

**2006-07 NCAA Division I Legislative Proposals  
Question and Answer Document**

**Override Vote: NCAA Proposal No. 2005-54 Eligibility -- Graduate Student or Post-baccalaureate Participation -- Transfer Eligibility**

**Question:** If the requisite five-eighths majority vote is achieved to override the adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 2005-54, what will be the effect on student-athletes who have or plan to transfer during the 2006-07 academic year pursuant to the proposal as adopted?

**Answer:** In order to maintain a consistent application through the 2006-07 academic year the legislation as adopted through Proposal No. 2005-54 will remain effective through the end of the 2006-07 academic year. If the adoption of the proposal is overridden, student-athletes who transfer on or after August 1, 2007, will be subject to the legislation in place prior to the adoption of Proposal No. 2005-54.

**Proposal No. 2006-16 Institutional Control -- Campus Athletics Boards**

**Question:** Does this proposal prescribe the minimum number of members and the composition required for the campus athletics board?

**Answer:** No. The proposal only requires that each institution designate a campus athletics board responsible for advising or establishing athletics policies and that academic faculty and administrators shall constitute at least a majority of the board. It is within the institution's discretion to determine the remaining composition of its campus athletics board and how the members of the board are appointed (e.g., by the president or chancellor or by some other method).

**Question:** What specific responsibilities and level of policy making does the campus athletics board possess?

**Answer:** The campus athletics board has the responsibility for advising on or establishing athletics policies. It is within the institution's discretion to determine the specific responsibilities and level of policy making of its campus athletics board.

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

**Question:** What individuals have been included under the gambling activities prohibition that were not previously identified?

**Answer:** Nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports).

**Question:** Why is the NCAA national office staff not included in the list of individuals bound by NCAA Bylaw 10.3?

**Answer:** As a general rule, NCAA legislation does not govern the conduct of the national office staff; however, national office staff members are subject to the same restrictions based on a human resources policy outlined in the national office employee handbook. The national office staff has been prohibited from betting, legally or illegally, on sports competitions since 1997 when Bylaw 10.3 was implemented as office policy.

**Question:** Would the proposal prohibit athletics administrators, coaches and conference staff from participating in "friendly wagers" while competing in a round of golf outside of an institutional practice or competition?

**Answer:** No. The proposal would not prohibit any of the individuals covered under Bylaw 10.3 from participating in "friendly wagers" outside of institutional practice or intercollegiate competition due to the fact that these outings would not be considered professional or intercollegiate practice or competition. However, the NCAA would discourage individuals from engaging in this type of activity.

**Question:** How does the proposal apply to institutional practice activities?

**Answer:** The proposal would prohibit student-athletes, coaches, and administrators from wagering on any intercollegiate athletics practice or competition.

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

**Question:** What is the responsibility of an institution to report discrepancies in the information related to a student-athlete's amateurism certification that are under institutional review?

**Answer:** Once an institutional staff member is aware of any discrepancy in a student-athlete's amateurism certification information, it must be reported to the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse as soon as possible regardless of whether the institution will conduct further review or investigation. This

standard is the same as the current requirement to report any discrepancies in a student-athlete's initial academic certification.

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

**Question:** Is verbal acceptance into the institution's graduate program sufficient or is it required to be formal?

**Answer:** Acceptance into the institution's graduate program is based on institutional policy.

**Proposal No. 2006-26 Amateurism -- Use of Agents -- Agent as Advisor**

**Question:** Would the proposal allow an individual to use the services of an advisor who is also an agent without actually agreeing to use such services?

**Answer:** No. If an individual uses the services of an advisor who is also an agent, an agreement to use such services will be imputed.

**Proposal No. 2006-35 Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Contact Restrictions at  
Specified Sites -- Practice or Competition Site -- Contact en Route or in the Locale of  
Competition**

**Question:** Under this proposal, is a coach permitted to contact a prospective student-athlete while he or she is competing in a game?

