

2008-09 Legislative Proposals for Consideration by FARA

2008-19	RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- FOOTBALL -- ONE CONTACT WITH JUNIORS OR SENIORS - - SPRING EVALUATION PERIOD	Big Ten Conference.	In football, to specify that during the spring evaluation period, an institution may make one in-person, off-campus contact per prospective student-athlete (including prospective student-athletes in their junior year) at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution; further, to specify that an institution may use an additional evaluation in conjunction with the contact.	OPPOSE	The members believe recruiting activities are impacting prospective student athletes earlier than in the past, especially in sports like football and basketball. When the recruiting process begins earlier, there is more pressure put on prospective student-athletes. Therefore, the members oppose this added contact in the junior year.
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2008-23	RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- AFTER NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING OR OTHER WRITTEN COMMITMENT	Southern Conference.	To specify that after the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI), signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or submits a room or tuition deposit in response to the institution's written offer of admission, there shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence sent by the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has committed.	SUPPORT	The members believe that coaches should be allowed to communicate with their student-athletes in this manner after they have committed to the institution.
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2008-24	RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- OTHER RECRUITING MATERIALS POSTED TO INSTITUTION'S WEB SITE	Atlantic Coast Conference.	To permit an institution to print and provide other recruiting information that is posted on its Web site to prospective student-athletes via regular mail as attachments to general correspondence or during any permissible on- or off-campus contact.	OPPOSE	The committee members believe prospective student athletes already have access to the internet (either at home or at school) and thus already have access to the information. Mailing the same information is an unnecessary expense.
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2008-25	RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL VISIT AND LETTER OF INTENT PROGRAMS -- REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL VISIT AND OFFERS OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID -- COMPLETION OF AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE	NCAA - AEC	<p>2008-25 A To specify that a high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete must complete the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center before an institution may provide the prospective student-athlete an official visit; further, to specify that an institution shall not provide a high school, preparatory school or transfer prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has completed the amateurism certification questionnaire with the Eligibility Center.</p> <p>2008-25 B To specify that an institution shall not provide a high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has completed the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.</p>	SUPPORT Both A and B	<p>The members support this proposal since it will add to the efficiency of the Eligibility Center by allowing it to begin the process of certifying prospective student-athletes' amateur status at an earlier date. At the same time it will not be a significant increase in the work of the prospective student athletes since they are already required to go to the EC web site and complete other information. To satisfy the new requirement of this proposal the student athlete will only have to complete an additional 10 yes/no questions. Three committee members favor 2008-25 B while two favor 2008-25 A.</p>
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2008-28	RECRUITING -- FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- OFFERS OF AID BEFORE JULY 1 FOLLOWING JUNIOR YEAR -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE	Ivy Group.	In women's lacrosse, to specify that an institution shall not offer (or indicate that it will or may offer), orally or in writing, athletically related financial aid, other institutional financial aid or admissions assistance before July 1 following the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school; further, to specify that an institution shall not accept any commitment from a prospective student-athlete before July 1 following the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.	OPPOSE	The members recommend opposing this proposal even though it addresses an issue that is of concern. The issue is a problem in a number of sports and the members believe the NCAA should consider legislation on the issue for all sports instead of addressing it in one. In fact, we are told, the Board of Directors and the Leadership Council has identified this issue and determined that it requires further examination in all sports.
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<p>2008-46</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT</p>	<p>Conference USA.</p>	<p>In baseball, to specify that in the championship segment, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to the Friday that is three weeks prior to the first permissible contest date for the championship segment and shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday in February that is 14 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>The committee members feel very strongly that the number of baseball games played during the season as structured now is too many thus resulting in too much missed class time. Therefore the committee recommends supporting legislation that will reduce the number of games played per week and recommend supporting 2008-46. However, the members recognize starting the season a week earlier is unfair to teams in areas where the weather is poor until later in the spring and prefer proposal 2008-48.</p>
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2008-48	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- 52 DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT	Pacific-10 Big South West Coast	In baseball, to reduce the maximum number of contests from 56 to 52.	SUPPORT	As was stated in the comments on 2008-46 the members believe the number of baseball games played during the season as structured now is too many thus resulting in too much missed class time. The simplest way to help the problem is to reduce the number of games to 52. However, some members of the committee think considering reducing the number of games should wait until the effects of the new baseball eligibility rules are known. These new rules went into effect in fall 2008.
