20.9.3.2.6 Non-NCAA Sports. Financial aid awarded in non-NCAA sports per Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1 may be counted in reaching the appropriate minimum, but financial aid awarded to those other than student-athletes (e.g., cheerleaders) shall not be counted. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2.7 Exemptions—No Institutional Athletics Aid. Member institutions that did not award any athletically related financial aid in any sport as of January 11, 1991, shall be exempted from the minimum requirements. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2.8 On-Campus Employment. On-campus employment earnings during the academic year outside the athletics department for which athletics interests of the institution do not intercede on behalf of the student-athlete are not countable for team equivalency purposes per Bylaw 15.02.4.1-(a) but may be counted in reaching the appropriate minimum. (Adopted: 11/11/94 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2.9 Submission of Annual Form. A member institution must submit its annual form regarding minimum financial aid awards to the NCAA national office not later than September 15. (Adopted: 11/11/00 effective 8/1/01)

20.9.3.2.10 Waiver of Minimum Financial Aid Awards. The Administration Cabinet, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the minimum financial aid awards required for Division I membership based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of that legislation. (Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 11/11/07 effective 8/1/08)

20.9.4 Regular-Season Eligibility. A member institution shall conduct its regular-season competition under eligibility rules at least as stringent as the provisions of Bylaw 14 (see Bylaw 14.1.1).

20.9.5 Three-Season Requirement. The institution shall sponsor at least one sport involving an all-male team or a mixed team of males and females and at least one sport involving an all-female team in every sport season. An institution may use a sport to meet the three-season requirement only if the institution has met the minimum requirements and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in that sport as set forth in Bylaw 20.9.6.3. (Revised: 5/8/06)

20.9.5.1 Counting Multiseason Sports. If an institution sponsors the same sport in two different seasons, it may count the sport only in the season in which its team participates in the most contests. To be counted as a fall sport, the majority of an institution’s contests or dates of competition would have to occur from September through December; to be counted as a spring sport February through May. (Revised: 5/8/06)

20.9.5.2 Mixed Team. A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes. (Revised: 5/8/06)

20.9.5.3 Single-Gender Institution Exception. Institutions that sponsor and conduct athletics programs for only one gender need not meet the four-sport/three-season requirement for the other gender. (Revised: 5/8/06)

20.9.5.4 Waiver of Three-Season Requirement. The Administration Cabinet, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the requirement that an active member shall conduct at least one sport in every sport season if the institution is precluded by its academic calendar and climatic conditions from conducting a sport in a particular season. (Revised: 5/8/06, 11/11/07 effective 8/1/08)

20.9.6 Sports Sponsorship. A member institution shall sponsor teams in a minimum of: (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 11/16/93 effective 9/1/94, 11/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 12/15/06)

(a) Seven varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and seven varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.4 may be used), including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-female teams; or

(b) Six varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and eight varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.4 may be used), including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-female teams. (See Bylaws 20.9.9.1 and 20.9.10.1 for additional sports sponsorship requirements for member institutions participating in football.)

20.9.6.1 Acceptable Sports. The sports designated to meet the sports sponsorship criteria shall: (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)

(a) Be among those in which the Association sponsors a championship or emerging sports for women (per Bylaw 20.02.4);

(b) Be recognized by the institution as varsity intercollegiate sports (see Constitution 3.2.4.5); and

(c) Involve all-male teams, mixed teams of males and females or all-female teams.

20.9.6.1.1 Waiver. The Administration Cabinet, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve a request from an active member institution to designate one sport involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females and one sport involving all-female teams other than those set forth in Bylaw 20.9.6.1-(a). (Revised: 1/11/89, 11/11/07 effective 8/1/08, 12/17/10)