

## Rule 2

# NCAA GOVERNANCE

**2.1 NCAA Governance Issues.** The Mountain West shall adhere to the following principles related to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, related NCAA governance committees and NCAA Association-Wide committees. Diversity shall be considered when selecting persons to nominate for NCAA positions.

**2.1.1 Division I Board of Directors.** The Mountain West chief executive officers will select the Conference representative to the Division I Board of Directors.

**2.1.2 NCAA Committee Service.** Select Mountain West Conference staff, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall submit nominations to the NCAA for consideration for vacancies on NCAA association-wide and Division I committees. Nominees may be a member of the Joint Council, other institutional or coaching staff members or Conference office staff members. *(Revised May 2008, January 2019, May 2022)*

**2.1.2.1 Committee Service Requirements.** Mountain West members selected for service on NCAA committees shall abide by Mountain West and NCAA rules and policies related to the NCAA committee service. The Mountain West may require the resignation of Mountain West representatives to NCAA committees for violations of Mountain West and/or NCAA rules/policies or when a Mountain West member provides notice to the Mountain West of its intent to resign from the Conference. [See Mountain West Rule 1.04, Appendix A.] *(Revised August 2012)*

**2.1.3 Voting.** Each institution shall determine a process to review and arrive at a position on NCAA legislation. Thereafter, each institution's president (or designee) shall submit to the Conference office, by a specified date, its position on legislation to be considered by the Division I Council. A majority vote of the institutions shall determine the Conference voting position by the Division I Council representative. In the case of a tie, the Commissioner shall cast the deciding vote. *(Revised April 2006, May 2008)*

**2.1.4 Communication.** Mountain West representatives to NCAA governance committees shall update the Conference office and the MW Joint Council on issues being discussed in the respective councils, cabinets and committees. *(Adopted May 2008)*

**2.2 Legislative Review Process.** The Conference shall review NCAA legislative proposals, Division I governance committee meeting material and Board of Directors meeting material as follows: *(Adopted April 2006; Revised April 2006, May 2008)*

- a. Each institution's faculty athletics representative shall communicate with institutional personnel on NCAA legislative issues.
- b. The Conference office shall inform each institution's faculty athletics representative of NCAA legislative mailings and, when necessary, forward NCAA legislative packages to the faculty athletics representative.
- c. A series of conference calls shall be conducted to review NCAA legislative proposals prior to the legislative and Board of Directors meetings.
- d. Prior to each Division I legislative/Board of Directors meeting, the Conference office shall provide the faculty athletics representative with electronic vote/comment forms to submit the institution's position on legislative/Board of Directors agenda items.
- e. The faculty athletics representative shall review the legislative material and applicable governance meeting material with the appropriate individuals on campus (e.g., President, Director of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrator, compliance coordinator, coaches, etc.).
- f. Each institution shall submit electronically its votes and comments to the Conference office by specified dates. The Conference staff shall compile the information and forward it to Mountain West representatives to NCAA governance committees.
- g. In the event of close votes on certain legislative proposals/issues, a conference call shall be conducted to discuss the proposals/issues.

**2.3 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.** Select Mountain West Conference staff, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall identify the MW liaison to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The liaison may be a member of the Joint Council, a representative from an institution that participates in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation or Conference office staff member. The costs associated with participation in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation meetings shall be incurred by the institution of the representative or, in the case of a Conference staff member, the Conference office. Diversity shall be considered when making the selection. The term shall be for one year and a representative may be re-appointed. (Revised January 2019, May 2022)