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2008-60	<p>DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROCESS AND REQUESTING RECLASSIFICATION -- INSTITUTIONS SUBJECT TO ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE PROGRAM PENALTIES</p>	<p>NCAA Management Council</p>	<p>To specify that the NCAA Division I Administration Cabinet may deny an institution's advancement to active Division I membership for any Division II institution seeking reclassification to Division I or any provisional member seeking active Division I status, if any of the institution's sport programs are subject to penalties pursuant to the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Members think that it is reasonable to require a Div II school to have its APR in order before becoming a member of Div I. However, some members of the committee think there should be a grandfather clause such that schools already in the transition process would be exempt. These institutions did not know when they began the five year transition process that having penalties from the Academic Performance Program could delay and affect their obtaining DI membership. It would be unfair to "change the rules" for the transition schools already in the process.</p>
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Proposal Number	Title	Source	Intent	Position	Comments
2008-13	AMATEURISM -- EXCEPTION FOR PRIZE MONEY FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES -- OUTSIDE THE PLAYING SEASON DURING AN OFFICIAL VACATION PERIOD -- INDIVIDUAL SPORTS	Pacific-10	In individual sports, to permit a student-athlete to accept prize money based on his or her place, finish or performance in an open athletics event (an event that is not invitation only), provided the competition occurs outside the institution's declared playing and practice season during any official vacation period and the prize money does not exceed actual and necessary expenses and is provided only by the sponsor of the open event.	SUPPORT	The committee members believe that during the off season there are many opportunities for student-athletes in golf, tennis, and other individual sports to play in highly regarded competitions. Sometimes, the travel expenses and entry fees are excessive. Allowing student-athletes the opportunity to accept prize money for actual and necessary expenses, will grant these student-athletes more opportunities to participate in their sport without losing out financially.

2008-14	RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE IN SUMMER CLASSES PRIOR TO INITIAL FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT	NCAA - AEC	To specify that an individual shall no longer be considered a prospective student-athlete for purposes of the contact limitations in Bylaw 13 and shall be considered a student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 16 at the point in which he or she officially registers and enrolls and attends classes in an institution's summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment.	SUPPORT	The committee members believe student athletes on campus in summer with intent to enroll in the fall should not be restricted by the contact rules and should be provided access to academic support services.
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2008-15	RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- INSTITUTIONAL ORIENTATION SESSION	Southeastern Conference.	To specify that a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) [or, for an institution that does not use the NLI in a particular sport for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid] and has reported to a required institutional orientation session with 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term shall not be subject to the contact restrictions in Bylaw 13 and shall be considered a student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 16 as of the opening day of the required orientation.	SUPPORT	The committee members believe a prospective student-athlete should change his/her status to student athlete at the time he/she attends the institution's orientation session, if it is within 14 days prior to start of classes in the academic year, and thus not be subject to restrictions that apply to prospective student athletes.
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<p>2008-16</p>	<p>RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- CONTACTABLE INDIVIDUALS -- STUDENT-ATHLETE WITHDRAWN FROM FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE -- EXCEPTION -- OFFICIAL CHURCH MISSION</p>	<p>Western Athletic Conference.</p>	<p>To specify that an institution shall not contact a student-athlete who has begun service on an official church mission without obtaining permission from the institution from which the student-athlete withdrew prior to beginning his or her mission if the student-athlete signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) and attended the institution (with which he or she signed the NLI) as a full-time student; further, to specify that if such a student-athlete has completed his or her official church mission and does not enroll full time in a collegiate institution within one calendar year of completion of the mission, an institution may contact the student-athlete without obtaining permission from the first institution.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>The committee recommends supporting this legislation since members believe that a student athlete on an official church mission should not have to deal with distractions due to recruiting contacts by coaches. This legislation would limit the contacts to only those agreed to by the institution from which the student-athlete withdrew prior to beginning his or her mission. The committee believes the number of permissions granted would be few.</p>
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2008-27	RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL VISIT -- HOUSING -- LODGING IN DORMITORIES -- ADDITIONAL RESTRICTION -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE	Ivy Group.	In women's lacrosse, to specify that an institution's athletics department staff member shall not arrange lodging for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit in an enrolled student-athlete's residence (e.g., dormitory room, apartment) until August 1 following the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.	OPPOSE	The members believe the same for this proposal as for 2008-28. The members recommend opposing this proposal even though it addresses an issue that is of concern. The issue is a problem in a number of sports and the members believe the NCAA should consider legislation on the issue for all sports instead of addressing it in one.
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2008-29	RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- EXCEPTIONS -- VOLUNTARY SUMMER CONDITIONING -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL	SEC	In sports other than football and basketball, to specify that a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.	SUPPORT	Since football and basketball prospective student-athletes are already allowed to participate in voluntary conditioning activities during the summer with the institution's strength and conditioning coach, provided they are enrolled in the institution's summer term, it is reasonable to extend this benefit to other student athletes in the same situation.
