

What's New, What's Different, What's Up with NCAA Media Coordination/Statistics for 2013-2014

- **Staff changes in media coordination and statistics**

Some new faces will be joining the media coordination and statistics staff for 2013-14. This fall will mark Year Two of the merger between the media coordination and statistics staffs. This merger has allowed us to take advantage of the shared skills of each staff and better distribute the jobs and responsibilities. Sahar Rashid, previously with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, joined the staff in April, replacing Laurie Cannon. A replacement for Kevin Buerge, who moved to Ohio in April, should be named in the next couple of weeks. Jim Wright will retire from the NCAA on July 5, and a new director will be appointed shortly. We anticipate being at full staff by the time our fall sports begin. Stay tuned for more information on the new staff additions.

- **Single-game statistics coming to Divisions II and III women's volleyball this fall**

After two years of preparation, both Divisions II and III women's volleyball will join the rest of our sports in using the single-game reporting system in the fall of 2013. That will mean all sports and all divisions will use the same procedures to report their numbers to the national office. Despite our continuing dialogue regarding this transition, a number of concerns, rumors and misinformation still are creating confusion about the implementation of this change. Here are some clarifications...

1. Schools are NOT required to maintain in-game scoring electronically. While we are hopeful everyone will move toward this procedure within the next few years, we expect that some contests this fall will be manually kept by each team during the match and then the two totals will be merged into an XML after the contest has concluded.
2. The final game boxes will not have to balance exactly. We will expect them to be "close," but with many boxes created from two separate bench totals, there will be some flexibility. Every effort should be made, however, to resolve any scoring decisions or discrepancies before both teams leave the facility.
3. Although we cannot require host institutions or organizations to provide statisticians for multi-team tournaments, we DO expect those hosts to alert the participants in advance regarding what will be available at the site. Likewise, we expect the participating teams to plan ahead and make provisions for stats keeping if the site does not cover every contest. This also will mean the two competing teams must WORK TOGETHER to create a single, final game file for their contest.
4. We will not begin posting the national leaders until all teams have played a few matches, giving everyone an opportunity to adjust to the single-game reporting before the first stats are due.

- **Single-game reporting for Divisions II and III baseball and softball a huge success this spring**

Our staff was extremely grateful for the nationwide cooperation we received this spring from our Division II and III institutions. Like women's volleyball this fall, we moved to the single-game system for both baseball and softball this spring for the first time, and the result was nearly 30,000 II and III XMLs uploaded and processed by the end of the season. The result was the most complete and accurate compilation of final stats ever for those sports. It also meant we were able to provide complete box scores and play-by-play for both sports, as well as game-by-game breakdowns for every player.

- **More "Gee Whiz" numbers for the 2013-14 season**

As the last contests of this sports season are played out in Omaha, the overall numbers are in...and they are very impressive. From the fall through this spring, our member schools uploaded over 113,000 single-game files across all sports and divisions. That meant we were able to capture individual game-by-game totals for over 247,000 student-athletes this year. With the addition of II and III women's volleyball this fall, we project those totals will rise to over 120,000 XMLs and a quarter-million player stats by the time the 2013-14 season concludes.

- **Digitized historical documents project almost completed**

Since the 1940s, the NCAA Statistics Staff has collected both single-game (DI football only) and cumulative season statistics from member schools. Access to these 370,000+ documents is now available to the membership in a PDF format. We have been digitizing one sport (for all divisions) at a time, and now have all sports in the database except for a few remaining DI football forms. To check out what we have in the archives for your school, go to this link:

<http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/careersearch>.

Select the "School/Sport Search" on the right side of the page, use the dropdown to find your school, select the sport (leave both "Year" and "Division" at the "ALL" setting) and click "Search."

You then will see all years for which we have a final report from your school in that sport. Click on the year and you will see a PDF version of the original document submitted to us by your institution. You then can print a copy of that form, create your own PDF, or simply review the data from our site. Many of these hard-copy reports were rapidly deteriorating, so we are very excited to preserve all these one-of-a-kind documents for everyone to use.

We also have a way for you to search for individual players and coaches, by choosing the LEFT side of this archive...called Player/Coach Search. Simply click whether you are looking for a player or coach, then enter the last name and first name to see what's in our archive.

How many names are in our database? We have over 41,000 head coaches, broken down with their year-by-year won-lost record, along with 1.2 MILLION student-athletes!

- **Do not forget about our NCAA Statistics Policies and Guidelines document**

This 12-page publication provides a wealth of information regarding all things statistical. Our staff continually reviews this document and we will include new entries and add new sections as circumstances require. The policies always are available within the statistics section of NCAA.org and can be accessed using this link:

<http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/ForSIDs/Policies.pdf>

Here are a few items we've noticed have generated some interest recently. Please refer to that specific part of the Policies and Guidelines for a more complete explanation...

COMPILATION GUIDELINES – Who is the official statistician? What are the host school's responsibilities with regard to keeping statistics? Should coaches be permitted to make statistical changes?

CHANGING OFFICIAL STATISTICS – What are the approved procedures for changing statistics in a completed contest?

What are the home team's responsibilities? What rights does the visiting SID have?

COUNTABLE OPPONENTS – Can this opponent count in our overall record and stats? Are there exceptions?

FORFEITS AND VACACIES – What is the difference between a contest that is forfeited and one that is vacated? How are these situations recorded in our official results?

FORFEIT SCORES – If a contest is "officially" forfeited (not vacated), what is the score of the game? If the forfeited contest ends before the traditional end for that sport, do the statistics count? What is the "Reasonable Point of Conclusion"?

"NO CONTEST" DECLARATION – What is the difference between this and a forfeit or vacate?

- **Here's everything you want to know about media coordination**

Like our statistics policies, we also have a link to our media coordination policies and guidelines. This is a valuable resource for SIDs whether you are hosting an NCAA championship, or just want to implement media policies for your own events or championships. This link is located on the NCAA.com site and also can be accessed below:

<http://www.ncaa.com/media>

- **Two openings on NCAA Statistics and Records Advisory Board**

We are looking for replacements to our advisory board. Specifically, we need to replace Kim Melcher from the Mountain West Conference and Dave Reed from Colorado College. For Kim's spot, we need a representative from a Division I conference office, and Dave's replacement would need to be a representative from a Division III school. Since we want to assure that as many schools and leagues as possible have an opportunity to serve on this board, the two replacements cannot come from the same institution or league as the individual they are replacing. It is a four-year term, and each board member will participate in three annual conference calls, along with an in-person meeting at CoSIDA. Please email any member of the statistics staff if you are interested, or contact Kim or Dave if you'd like more information about these openings.

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