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- **3.2.4.8.3 Covered Event.** A covered event includes the following: (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)
- (a) Any intercollegiate sports activity, including team travel, competition, practices and conditioning sessions during the playing season (as defined in Bylaw 17.1.1);
- (b) An NCAA-sanctioned competition in which the insured person is an official competitor; or
- (c) Practice and conditioning sessions that are authorized, organized or directly supervised by athletics department personnel at the member institution other than during the playing season. Such sessions must occur on campus or at approved off-campus facilities as part of an intercollegiate athletics activity. For insured student-athletes or prospective student-athletes who compete in individual sports, off-campus intercollegiate athletics activities must be authorized by athletics department personnel at the participating school and take place at approved locations.
- **3.2.4.9** Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/Buckley Amendment Consent Form—Disclosure of Protected Health Information. The active member institution shall administer annually a statement for each student-athlete to voluntarily sign that provides information prescribed in Bylaw 12.7.4. (Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)
- **3.2.4.10 Discipline of Members.** Pursuant to directions of the Board of Directors or the annual Convention, active members shall refrain from athletics competition with designated institutions as required under the provisions of the Association's infractions process (see Bylaw 19). (*Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14*)
- **3.2.4.11 Standards.** Active members agree to establish and maintain high standards of personal honor, eligibility and fair play.
- **3.2.4.12 Publication of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.** Active members are obligated to publish their progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes (see Bylaw 14.4.1).
- **3.2.4.13 Missed Class-Time Policies.** Active members are obligated to establish policies in all sports concerning student-athletes' missed class time due to participation in intercollegiate athletics and in athletics competition scheduled during final examination periods. (*Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)
- **3.2.4.14 Compliance-Related Certification.** A member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship unless its president or chancellor makes an annual institutional eligibility certification [see Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(d)] attesting that the conditions specified have been satisfied. (*Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 3/8/06*)
- **3.2.4.15 Operating and Capital Financial Data Report.** An institution shall submit financial data detailing operating revenues, expenses and capital related to its intercollegiate athletics program to the NCAA on an annual basis in accordance with the financial reporting policies and procedures. The required data shall include, but is not limited to, the following: (Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)
- (a) All expenses and revenues for or on behalf of an institution's intercollegiate athletics program, including those by any affiliated or outside organization, agency or group of individuals;
- (b) Salary and benefits data for all athletics positions. The data shall include base salary, bonuses, endorsements, media fees, camp or clinic income, deferred income and other income contractually guaranteed by the institution;
- (c) Capital expenditures (to be reported in aggregate for athletics facilities), including capitalized additions and deletions to facilities during the reporting period, total estimated book value of athletically related plant and equipment net of depreciation, total annual debt service on athletics and university facilities and total debt outstanding on athletics and university facilities;
- (d) Value of endowments at fiscal year-end that are dedicated to the sole support of athletics;
- (e) Value of all pledges at fiscal year-end that support athletics; and
- (f) The athletics department fiscal year-end fund balance.
 - **3.2.4.15.1 Verification and Certification.** The report shall be subject to annual agreed-on verification procedures approved by the membership (in addition to any regular financial reporting policies and procedures of the institution) and conducted by a qualified independent accountant who is not a staff member of the institution and who is selected by the institution's chancellor or president or by an institutional administrator from outside the athletics department designated by the chancellor or president. The independent accountant shall verify the accuracy and completeness of the data prior to submission to the institution's chancellor or president shall certify the financial report prior to submission to the NCAA. (*Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09*)
- **3.2.4.16 Designation of Team Physician.** An active member institution shall designate a team physician for all or each of its intercollegiate teams. The team physician shall be a doctor of medicine (MD) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) with a current license in good standing to practice medicine in the state in which the institution is located. The team physician shall be authorized to oversee the medical services for injuries and illnesses incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

- **3.2.4.17 Independent Medical Care. [A]** An active member institution shall establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes. An active institution shall designate an athletics health care administrator to oversee the institution's athletic health care administration and delivery. (*Adopted: 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 10/7/16*)
- **3.2.4.18 Concussion Management Plan. [A]** An active member institution shall have a concussion management plan for its student-athletes. The plan shall include, but is not limited to, the following: (Adopted: 8/12/10)
- (a) An annual process that ensures student-athletes are educated about the signs and symptoms of concussions. Student-athletes must acknowledge that they have received information about the signs and symptoms of concussions and that they have a responsibility to report concussion-related injuries and illnesses to a medical staff member;
- (b) A process that ensures a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions;
- (c) A policy that precludes a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion from returning to athletics activity (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and
- (d) A policy that requires medical clearance for a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion to return to the athletics activity (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) as determined by a physician (e.g., team physician) or the physician's designee.
 - **3.2.4.18.1 Concussion Safety Protocol. [A]** An institution shall submit its Concussion Safety Protocol to the Concussion Safety Protocol Committee by May 1 of each year. The protocol shall be consistent with the Interassociation Consensus: Diagnosis and Management of Sport-Related Concussion Best Practices and shall include: (Adopted: 1/17/15, Revised: 5/23/17)
 - (a) Policies and procedures that meet the requirements of Constitution 3.2.4.18;
 - (b) Procedures for preparticipation baseline testing of each student athlete;
 - (c) Procedures for reducing exposure to head injuries;
 - (d) Procedures for education about concussion, including a policy that addresses return-to-learn;
 - (e) Procedures to ensure that proper and appropriate concussion management, consistent with best known practices and the Interassociation Consensus: Diagnosis and Management of Sport-Related Concussion Best Practices, is made available to any student-athlete who has suffered a concussion;
 - (f) Procedures requiring that the process of identifying, removing from game or practice, and assessing a student-athlete for a possible concussion are reviewed annually; and
 - (g) A written certificate of compliance signed by the institution's athletics health care administrator.

 3.2.4.18.1.1 Information to Concussion Safety Protocol Committee. [A] An institution shall provide information to the Concussion Safety Protocol Committee, as the committee may request, concerning any incident in which a student-athlete may have suffered a concussion. (Adopted: 1/17/15)
- **3.2.4.19 Catastrophic Sport Injury Report.** An active member institution shall submit data detailing student-athlete catastrophic fatalities, near fatalities and catastrophic injuries (e.g., injuries and illnesses related to head, neck, spine, cardiac, pulmonary, heat, sickle cell trait, eyes) to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures that govern such data as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)
- **3.2.4.20 Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey.** An active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. (*Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)
- 3.2.4.21 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness.
 - **3.2.4.21.1 Contracts and Commercial Agreements.** For agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness, an institution shall include language in all licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that outlines the commercial entity's obligation to comply with relevant NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)
 - **3.2.4.21.2 Written Policies.** An institution shall maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. Such policies shall be made available for examination on request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)