**Answer:** No. Coaches are still prohibited from contacting prospective student-athletes while they are competing in a game. The provisions of Bylaw 13.1.7.2 still apply to the extent that the prospect must be released by the appropriate authority at the time the contact occurs. The proposal is designed to allow contact before or after contests under such circumstances.

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

**Question:** Does this proposal allow multiple one-sheet attachments to be sent with general correspondence or would each piece of general correspondence be restricted to one, one-sheet attachment?

**Answer:** The sponsor of the proposal has indicated that the intent is to allow for multiple one-sheet attachments (which may be created for recruiting purposes) to be sent with a single letter and that the attachments may be related. There is no limit to the number of pages that may be sent; however, pages may not be bound together.

**Question:** How does the proposal apply to e-mail attachments?

**Answer:** Attachments to e-mail may be created and sent to prospects at a coach's discretion, 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 attached item.

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

**Question:** Is it permissible to include multiple logos on the outside of the note card?

**Answer:** No. Each card may include the institution's name and either a single institutional logo or a single athletics logo.

**Question:** What would constitute "preprinted information?"

**Answer:** Based on the intent of the legislation, the inside of the note cards must be blank when they are received from the publisher or printer that produces the cards. Therefore, any printing on the inside would constitute "preprinted information."

**Question:** Is it permissible to print a message on the inside of the note card through a printer or copier?

**Answer:** The NCAA Division I Legislative Review/Interpretations Committee reviewed this question and determined that only handwritten information may be added to the inside of the note card.

**Question:** How does the proposal apply to cards that are not folded or that are not folded in half?

**Answer:** Even if an institutional note card is not folded, one side must be considered the outside and the other must be considered the inside. If a card is not folded in half (e.g., ¼ fold), when the card is opened in full, one complete side must be considered the outside and the other must be considered the inside. Note that a card mailed without an envelope is considered a postcard and, therefore, must be a blank card issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Question:** How does the proposal apply to cards that are not rectangular in shape?

**Answer:** Regardless of the shape of an institutional note card, when opened in full, it must fit within the area of a rectangle that measures 8 ½ x 11 inches.

**Proposal 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; and**

**Proposal No. 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**

**Question:** Is a prospective student-athlete required to have a complete file on record with the clearinghouse in order to receive an official visit or offer of athletically related financial aid?

**Answer:** No. Under Proposal No. 2006-46-A, a prospective student-athlete is only required to register with the clearinghouse and no additional documents are necessary. Under Proposal No. 2006-46-B, the clearinghouse must receive an official high school transcript or transcripts from the schools the prospect has attended that include(s) the prospect's complete academic record through his or her sixth semester (or equivalent) of enrollment before the prospect may be provided an official visit or an offer of athletically related financial aid.

**Question:** Must a prospective student-athlete complete the amateurism certification questionnaire in order to satisfy the registration requirement?

**Answer:** No. The proposal only requires that the prospect complete the academics certification registration process, including payment (or a fee waiver).

**Question:** How would the legislation apply to international prospective student-athletes?

**Answer:** International prospective student-athletes and domestic prospective student-athletes would be subject to the same requirements.

**Proposal No. 2006-51 Recruiting -- Sports Camps and Clinics -- Institutions Sports Camps and Clinics -- Location -- Football**

**Question:** May football camps that involve contractual agreements with locations outside of the institution's state or a 50-mile radius of the institution be executed even if the proposal is adopted?

**Answer:** Any enforceable contract that was signed prior to August 15, 2006, (date the Publication of Proposed Legislation was made available to the membership) may be executed after review and approval by the NCAA general counsel's office.

**Proposal No. 2006-61 Eligibility -- General Eligibility Requirements -- Change in Eligibility Status -- Eligibility for Postseason Competition between Terms -- Less than Full-Time Enrollment**

**Question:** If a student-athlete who is in his or her final season of competition enrolls in six hours, but only needs three hours to graduate, is the student-athlete required to pass the six hours or the three hours to be eligible for competition?

