

2011-2012 IRA Legislative Calendar

Deadline	Action
Friday, October 14, 2011	Distribution of 2011-2012 IRA legislative calendar to association membership
Monday, November 14, 2011	Submission of proposed legislative amendments in proper format to IRA Commissioner
Monday, November 21, 2011	Publication of all proposed legislative amendments to IRA membership (head coaches and designated administrators) via email and IRA website
Monday, November 28, 2011	Submission of sponsor modifications to original legislative amendment; submission of proposed amendments-to-amendments by other members.
Wednesday, November 30, 2011	Publication of all proposed legislative amendments and amendment-to-amendments to IRA membership (head coaches and designated administrators) via email and IRA website
December 1, 2011 – January 27, 2012	Comment period
Friday, December 2, 2011	In-person discussion of significant legislative proposals at annual IRA Coaches Association meeting at the USRowing Convention in Hartford, CT
Friday, January 27, 2012	Second and final opportunity to submit amendments-to-amendments
Friday, February 3, 2012	Final publication of all proposed legislative amendments
February 3 – March 2, 2012	Opportunity for Board of Stewards to review proposals and provide comments
Monday, March 5, 2012	Board of Stewards comments (if any) published to the IRA membership
March 5 – April 6, 2012	Second comment period for IRA membership
Friday, June 1, 2012	Discussion and vote on all legislative proposals at 2012 IRA Annual Meeting.

All proposed legislative amendments and proposed amendments-to-amendment (hereinafter referred to as “Proposals”) must be submitted via email to the IRA Commissioner by the published deadlines.

All Proposals must be submitted using the attached template (Attachment A), which includes an intent statement, a proposed effective date, a statement of rationale, estimated budget impact, estimated impact on student-athletes’ time, and primary contact information for the Proposal sponsor.

All Proposals submitted by a member institution must be approved and submitted by the Director of Athletics or athletics department administrator designated by the Director of Athletics (the designee may not be a coach).

Notwithstanding the legislative calendar above, the Board of Stewards has the right to submit emergency/non-controversial Proposals not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. All such Proposals shall be circulated to the membership via email and on the IRA website not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Commissioner will assign each Proposal a legislative number upon receipt. For reference purposes, all Proposals will be numbered in the order in which they are received. It shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner to update the active Proposals promptly throughout the legislative cycle (e.g., modifications, corrections, amendments-to-amendments, etc.).

All Proposals adopted by the membership at the Annual Meeting shall become effective not earlier than the following August 1. However, if the sponsor, the Board of Stewards or a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or an effective date other than the first day of August following the Annual Meeting, the rationale statement shall contain reasons why the Proposal has an alternative effective date.

ATTACHMENT A – PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

PROPOSAL NO. 2011-XX

RECRUITING -- PERMISSIBLE RECRUITERS -- GENERAL EXCEPTIONS -- PARENTS OF ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: To specify that on-campus contacts between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians) and the parents (or legal guardians) of an enrolled student-athlete that occur on the day of a regularly scheduled on-campus athletics event shall be permissible.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.2, as follows:

13.1.2.1 General Rule. All in-person, on- and off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians shall be made only by authorized institutional staff members. Such contact, as well as correspondence and telephone calls, by representatives of an institution's athletics interests is prohibited except as otherwise permitted in this section. Violations of this bylaw involving individuals other than a representative of an institution's athletics interests shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility.

13.1.2.2 General Exceptions. This regulation is not applicable to:

(i) Parents (or Legal Guardians) of Enrolled Student-Athletes. On-campus contacts between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians) and the parents (or legal guardians) of an enrolled student-athlete that occur on the day of a regularly scheduled on-campus athletics event.

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2011

Rationale: Parents of current student-athletes can serve as a valuable source of information for prospective student-athletes and their parents. Parents of current student-athletes offer a unique perspective on the team and the institution because of their children's participation. They can provide information about the institution based on first-hand knowledge of parental concerns, including information that the student-athletes themselves might not consider important. On-campus contact between parents of current student-athletes and parents of prospective student athletes may be unavoidable at an on-campus event. Permitting limited on-campus contact will allow the institution to provide prospective student-athletes and their parents with another valuable perspective on the institution and give them information they may need to make a fully-informed decision.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.