REPORT OF THE NCAA COMMITTEE ON SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICAL CONDUCT

The NCAA Division I Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct to the NCAA Division I Championships Competition Cabinet and Divisions II and III Management Councils submits this report from its June 7-8, 2004, in-person meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

1. ACTION ITEM.

Association-wide.

a. Misconduct during the playing and practice season (NCAA Bylaw 17-playing and practice seasons).

(1) Recommendation. That the misconduct language be reevaluated for approval and to remove the proposed legislation 17.18 and 17.02.09.

(2) Rationale. In response to the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet request or further definition and delineation of consequences of misconduct the committee reviewed other material presented by various conferences regarding misconduct and agreed that the removal of these proposed legislation necessary.

b. Strategic Plan.

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA, as a method of reporting misconduct incidences, expand and pilot the Empire 8's Conduct Foul Initiative to include Division's I and II.

(2) Rationale. After the committee reviewed the Empire 8 Conduct Foul Initiative, conducted during 2003-04 it believed it would be of use to Division's I and II, as well. The committee received feedback that national trend data related to competitive conduct would be valuable to conferences at all levels.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

Association-wide.

a. Misconduct Legislation In addition to the removal of the misconduct proposal 17.02.09 the committee will develop strategies including contacting the CCA and other conference associations, coaching associations, officials associations and other Association-wide affiliated groups to discuss and develop new strategies to foster a more collegial atmosphere for intercollegiate athletics. This will entail a further definition of "collegial atmosphere" and a discussion of the benefits derived from the new culture.

b. Mission Statement. The committee agreed to revise the mission statement to read as follows:

"The mission of the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct is to develop and promote strategies that foster a collegial atmosphere and a greater acceptance of the values of respect, caring, fairness, civility, honesty, integrity and responsibility among student-athletes, coaches, officials, fans and related groups."

c. Sports Wagering. The committee received an update on the results of the recent survey on sports wagering.

d. Citizenship Through Sports Alliance Awards Banquet. The committee discussed the upcoming awards banquet and the student-athlete representatives for the NCAA>

e. Sportsmanship Award Nominations. The committee set a conference call date to review the nominations and select the 2004 Sportsmanship Award winners.

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