

NCAA Division III 2012 Convention Legislative Proposals  
**FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION**

**Review of 2011-12 Division III Legislative Proposals  
to be presented at the January 2012 Convention**

The following review of the proposed legislation for the **2012** NCAA National Convention was generated following the FARA Fall meeting held in San Diego on November 10-12, 2011. In the report below, the Title and Intent for each proposal were copied verbatim from the *Division III Second Publication of Proposed Legislation*.

The members of the Legislative Review Committee, and the 50+ DIII FARs at the San Diego legislative review session estimated the advantages and disadvantages of the proposals, discussed them, and made a recommendation for all FARs to consider. The position of FARA on each proposal was adopted by the vote of those at the meeting. The recommendations should be considered informational to guide FARs as the proposed legislation is discussed at our individual institutions and conference meetings.

Our degree of support was based on the following system:  
Unanimous Support, Strong Support (> 80%), Support (>50%), Oppose (<50%), Strong Oppose (<20%), and Unanimous Oppose.

The proposals that follow are listed in the order that they appeared in the *Second Publication of Proposed Legislation*. The final order of vote, of course, is subject to change.

This report is respectfully submitted by the FARA D-III Legislative Review Committee:

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	<b>Title</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>FARA Position</b>
2012-1 (No. 2-10)	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT – AFFIRMATION AND CLARIFICATION OF UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE, BROAD BASED ATHLETICS PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION IN NON- ATHLETIC PURSUITS AND AUTONOMY IN ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS	To specify in the philosophy statement that division III institutions: emphasize intercollegiate athletics as primarily focused on a four-year, undergraduate experience; encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of sport offerings for their students through broad-based athletics program; assure that student athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in non-athletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience; and exercise institutional and/or conference autonomy in the establishment of initial and continuing eligibility standards for student-athletes.	STRONGLY SUPPORT
2012-2 (No. 2-1)	NCAA MEMBERSHIP – MEMBER CONFERENCE – CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS PRIVILEGES AND AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION – CORE INSTITUTION	To align the membership requirements for a conference with the automatic qualification requirements for a conference, by doing the following: (1) confirming that member conferences must be comprised of at least seven core Division III institutions; (2) specifying that institutions may be a core member in only one multi-sport conference; and (3) specifying that a member conference is entitled to a two-year grace period if it fails to satisfy the membership requirements. Finally, any institution considered a core institution in more than one multi-sport conference prior to September 1, 2011, may continue as a core institution in those conferences for purposes of satisfying the automatic qualification and conference membership requirements.	STRONGLY SUPPORT
2012-3 (No. 2-9)	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS – REQUIRED SICKLE CELL TESTING	To require a sickle cell solubility test as part of the mandatory medical examination, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release; applicable to all student-athletes beginning their initial season of eligibility and continuing student-athletes.	NO RECOMMENDATION

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2012-4 (No. 2-3)	AMATEURISM AND EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS- FINANCIAL DONATIONS AND ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS – PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS	To specify that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publically identified as such; and that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such; further, to eliminate the prohibition on sponsorship of NCAA championship activities or promotions by professional sports organizations or teams.	NO RECOMMENDATION
2012-5 (No. 2-2)	PERSONNEL – CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL – CERTIFIED STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACHES – REQUIRED SPORTS – SAFETY TRAINING	To require certified strength and conditioning coaches to maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use if they conduct voluntary strength and conditioning activities outside the playing season.	STRONGLY SUPPORT
2012-6 (No. 2-7)	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – REQUIRED DAY OFF – VOLUNTARY STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED DURING REQUIRED DAY OFF	During the playing season, to prohibit voluntary activities conducted by certified strength and conditioning personnel during the mandatory day off; further, outside the playing season, to prohibit voluntary activities conducted by certified strength and conditioning personnel one calendar day per week.	STRONGLY SUPPORT
2012-7 (No. 2-4)	RECRUITING – PERMISSIBLE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS	To regulate electronically transmitted correspondence between prospective student-athletes and college staff and coaches according to the same standard as telephone, email and fax correspondence.	OPPOSE

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2012-8 (No. 2-5)	RECRUITING – ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS – ALLOWING TEXT MESSAGING	To allow text messaging to be used in the recruiting process.	STRONGLY SUPPORT
2012-9 (No. 2-6)	ELIGIBILITY – HARDSHIP WAIVER – PRACTICE AFTER INJURY	In the traditional season, to prohibit student-athletes who have, according to a physician, sustained a season-ending injury from engaging with the team in any physical practice activities.	STRONGLY OPPOSE
2012-10 (No. 2-8)	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS – POST SEASON ACTIVITIES – EXEMPTING ONE POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIP FROM UNDER THE 18 OR 19 WEEK DECLARED PLAYING SEASON	In all sports, to exclude from the 18 or 19 week declared playing and practice season, one postseason championship.	OPPOSE