Cash in Lieu of Permissible Meals
2006-80	Playing and Practice Seasons – Out-of-Season Activities – Skill Instruction – Number of Participants
2006-93	Division Membership – Change of Division Membership – Exception to Reclassification Period for Division I Conference Member
2006-98 (Football Championship Subdivision only)	Committees – NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Committee - Composition
2006-105	Administrative Regulations – Foreign Tours and Competition – Eligibility of Student-Athletes – One Tour Limit
2006-108-B	Administrative Regulations – Summer Basketball Event Certification – Men’s and Women’s Basketball – Additional Criteria – Academic Information

## Referred

The following two proposals were referred to a Council subcommittee and to the Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Agents and Amateurism, respectively, during the Council’s January 5 and 7, 2007, meetings:

### Proposal No. Title

2006-25	Amateurism – Involvement With Professional Teams – Professional Basketball Draft – Four-Year College Student-Athlete – Men’s Basketball
2006-26	Amateurism – Use of Agents – Agent as Advisor

# Withdrawn by Sponsors

The following three proposals were withdrawn by their sponsors during the Council’s January 5 and 7, 2007, meetings:

### Proposal No. Title

2006-36	Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Coaches’ Attendance at Events Requiring More Than Three Games in a Day – Softball
2006-54	Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Women’s Basketball – July Quiet Period
2006-110	Executive Regulations – Selection of Teams for Championships Participation – Automatic Qualification – Additional Requirements – Championship Subdivision Football

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