

## 2008-09 NCAA Division I Legislative Proposals (Adopted)

### **Proposal 2008-13-B**

#### **AMATEURISM -- EXCEPTION FOR PRIZE MONEY FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES -- OUTSIDE THE PLAYING SEASON DURING THE SUMMER VACATION PERIOD -- INDIVIDUAL SPORTS**

Status: Adopted, 60-Day Override Period

Intent: 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 the institution's summer vacation period and the prize money does not exceed actual and necessary expenses and is provided only by the sponsor of the open event.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.2.4, as follows:

12.1.2.4 Exceptions to Amateurism Rule.

**12.1.2.4.2 Exception for Prize Money for Student-Athletes -- Outside the Playing Season During the Summer Vacation Period -- Individual Sports. In individual sports, a student-athlete may 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 the institution's summer vacation period. Such prize money may not exceed actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the open event. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the student-athlete (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, parent's expenses).**

B. Bylaws: Amend 16.1.1, as follows:

16.1.1 Application of Awards Legislation.

16.1.1.3 Student-Athlete Not Regularly Enrolled. Awards received by a student-athlete participating in an event while not enrolled as a regular student during the academic year, or received during the summer while not representing his or her institution, shall conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur organization that governs the competition. Such awards may include gift certificates, but may not include cash.

**16.1.1.3.1 Exception -- Prize Money Outside the Playing Season During the Summer Vacation Period -- Individual Sports. In individual sports a student-athlete may accept prize money that does not exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses, pursuant to Bylaw 12.1.2.4.2.**

Source: Big Ten Conference.

**Effective Date: Immediate**

Rationale: As noted in the Legislative Council's comments related to Proposal No. 2008-13-A, the proposal has the potential to result in a proliferation of open events during the academic year and summer. This alternative proposal would limit the receipt of prize money to the institution's summer vacation period outside of the playing and practice season and reduce the

potential intrusion and distraction during the student-athlete's academic year.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time: Potential reduction by limiting application to the summer vacation period.

Position Statement(s):

*Amateurism Cabinet* The cabinet supports the proposal.

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### **Proposal 2008-38**

#### **ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- COMPETITION AND RECEIPT OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID IN YEAR OF TRANSFER -- TENNIS**

Status: Adopted - Final

Intent: 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.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.3, as follows:

14.5.5.3 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution, who has received a waiver of or exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.5.5.2), is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous four-year institution.

**14.5.5.3.1 Competition and Receipt of Athletically Related Financial Aid in Year of Transfer -- Tennis. In tennis, 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.**

Source: NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet (Subcommittee on Continuing Eligibility).

**Effective Date: August 1, 2010**

Rationale: Current legislation precludes a student-athlete from engaging in competition in a particular sport at two different institutions in the championship segment of the same academic year. In tennis, the season of competition is typically divided into two segments, but the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) is concerned about situations in which a student-athlete may compete for two different institutions in the same academic year and the difficulty some institutions have in replacing a student-athlete midyear. Accordingly, the ITA supports this proposal, which limits the ability of a midyear tennis transfer student-athlete to compete for two four-year institutions in the same academic year if the student-athlete received athletically-related financial aid at the first institution. Additionally, this proposal encourages and promotes more careful consideration by the coach and the student-athlete during the recruiting process and helps to solidify the commitment made by both parties.

Position Statement(s):

*Men's and Women's Tennis Committee* The committee supports the proposal.

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### **Proposal 2008-56**

#### **PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TENNIS -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION -- INDIVIDUAL SINGLES OR DOUBLES TOURNAMENT LIMITATIONS -- NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**

Status: Adopted - Final

Intent: In tennis, to increase from three to four the number of student-athletes who may participate in an individual singles or doubles tournament without counting the event as one of the institution's dates of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 17.26.5, as follows:

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.26.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in tennis during the permissible tennis playing season to 25 dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.5.3 and 17.26.5.4. (See Bylaw 20.9.4.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements.)

17.26.5.1.2 Individual Singles or Doubles Tournament Limitations -- Institutional. An individual singles or doubles tournament that does not include any team scoring or the recognition of a team champion shall count as a single date of competition (not to exceed the maximum number of tournaments noted in Bylaw 17.26.5.1) for those institutions that have more than ~~three~~ **four** student-athletes competing therein, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place.

Source: NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee).

**Effective Date: August 1, 2009**

Rationale: This proposal would permit institutions to send two doubles teams to such an individual singles or doubles tournament without using an institutional date of competition. Under the current limit of three student-athletes, one student-athlete is not able to participate in doubles competition at such a tournament. The additional student-athlete will not result in additional missed class time or an increase to the number of dates of competition for individual student-athletes because participation in tournaments would still count against the individual student-athlete's maximum dates of competition. Even though an additional student-athlete would be able to travel to a particular individual singles or doubles tournament, that student-athlete would presumably be traveling to the same number of total events throughout the playing season under the current rule.