**Answer:** The student-athlete would only need to satisfactorily complete the three hours of academic credit required for graduation. Pursuant to Bylaw 14.1.9.3 a student-athlete who is eligible during the term in which degree work is completed remains eligible for any NCAA championship for any postseason licensed bowl game or National Invitation Tournament that begins within 60 days after the end of the term in which the student completes the requirements for the degree.

**Proposal No. 2006-65-A Eligibility -- Freshman Academic Requirements -- Core-Curriculum Time Limitation; and**

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

**Question:** If adopted, the legislation would be applicable to individuals who initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2007. How will

the legislation apply to current high school seniors or prospects enrolled in preparatory schools, who may not have had notice of the possible change?

**Answer:** The NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Issues will review issues related to the effective date during its February 2007 meeting. As written, the legislation would apply to current high school seniors and prospects enrolled in preparatory schools. Even if no changes are proposed for the application of the effective date, the initial-eligibility waiver process will be available in those instances in which the prospective student-athlete meets the threshold requirements.

**Question:** Is a prospect limited to completing a single course worth one unit of credit or is it possible to complete two different courses worth one-half unit each?

**Answer:** Any number of courses may be used to fulfill the one core course. Generally, the value of a course (e.g., one-third, one-half or one unit) is determined by the value assigned to the course by the administering institution.

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

**Question:** If an institution chooses to supplement the educational costs of a Degree Completion Award recipient, will the recipient be part of the NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) cohort?

**Answer:** Any student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid and is enrolled full time as of the institution's fifth week of classes or official census date for that institution, whichever is earlier, or satisfied a legislated exception to full-time enrollment is included in the APR cohort.

#### **Proposals 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**

**Question:** May the one training-table meal per day be provided during the entire term or terms in which a sport conducts its championship segment?

**Answer:** The proposal would only permit the one training-table meal to be provided (without counting as financial aid) during the institution's declared

championship segment in each sport. Therefore, if the declared championship segment does not encompass the entire term, the one training-table meal per day could not be provided during the entire term without counting as financial aid.

**Proposal No. 2006-76-A Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Permissible Housing and Meals -- Vacation Period Meals -- Cash in Lieu of Permissible Meals**

**Question:** In the case of vacation-period meals, may a cash allowance be provided in lieu of an actual meal?

**Answer:** As is the case under current legislation, if an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes under the circumstances of the proposal, a cash allowance may be provided, not to exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away from campus trips. The amount of cash to be provided for a particular additional meal (e.g., breakfast, lunch, dinner) should not exceed the institutional rate for that meal.

**Question:** How should the "cash equivalent" of the training-table meal be calculated in instances in which a student-athlete who is not receiving athletically related financial aid misses a meal due to involvement in practice activities and the student-athlete previously has paid for the same meal at an institutional dining facility?

**Answer:** The cash amount should be equal to the official on-campus figure listed in the institution's catalog or the average cost of the meal in question based on a weighted average of all students who eat in on-campus facilities, excluding meals provided at the training table.

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

**Question:** How does the proposal apply to tryouts in which participation in a series of events is necessary in order to be selected to a national team?

**Answer:** The institution would be permitted to provide actual and necessary expenses for only one event in a series.

**Proposal No. 2006-79 Playing and Practice Seasons and Recruiting -- Mandatory Medical Examinations**

**Question:** Who may conduct the student-athlete's medical examination?

**Answer:** Any licensed medical physician (e.g., team physician, student-athlete's personal physician) may conduct the medical exam, provided the medical exam is conducted within six months of the student-athlete's initial participation in athletically related activities at the Division I institution. Further, the institution may accept a form from the screening physician or can provide the student-athlete a form which outlines the standards for review. The pre-participation medical examination policy should be approved by the institution's team physician. The NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook provides guidance and references useful in developing institutional medical examination policy.