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2008-32	ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL- TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION -- NONTRADITIONAL COURSES	NCAA - AEC	To specify that enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a typical face-to-face classroom environment with regular contact hours between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided the specified conditions are met.	SUPPORT	Members believe this will help the situation with non-traditional courses by establishing minimum standards that must be met in order for these courses to be used for purposes of full-time enrollment for competition.
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2008-33	ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION -- FIVE-YEAR RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- DELAYED ENROLLMENT -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL	NCAA - AEC	In women's volleyball, to specify that a student-athlete who does not initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution within one year following the high school graduation date of the student-athlete's class and participates in organized events after the one-year period, shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition for each year of participation and shall fulfill an academic year in residence on matriculation at the certifying institution before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.	SUPPORT	Members believe that volleyball is now experiencing the same type problems that tennis and swimming have had with students delaying matriculation until after several years of athletic experience and thus gaining an unfair advantage over other entering student athletes. Members believe that now volleyball should be included in the legislation to encourage against the delayed entry into the universities.
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<p>2008-34</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- CORE CURRICULUM TIME LIMITATION -- STUDENTS WITH EDUCATION IMPACTING DISABILITIES</p>	<p>NCAA - AEC</p>	<p>To specify that if a prospective student-athlete with a diagnosed education-impacting disability graduates from high school within the core-curriculum time limitation, he or she may use up to three core courses completed after high school graduation to satisfy the core-curriculum or minimum grade-point average requirements, or both.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Currently, a prospect with an education-impacting disability is allowed to take as many core courses as needed following graduation from high school in order to fulfill the core course requirement, while all other student-athletes are allowed just one course to fulfill the requirement. The members believe that even a prospect with an education-impacting disability should not be able to count an unlimited number of such courses. The committee members believe that three may be too many but three is better than no limit.</p>
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2008-35	ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE - - NONTRADITIONAL COURSES	NCAA - AEC	To specify that nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a typical face-to-face classroom environment with regular contact hours between the instructor and the student) completed at a four-year institution other than the certifying institution, may be used to meet credit hour and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided the specified conditions are met.	SUPPORT	As in Proposal 2008-32 members believe this will help the situation with non-traditional courses by establishing minimum standards that must be met in order for these courses to be used for purposes of full-time enrollment for competition.
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2008-36	ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WAIVER -- USE OF CREDITS EARNED	Big 12 Conference.	To specify that credits earned by a student during the term or terms to which an international competition waiver applies may be used to satisfy the 24/36 hour, percentage-of-degree and grade-point average progress-toward degree requirements.	SUPPORT	Since this is what is done currently with medical absence waivers it is reasonable to extend it to student athletes who use an international competition waiver. The committee points out those hours still are not applicable toward the 6 hour or 18/27 credit hour requirements.
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2008-37	ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSFERS FROM FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES -- CHURCH MISSION	Western Athletic Conference.	To eliminate the church mission exception to the transfer residence requirement for transfers from four-year colleges.	SUPPORT	The committee recommends supporting this legislation since there is a history of high performing student-athletes being recruited while they are on missions and believe this activity is inappropriate. Also, without this legislation, the fact that these student-athletes might be recruited away while on mission discourages institutions from signing them out of high school. This can be a disadvantage for some prospective student athletes.
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2008-38	ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- COMPETITION AND RECEIPT OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID IN YEAR OF TRANSFER -- TENNIS	NCAA - AEC	In tennis, to specify that a transfer student from a four-year institution who enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the following academic year if he or she has competed during the same academic year and received athletically related financial aid during the same academic year from the previous four-year institution.	SUPPORT	The committee recommends supporting this legislation since members do not believe a student athlete should be allowed to compete for two 4-year institutions in the same academic year if he or she received athletically-related financial aid at either.
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<p>2008-49</p>	<p>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- EXCEPTIONS -- INFORMAL PRACTICE SCRIMMAGES -- NO MISSED CLASS TIME</p>	<p>NCAA - AEC</p>	<p>In men's basketball, to specify that no class time shall be missed in conjunction with an informal practice scrimmage, including activities associated with such scrimmages (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities).</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>The committee believes, as is said in the rationale of the legislation, the scrimmages were designed to permit institutions in close proximity to each other to engage in an informal type of practice session. Thus for this type activity no class time should be missed.</p>
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2008-57	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TRACK AND FIELD -- SAFETY EXCEPTION -- HURDLES AND STEEPLECHASE	Big 12 Conference.	To specify that a coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in jumping hurdles or the jumping element of the steeplechase.	SUPPORT	Members believe it is reasonable to add hurdles and steeplechase to the sports of fencing, gymnastics, and others for the same safety reasons stated for these sports.
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