

NCAA Division I Legislative Process

Start Rule-making starts with the schools and athletics conferences that belong to Division I. If an athletics director wants to change recruiting legislation, for example, the idea could be introduced through the committee structure.

DIVISION I COMMITTEES

Legislative Committee

Reviews proposals developed through conferences and Council committees and provides feedback to autonomy conferences about their proposals.

19 Members:
 4 - from Division I Council
 1 - from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 14 - DI personnel*

Nominating Committee

Facilitates the process to appoint representatives to DI committees (other than Council committees) and DI vacancies on Association-wide committees.

12 Members:
 4 - FBS
 4 - FCS
 4 - Division I Subdivision

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Members are college athletes who monitor and act on issues at the campus, conference and national levels.

32 Members:
 1 - representing each Division I conference



Competition Oversight Committee

Oversees regular-season and championships administration in sports other than football and men's and women's basketball.

19 Members:
 10 - from Division I Council
 1 - from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 8 - DI personnel*

Student-Athlete Experience Committee

Oversees nonacademic rules that impact the overall student-athlete experience, including areas of amateurism, recruiting and financial aid.

11 Members:
 5 - from Division I Council
 2 - from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 4 - DI personnel*

Strategic Vision and Planning Committee

Oversees administrative functions related to governance structure, legal affairs, membership standards, strategic planning and research.

10 Members:
 5 - from Division I Council
 1 - from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 4 - DI personnel*

Women's Basketball Committee

Promotes development of the sport and makes recommendations related to regular-season and postseason women's basketball.

12 Members:
 4 - from Division I Council
 1 - from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 7 - DI personnel*

Men's Basketball Committee

Promotes development of the sport and makes recommendations related to regular-season and postseason men's basketball.

12 Members:
 4 - from Division I Council
 1 - from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 7 - DI personnel*

FCS Oversight Committee

Promotes development of FCS football and makes recommendations related to regular-season and postseason football.

17 Members:
 1 - FCS football student-athlete
 13 - FCS representatives
 1 - FCS faculty athletics representative
 2 - nonvoting, ex-officio members

FBS Oversight Committee

Promotes development of FBS football and makes recommendations related to regular-season and postseason football.

17 Members:
 1 - FBS football student-athlete
 10 - FBS representatives
 1 - FBS head football coach
 1 - FBS faculty athletics representative
 1 - FBS conference commissioner
 1 - FBS conference football administrator
 2 - nonvoting, ex-officio members

Coaches and others knowledgeable about a particular sport make up sport committees that recommend to the relevant oversight committee where and when each Division I and National Collegiate championship should take place and who should compete.

* DI personnel is a member school or conference administrator, faculty athletics representative or other person who works daily in college sports.



Committees debate the ideas and recommend whether the Council should introduce them as pieces of legislation.

Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement
Decides all matters related to reinstating a Division I college athlete's eligibility.

Committee for Legislative Relief
Makes final decisions on waiver requests in which no other committee or conference has authority.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is the top governing body for Division I, responsible for strategy and policy and overseeing legislation and management of the division.

- » Focuses on strategic topics in college sports and their relationship to higher education.
- » Monitors legislation to ensure it does not conflict with policies and goals.
- » Reviews and approves policies and procedures governing the infractions program.
- » Approves an annual budget.

- » Adopts legislation when significant values are at stake, or an issue requires fast action that does not allow use of the regular legislative process.
- » Collaborates with NCAA staff on how the national office can best serve Division I members.
- » Monitors membership standards and criteria affecting Division I and subdivisional membership.

25 Members:
 20 - Presidents or chancellors, 1 from each FBS conference and 10 seats rotating among the remaining 22 conferences
 1 - Athletics Director

1 - Faculty athletics representative
1 - Senior woman administrator
2 - Student-athletes

The Council has primary legislative authority for Division I, although its work is subject to review by the Board of Directors, which monitors legislation to ensure it does not conflict with the division's policies and goals.

Finance Committee
Assists the Division I Board of Directors in providing oversight and approval for the Division I annual budget and allocation of Division I revenue distribution.

Infractions Process Committee
The nine-member Infractions Process Committee reports to the Board and provides guidance and oversight on key, non-case-specific enforcement and infractions strategic issues.

Committee on Infractions

Infractions Appeals Committee

These committees report to the Board of Directors.

Committee on Academics
Primary academic authority for Division I, managing eligibility standards and the Academic Performance Program. Its work is subject to review by the Board of Directors, and it can recommend legislation to the Council.

20 Members:
 4 - Faculty athletics representatives
 2 - Chancellors or presidents
 1 - Provost
 1 - Athletics Director

1 - Senior woman administrator
1 - Conference Administrator
1 - from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
9 - DI personnel*

DIVISION I COUNCIL

Made up of practitioners who work daily in Division I college sports, this body:

- » Recommends nonacademic policies to the Board of Directors.
- » Coordinates strategic planning activities.
- » Identifies and examines trends and issues in college sports.
- » Takes final action on matters delegated to it by the Board of Directors.

- » Supervises qualifications and selection procedures for Division I championships and national collegiate championships.
- » Reviews recommendations from sports committees regarding the administration of championships.

41 Members:
 33 - one from each of the 32 conferences and one representative from the Division I Committee on Academics
 4 - Commissioners

2 - Faculty athletics representatives
2 - Student-athletes

Council Coordination Committee
Made up of Council members who manage routine items of business and other issues that arise between meetings.

AUTONOMY
Select conferences have autonomy to make rules in specified areas.

Proposal

Autonomy votes

APPROVAL