**Question:** May a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner administer the medical exam?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the physician's assistant or nurse practitioner administers the medical exam under the supervision and approval of a licensed medical physician.

**Question:** What constitutes an updated medical history?

**Answer:** An institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., team physician) should determine if additional physical, cardiovascular or neurological exams are necessary by soliciting an interim medical history from the student-athlete. For more information on medical evaluations and updates, please reference the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook at [www.ncaa.org/health-safety](http://www.ncaa.org/health-safety).

**Question:** May an institution pay for the costs of a student-athlete's medical examination or updated medical history, and any additional recommended tests?

**Answer:** Yes. Per Bylaw 16.4, an institution, at its discretion, may pay the expenses of a student-athlete's medical examination or updated medical history as these are medical expenses incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics.

**Question:** May a prospect or student-athlete participate in any physical activity (e.g., limited tryouts) prior to undergoing a medical examination or receiving an updated medical history?

**Answer:** No. This proposal requires all student-athletes and incoming prospective student-athletes to undergo an updated medical history or medical examination, respectively, before initiating participation in required athletics activities each academic year.

**Question:** Is an updated medical history required prior to a student-athlete's participation in nonmandatory weight training and conditioning activities conducted by the institution's strength coach?

**Answer:** No. The initial medical examination or updated medical history is valid for the academic year and summer conditioning period. The proposal requires returning student-athletes to undergo an updated medical history before participating in required athletics activities at the beginning of each academic year (e.g., preseason practice activities, out-of-season conditioning during the academic year).

**Question:** How long should institutions retain a student-athlete's medical documents?

**Answer:** The NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook suggests that institutions retain medical documentation of student-athletes during the student-athlete's collegiate career. Further, institutions should consider state statutes for medical-records retention, institutional policy and any professional liability statute of limitations.

**Question:** What standards should the treating physician consider when conducting the medical examination?

**Answer:** It is highly recommended that the treating physician refer to the "Pre-participation Physical Examination" monograph as the minimal standards for this medical examination since this publication has been endorsed by several medical associations including the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics and American College of Sports Medicine, amongst others. For a copy of the pre-participation form, please contact your institution's team physician or e-mail David Klossner, associate director of education outreach, ([dklossner@ncaa.org](mailto:dklossner@ncaa.org)).

**Question:** Why do medical exams and medical history updates need to have been conducted within six months of the student-athlete's initial participation in athletics activities each academic year?

**Answer:** Since college students typically attend school away from their parents/legal guardians and their personal physicians, a medical examination prior to initial

intercollegiate athletics participation is warranted. A student-athlete's medical history changes over time and the closer the exam is to the start of his or her initial intercollegiate athletics participation, the more accurate the information. The medical examination should ideally be performed at least six weeks prior to the start of the activity to allow time for treatment and rehabilitation of identified ailments. Six months has been identified as the limit to allow institutions the flexibility to accommodate larger numbers of student-athletes arriving for fall semester. Although not required per this proposal, institutions may still want to inquire about a student-athlete's health status between the medical examination and start of athletics participation.

**Question:** How does this proposal apply to transfer student-athletes?

**Answer:** Because transfer student-athletes are considered prospective student-athletes, the proposal applies to a transfer student-athlete in the same way that it applies to any other prospective student-athlete (e.g., high school prospect).

**Proposal No. 2006-108-B Administrative Regulations -- Summer Basketball Event Certification -- Men's and Women's Basketball -- Additional Criteria -- Academic Information**

**Question:** May a prospective student-athlete's academic information be disclosed without the prospect's permission?

**Answer:** Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the prospect (or the prospect's parent or legal guardian if he or she is under 18) would be required to provide written permission in order for such information to be disclosed.

**Question:** Does the proposal include any requirements regarding the source of the academic information?

**Answer:** No.