

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

ACTION ITEM.

1. Legislative Action Items.

• **Interpretation of Required Day Off Not Mandatory During Vacation Period.**

- a. Recommendation. Approve and incorporate the following official interpretation:

Required Day Off Not Mandatory During Vacation Period

An institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during a vacation period, provided classes are not in session during any portion of that week. [References: NCAA Bylaws 17.1.5.3.5 (vacation periods and between terms) and 17.1.5.4.3 (vacation period) and a staff interpretation (reference: 12/18/92, item a)]

- b. Effective Date. Immediate.
- c. Rationale. The issue of required days off is nationally significant and should be clearly described in the NCAA Division III Manual. This standard had been established in a staff interpretation.
- d. Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review Membership-Sponsored Legislation.

- a. 2007 Convention Division III Proposal No. 1- 2 – ELIGIBILITY -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF PARTICIPATION -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PARTICIPATION -- NONTRADITIONAL SEGMENT. The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee supported this proposal because it provides equity amongst sports in terms of how the season-of-participation standard impacts student-athletes between fall and spring sports with respect to the amount of practice time that a student-athlete may engage in prior to being charged with a season of participation.
- b. 2007 NCAA Convention Division III Proposal No. 1-3 – ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF PARTICIPATION -- PARTICIPATION AT ANY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION. The committee opposed this proposal because of student-athlete well-being considerations including fair notice about the Division III standard to student-athletes who redshirt at non-Division III institutions and do not realize they are triggering use of a season of participation. The committee also noted the potential bureaucracy and guesswork involved with confirming a student-athlete's use of a season of participation at a non-Division III institution that does not use the season-of-participation standard.

2. Financial Aid Education Column.

The committee published an education column regarding financial aid packaging scenarios. The committee supported future clarification of leadership activities of an athletics team captain within the context of financial aid packaging. The committee noted that the division should have the opportunity to voice their position on the topic before recommending any interpretative or legislative position on behalf of the division.

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